

## **Appendix A-1**

### **Standard Clauses for all**

#### **New York State Office of Children and Family Services Contracts**

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#### **1. PERSONNEL**

- a. The Contractor agrees to be solely responsible for the recruitment, hiring, provision of employment benefits, payment of salaries and management of its project personnel, which shall be as shown in the APPENDICES. These functions shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of this AGREEMENT, and all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.
- b. It is the policy of the Office to encourage the employment of qualified applicants for, or recipients of public assistance by both public organizations and private enterprises that are under contractual AGREEMENT to the Office for the provision of goods and services. Contractors will be expected to make best efforts in this area.
- c. The Contractor agrees to identify, in writing, the person(s) who will be responsible for directing the work to be done under this AGREEMENT. No change or substitution of such responsible person(s) will be made without prior approval in writing from the Office, to the degree that such change is within the reasonable control of the Contractor.

#### **2. NOTICES**

The following shall apply to all notices except for the notice of contract termination. For notifications regarding contract termination see Article 20.A of the main contract.

- a. All notices permitted or required hereunder shall be in writing and shall be transmitted either:
  - By certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested;
  - By facsimile transmission;
  - By personal delivery;
  - By expedited delivery service; or
  - By e-mail.

Notices to the Office shall be addressed to the Program Manager assigned to this contract at the Address, Telephone Number, Facsimile Number or E-Mail Address provided to the Contractor during contract development, or to such different Program Manager as the Office may from time-to-time designate.

Notices to the Contractor shall be addressed to the designee identified by the Contractor, to the address as shown on the Contract Cover Page, or to such different designee as the Contractor may from time-to-time designate.

- b. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given either at the time of personal delivery or, in the case of expedited delivery service or certified or registered United States mail, as of the date of first attempted delivery at the address and in the manner provided herein, or in the case of facsimile transmission or email, upon receipt.
- c. The parties may, from time to time, specify any new or different address in the United States as their address for purpose of receiving notice under this Agreement by giving fifteen (15) days written notice to the other party sent in accordance herewith. The parties

agree to mutually designate individuals as their respective representatives for the purposes of receiving notices under this Agreement. Additional individuals may be designated in writing by the parties for purposes of implementation and administration/billing, resolving issues and problems and/or for dispute resolution.

### **3. OFFICE SERVICES**

- a. The Contractor shall be responsible for the provision of necessary equipment and services for Contractor's staff, pursuant to and described in the narratives and budgets contained in the APPENDICES.
- b. For Federally funded contracts, title to real property and non-expendable personal property whose requisition cost is borne in whole or in part by monies provided under this AGREEMENT shall be determined between the Contractor and the Office, pursuant to Federal regulations 45 CFR 92 unless such authority is otherwise inappropriate. Title to all equipment, supplies and material purchased with funds under this AGREEMENT under contracts which are not federally funded shall be in the State of New York and the property shall not be transferred, conveyed, or disposed of without written approval of the Office. Upon expiration or termination of this AGREEMENT, all property purchased with funds under this AGREEMENT shall be returned to the Office, unless the Office has given direction for, or approval of, an alternative means of disposition in writing.
- c. Upon written direction by the Office, the Contractor shall maintain an inventory of those properties that are subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph b of this section.

### **4. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- a. The Contractor agrees to comply in all respects with the provisions of this AGREEMENT and the attachments hereto. The Contractor specifically agrees to perform services according to the objectives, tasks, work plan and staffing plan contained in the APPENDICES. Any modifications to the tasks or workplan contained in Appendix D must be mutually agreed to by both parties in writing before the additional or modified tasks or workplan shall commence.
- b. If any specific event or conjunction of circumstances threatens the successful completion of this project, in whole or in part, including where relevant, timely completion of milestones, the Contractor agrees to submit to the Office within three days of occurrence or perception of such problem, a written description thereof together with a recommended solution thereto.
- c. OCFS requires immediate notification of any unusual incident involving this contract. An unusual incident includes, but is not limited to: death or serious injury; arrest or possible criminal activity; destruction of property; significant damage to the physical plant of the Contractor; events, incidents or occurrences that have been or are likely to be covered by the media; or other matters of a similarly serious nature involving the contractor or contractor's staff, volunteers, or officers. Additionally, these conditions apply to any subcontract or program participant funded through this contract. Written notification to the OCFS program manager assigned to this contract must be made by the Contractor within 24 hours of knowledge of the unusual incident. If the unusual incident involves an arrest, the written notification must be provided within 12 hours of the contractor's knowledge of the arrest.
- d. In providing these services, the Contractor hereby agrees to be responsible for designing

and operating these services, and otherwise performing, so as to maximize Federal financial participation to the Office under the Federal Social Security Act.

- e. If funds from this contract will be used to pay any costs associated with the provision of legal services of any sort, the following shall apply:
- No litigation shall be brought against the State of New York, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, or against any county or other local government or local social services district with funds provided under this contract. The term "litigation" shall include commencing or threatening to commence a lawsuit, joining or threatening to join as a party to ongoing litigation, or requesting any relief from either the State of New York, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services or any county or other local government or local social services district, based upon any agreement between such agency in litigation with another party and such party, during the pendency of the litigation.
  - Opinions prepared by consultant law firms construing the statutes or Constitution of the State of New York do not constitute the view of the State unless the prior written approval of the Attorney General is obtained. Requests for said approval shall be submitted to the Solicitor General, Division of the Appeals and Opinions Bureau, Department of Law, The Capitol, Albany, New York 12224.
  - The contractor shall provide to the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in a format provided by the Office such additional information concerning the provision of legal services as the Office shall require.
- f. The Office will designate a Contract Manager who shall have authority relating to the technical services and operational functions of this AGREEMENT and activities completed or contemplated there under. The Contract Manager and those individuals designated by him/her in writing shall have the prerogative to make announced or unannounced on-site visits to the project. Project reports and issues of interpretation or direction relating to this AGREEMENT shall be directed to the Contract Manager.
- g. Except where the Office otherwise authorizes or directs in writing, the Contractor agrees not to enter into any subcontracts, or revisions to subcontracts, for the performance of the obligations contained herein until it has received the prior written approval of the Office, which shall have the right to review and approve each and every subcontract prior to giving written approval to the Contractor to enter into the subcontract. All AGREEMENTS between the Contractor and subcontractors shall be by written contract, signed by individuals authorized to bind the parties. All such subcontracts shall contain provisions for specifying (1) that the work performed by the subcontractor must be in accordance with the terms of this AGREEMENT, (2) that nothing contained in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the Office under this AGREEMENT, (3) that nothing contained in the subcontract, nor under this AGREEMENT, shall be deemed to create any contractual relationship between the subcontractor and the Office, and (4) incorporating all provisions regarding the rights of the Office as set forth in Section 9 of this Appendix A-1 and in Appendix A-3, where applicable. The Contractor specifically agrees that the Contractor shall be fully responsible to the Office for the acts and omissions of subcontractors and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them, as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by the Contractor.
- h. The contractor warrants that it, its staff and any and all Subcontractors which must be approved by the Office, have all the necessary licenses, approvals and certifications

currently required by the laws of any applicable local, state or federal government to perform the services pursuant to this AGREEMENT and/or subcontract entered into under this AGREEMENT. The Contractor further agrees such required licenses, approvals and certificates will be kept in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement, or any extension thereof, and to secure any new licenses, approvals or certificates within the required time frames and/or to require its staff and Subcontractors to obtain the requisite licenses, approvals or certificates. In the event the Contractor, its staff, and/or Subcontractors are notified of a denial or revocation of any license, approval or certification to perform the services under the AGREEMENT, Contractor will immediately notify Office.

- i. Prior to executing a subcontract agreement the Contractor agrees to provide to the Office the information the Office needs to determine whether a proposed Subcontractor is a responsible vendor if requested.
- j. If the Contractor intends to use materials, equipment or personnel paid for under this contract in a revenue generating activity, the Contractor shall report such intentions to the Office forthwith and shall be subject to the direction of the Office as to the disposition of such revenue.
- k. Any interest accrued on funds paid to the Contractor by the Office shall be deemed to be the property of the Office and shall either be credited to the Office at the closeout of this AGREEMENT or expended on additional services provided for under this AGREEMENT.
- l. The Contractor ensures that the grounds, structures, buildings and furnishings at the program site(s) used under this AGREEMENT are maintained in good repair and free from any danger to health or safety and that any building or structure used for program services complies with all applicable zoning, building, health, sanitary, and fire codes.
- m. By signing this contract, the contractor certifies that within the past three years the contractor has engaged in no actions that would establish a basis for a finding by OCFS that the contractor is a non-responsible vendor or, if the contractor has engaged in any such action or actions, that all such actions have been disclosed to OCFS prior to entering into this contract. The actions that would potentially establish a basis for a finding by OCFS that the contractor is a non-responsible vendor include:
  - The contractor has had a license or contract suspended, revoked or terminated by a governmental agency.
  - The contractor has had a claim, lien, fine, or penalty imposed or secured against the contractor by a governmental agency.
  - The contractor has initiated a bankruptcy proceeding or such a proceeding has been initiated against the contractor.
  - The contractor has been issued a citation, notice, or violation order by a governmental agency finding the contractor to be in violation of any local, state or federal laws.
  - The contractor has been advised by a governmental agency that a determination to issue a citation, notice or violation order finding the contractor to be in violation of any local, state or federal laws is pending before a governmental agency.
  - The contractor has not paid all due and owed local, state and federal taxes to the

proper authorities.

- The contractor has engaged in any other actions of a similarly serious nature.

Where the contractor has disclosed any of the above to OCFS, OCFS may require as a condition precedent to entering into the contract that the contractor agree to such additional conditions as will be necessary to satisfy OCFS that the vendor is and will remain a responsible vendor. By signing this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with any such additional conditions that have been made a part of this contract.

By signing this contract, the contractor also agrees that during the term of the contract, the contractor will promptly notify OCFS if the contractor engages in any actions that would establish a basis for a finding by OCFS that the contractor is a non-responsible vendor, as described above.

- n. If additional funds become available for the same purpose as described in the original procurement, OCFS reserves the right to modify the AGREEMENT to provide additional funding to the Contractor for provision of additional mutually agreed upon services and/or to extend the provision of services under the AGREEMENT. This additional funding can be provided within an existing period, or in conjunction with a change in the original term. Any changes in the amount or changes in period and amount are subject to the approval of the Office of the State Comptroller.
- o. Contractor may not submit claims in an amount in excess of funds lawfully available for payment of amounts due to the Contractor under the Master Contract for any one year of the contract without the written permission of OCFS.

OCFS reserves the right to deny claims submitted by the Contractor in an amount in excess of funds lawfully available for payment of amounts due to the Contractor under the Master Contract for any one year of the contract.

Contractor acknowledges and agrees that allowable claims submitted by the Contractor under the Master Contract are subject to the continued availability of funding, and Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it may not be reimbursed by OCFS or the State of New York for claims if funds for payment of amounts due to the Contractor under the Master Contract have become unavailable. In that instance, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the Contractor will have no cause of action against OCFS or the State of New York based on the failure to pay such claims.

For purposes of this section the term “funds lawfully available for payment” includes but is not limited to grants, annual appropriations and allocations available pursuant to State or federal law.

- p. Any web-based intranet and Internet information and applications development, or programming delivered pursuant to the contract or procurement will comply with New York State Enterprise IT Policy NYS-P08-005, Accessibility Web-Based Information and Applications, and New York State Enterprise IT Standard NYS-S08-005, Accessibility of Web-Based Information Applications, as such policy or standard may be amended, modified or superseded, which requires that state agency web-based intranet and Internet information and applications are accessible to person with disabilities. Web content must conform to New York State Enterprise IT Standards NYS-S08-005, as determined by quality assurance testing. Such quality assurance testing will be conducted by OCFS and the results of such testing must be satisfactory to OCFS before web content will be considered a qualified deliverable under the contract or procurement.

- q. Contractors must maintain Workers Compensation Insurance in accordance with the Workers Compensation Law. If a contractor believes they are exempt from the Workers Compensation insurance requirement then they must apply for an exemption. Contractors can apply for the exemption online through the New York State Workers Compensation Board website at:  
[http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/ebiz/wc\\_db\\_exemptions/wc\\_db\\_exemptions.jsp](http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/ebiz/wc_db_exemptions/wc_db_exemptions.jsp)
- r. All organizations that receive Federal financial assistance under social service programs are prohibited from discriminating against beneficiaries or prospective beneficiaries of the social service programs on the basis of religion or religious belief. Accordingly, organizations, in providing services supported in whole or in part with Federal financial assistance, and in their outreach activities related to such services, are not allowed to discriminate against current or prospective program beneficiaries on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice.
- s. Organizations that engage in explicitly religious activities (including activities that involve overt religious content such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization) must perform such activities and offer such services outside of programs that are supported with direct Federal financial assistance (including through prime awards or sub-awards), separately in time or location from any such programs or services supported with direct Federal financial assistance, and participation in any such explicitly religious activities must be voluntary for the beneficiaries of the social service program supported with such Federal financial assistance.

## **5. REPORTS AND DELIVERABLES**

The Contractor shall prepare and submit all reports, documents, and projects required by this AGREEMENT to the Office's Contract Manager for review and approval. These reports shall be in such substance, form, and frequency as required by the Office and as necessary to meet State and Federal requirements.

## **6. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS**

- a. The Contractor agrees to safeguard the confidentiality of financial and/or client information relating to individuals and their families who may receive services in the course of this project. The Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all such financial and/or client information with regard to services provided under this AGREEMENT in conformity with the provisions of applicable State and Federal laws and regulations. Any breach of confidentiality by the Contractor, its agents or representatives shall be cause for immediate termination of this AGREEMENT.
- b. Any contractor who will provide goods and/or services to a residential facility or program operated by OCFS agrees to require all of its employees and volunteers who will have the potential for regular and substantial contact with youth in the care or custody of OCFS to sign the Confidentiality Non-Disclosure Agreement and Contractor Employee and Volunteer Background Certification before any such employees and volunteers are permitted access to youth in the care or custody of OCFS and/or any financial and/or client identifiable information concerning such youth. Additionally, OCFS will require a database check of the Staff Exclusion List (SEL) maintained by the Justice Center for People with Special Needs (Justice Center) and of the Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR) of each employee and volunteer of the contractor who has the

potential for regular and substantial contact with children in the care or custody of OCFS. Any other contractor whose employees and volunteers will have access to financial and/or client identifiable information concerning youth in the care or custody of OCFS agrees to require all such employees and volunteers to sign the Confidentiality Non-Disclosure Agreement before any such employees and volunteers are permitted access to any financial and/or client identifiable information concerning such youth.

## **7. PUBLICATIONS AND COPYRIGHTS**

Unless this AGREEMENT specifically provides otherwise, any and all copyrightable material or work products created or produced by the contractor under this AGREEMENT shall be considered 'work for hire' or 'work produced for the Office' by the Contractor and shall be owned exclusively by OCFS and the State of New York. OCFS and the State of New York will, and expressly reserve the right to, hold the copyright to any and all copyrightable material or work products created or produced by the Contractor under this AGREEMENT. The Contractor will neither claim nor assert any interest, proprietary or otherwise, in any copyrightable materials or work product created or produced by the contractor under this AGREEMENT. The Contractor acknowledges that it has no interest, proprietary or otherwise, in any copyrightable materials or work product created or produced by the contractor under this AGREEMENT.

The Contractor hereby warrants that any copyrightable material or work products created or produced by the Contractor under this AGREEMENT shall be original except for such portions as may be part of copyrighted works that are included with the permission of the owner of the copyright. If such material is included, the Contractor warrants that the Contractor has obtained from the holder of the copyright all permissions necessary for the Office and the State of New York to hold the copyright to the copyrightable material or work products created or produced by the contractor under this AGREEMENT.

The Contractor hereby warrants that any copyrightable material or work products created or produced by the Contractor under this AGREEMENT contain no libelous or unlawful statements or materials and that it will not infringe on any copyright, trademark, patent, statutory or other proprietary rights of others.

The Contractor hereby agrees that it will not use, publish, permit to be published or distribute for use any copyrightable material or work products created or produced by the contractor under this AGREEMENT without the prior written permission of the Office.

The Contractor will retain the copyright to any proprietary material used in connection with this AGREEMENT that was created independently by the Contractor without the financial support of the Office or the State of New York. The Office and the State of New York expressly reserve the right to a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, distribute or otherwise use, in perpetuity, any and all copyrighted and copyrightable material resulting from this AGREEMENT or activity supported by this AGREEMENT to which OCFS and the State of New York do not hold the copyright. All publications by the Contractor covered by this AGREEMENT that include material resulting from this AGREEMENT or that arise from activity supported by this AGREEMENT where the copyright is held by the Contractor shall expressly acknowledge the Office's right to such license. All publications by the Contractor covered by this AGREEMENT that include material under the copyright of the Office shall expressly acknowledge the Office's copyright.

All of the copyright and license rights so reserved to the Office and the State of New York under this AGREEMENT are equally reserved to the United States Department of Health and

Human Services and subject to all applicable federal legal and regulatory provisions on copyrights if the CONTRACT is federally funded.

The Contractor agrees that at the completion of any scientific or statistical study, report or analysis prepared pursuant to this CONTRACT, it will provide to OCFS at no additional cost a copy of any and all data supporting the scientific or statistical study, report or analysis, together with the name(s) and business address(es) of the principal(s) producing the scientific or statistical study, report or analysis. The Contractor agrees and acknowledges the right of OCFS, subject to applicable confidentiality restrictions, to release the name(s) and business address(es) of the principal(s) producing the scientific or statistical study, report or analysis, together with a copy of the scientific or statistical study, report or analysis and all data supporting the scientific or statistical study, report or analysis.

## **8. PATENTS AND INVENTIONS**

The Contractor agrees that any and all inventions, conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the course of, or under this AGREEMENT, or with monies supplied pursuant to this AGREEMENT, shall be promptly and fully reported to the Office. Determination as to ownership and/or disposition of rights to such inventions, including whether a patent application shall be filed, and if so, the manner of obtaining, administering and disposing of rights under any patent application or patent which may be issued, shall be made pursuant to all applicable law and regulations.

## **9. CONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE**

The Office shall have the right to audit or review the Contractor's performance and operations as related to this AGREEMENT and/or to retain the services of qualified independent auditors or investigators to perform such audit and review on the Office's behalf. If the review indicates that the Contractor has violated or is in non-compliance with any of the terms of the AGREEMENT, or has abused or misused the funds paid to the Contractor, the Contractor agrees to pay to the Office any costs associated with the review.

If the review indicates that the Contractor has violated or is in non-compliance with any of the terms of the AGREEMENT, or has abused or misused funds paid to the Contractor, or if the Contractor has violated or is in non-compliance with any term of any other AGREEMENT, or has abused or misused funds paid to the Contractor under any other AGREEMENT with the Office, the rights of the Office shall include, but not be limited to:

- Recovery of any funds expended in violation of the AGREEMENT;
- Suspension of Payments
- Termination of the AGREEMENT; and/or
- Employment of another entity to fulfill the requirements of the AGREEMENT.

The Contractor shall be liable for all reasonable costs incurred on account thereof, including payment of any cost differential for employing such entity. The Contractor will assist the Office in transferring the operation of the contracted services to any other entity selected by the Office in a manner that will enable the Office or clients to continue to receive services in an on-going basis, including, but not limited to, notifying clients of the new entity to which the services will be transferred and the effective date of the transfer, providing the new entity promptly and at no charge with a complete copy of the clients' and all other records necessary to continue the provision of the transferred services, and transferring any equipment purchased with funds provided under this AGREEMENT.

Nothing herein shall preclude the Office from taking actions otherwise available to it under law including but not limited to the State's "Set-Off Rights" and "Records" provisions contained in Appendix A (Standard Clauses for all New York State Contracts).

The Contractor agrees to cooperate fully with any audit or investigation the Office or any agent of the Office may conduct and to provide access during normal business hours to any and all information necessary to perform its audit or investigation. The Contractor shall also allow the NYS Attorney General, State Comptroller, the Office, and any representatives specifically directed by the State Comptroller or the Office to take possession of all books, records and documents relating to this AGREEMENT without prior notice to the Contractor. The Office will return all such books, records and documents to the Contractor upon completing the official purposes for which they were taken.

The Contractor agrees that all AGREEMENTS between the Contractor and a subcontractor or consultants for the performance of any obligations under the AGREEMENT will be by written contract (subcontract) which will contain provisions including, but not limited to, the above specified rights of the Office.

## **10. FISCAL SANCTION**

In accordance with the OCFS Fiscal Sanction policy, contractors may be placed on fiscal sanction when the Office identifies any of the following issues:

- The contractor has received an Advance, overpayment or other funds under this or another agreement that has not been refunded to OCFS within the established timeframe;
- An OCFS, Office of the State Comptroller, or other audit identifies significant fiscal irregularities and/or that funds are due to OCFS;
- The Contractor has not provided satisfactory services as required under the terms of this or another OCFS agreement;
- The contractor has not provided fiscal or program reports as required under the terms of this or another OCFS agreement;
- A local, State or federal prosecutorial or investigative agency identifies possible criminal activity, or significant fiscal or programmatic irregularities on the part of the contractor;
- The contractor is not in compliance with State or federal statutes or regulations, or applicable OCFS guidelines, policies and/or procedures; or
- Unsafe physical conditions exist at a program site operated by the contractor and funded under an agreement with OCFS.

Once the contractor has been placed on Fiscal Sanction, payments on all open contracts and any new awards, amendments or contract renewals will not be processed until the issues have been satisfactorily resolved. The contractor will be notified in advance of any proposed Fiscal Sanction and will be provided a timeframe within which the issues must be resolved in order to avoid a Fiscal Sanction. Issues that are not resolved within the timeframe established by OCFS may be referred to the Attorney General (AG) for collection or legal action. If a contract is referred to the AG a collection fee will be added to the amount owed. In addition, interest will be due on any amount not paid in accordance with the timeframes established by the AG. The contractor will remain on Fiscal Sanction until the amount owed, including any collection fee and interest is paid.

## **11. ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES**

- a. The Office and Contractor agree that Contractor is an independent contractor, and not an

employee of the Office. The Contractor agrees to indemnify the State of New York for any loss the State of New York may suffer when such losses result from claims of any person or organization (excepting only the Office) injured by the negligent acts or omission of Contractor, its officers and/or employees or subcontractors. Furthermore, The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless the State of New York, and its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims and losses occurring or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, and any other person, firm, or corporation furnishing or supplying work, services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of the contract, and from all claims and losses occurring or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation who may be injured or damaged by the Contractor in the performance of the contract, and against any liability, including costs and expenses, for violation of proprietary rights, copyrights, or rights of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, or use, or disposition of any data furnished under the contract or based on any libelous or other unlawful matter contained in such data or written materials in any form produced pursuant to this contract.

- b. The Contractor agrees that Modifications and/or Budget Revisions that do not affect any change in the amount of consideration to be paid, or change the term, will be in accordance with Appendix C.
- c. Expectation of Insured: The Contractor, if a municipal corporation, represents that it is a self-insured entity. If a not-for-profit corporation or entity other than a self-insured municipal corporation, the Contractor agrees to obtain and maintain in effect a general policy of liability insurance in an appropriate amount. The Contractor agrees that it will require any and all Subcontractors with whom it subcontracts pursuant to this contract to obtain and maintain a general policy of liability insurance in an appropriate amount.
- d. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 14 of this contract, to the extent the contractor provides health care and treatment or professional consultation to residents of facilities operated by OCFS, in conformance with Executive Law §522 the provisions of paragraphs A, B and C of Article 14 (Article 14 A., B. and C.) shall not apply. In such cases, the provisions of Public Officers Law §17, to the extent provided by Executive Law §522, shall apply instead.

## **12. RENEWAL NOTICE TO NOT-FOR-PROFIT CONTRACTORS**

With respect to contracts that include a renewal option, if the Office does not provide notice to Contractor of its intent to not renew this contract by the date by which such notice is required by §179-t (1) of the State Finance Law, this contract shall be deemed continued until the date that the Office provides the notice required by §179-t (1), and the expenses incurred during such extension shall be reimbursable under the terms of this contract.

## **13. MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS (M/WBE)**

Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Article 15-A, OCFS recognizes its obligation under the law to promote opportunities for maximum feasible participation of certified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) and Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO) for minority group members and women in the performance of OCFS contracts. Accordingly, information regarding OCFS' target goals for M/WBE participation in contracting activities as well as guidelines for Prime Contractor responsibilities pursuant to this law are outlined in the Appendix MWBE entitled "Participation by Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises: Requirements and Procedures". Included in this document are links to the forms and instructions required as a part of this program.

#### **14. SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS (SDVOB)**

[The Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act](#), signed into law by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on May 12, 2014, allows eligible Veteran business owners to become certified as a New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB) in order to increase the participation of such businesses in New York State's contracting opportunities. The SDVOB Act, which is codified under Article 17-B of the Executive Law, acknowledges that SDVOBs strongly contribute to the economies of the State and the nation. Therefore, and consistent with its Master Goal Plan, OCFS strongly encourages vendors who contract with OCFS to consider the utilization of certified SDVOBs, that are responsible and responsive, for at least six percent (6%) of discretionary non-personnel service spending in the fulfillment of the requirements of their contracts with OCFS. Such partnering may include utilizing certified SDVOBs as subcontractors, suppliers, protégés, or in other supporting roles to the maximum extent practical, and consistent with the legal requirements of the State Finance Law and the Executive Law. Certified SDVOBs may be readily identified through the directory of certified businesses at: <https://ogs.ny.gov/Veterans/>

For additional information relating to the use of certified SDVOBs in contract performance, and participation by SDVOBs with respect to State Contracts through Set Asides, please refer to the following:

- [Use of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises in Contract Performance](#)
- [Participation by Service-Disabled Veterans with Respect to State Contracts Through Set Asides](#)
- <https://ogs.ny.gov/Veterans/>

Please note that bidders/proposers must continue to utilize M/WBEs, as discussed above in paragraph 14, consistent with current State law.

#### **15. EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 177**

Executive Order Number 177, signed on February 3, 2018, by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo directs New York State agencies and authorities not to enter into any contracts with entities that have institutional policies or practices that fail to address the harassment and discrimination of individuals on the basis of their age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, marital status, military status, or other protected basis. The Contractor must provide the EO 177 Certification statement found at the following website address: [New York State Office of Children and Family Services \(OCFS\)](#) prior to any contract award or renewal of any contract by OCFS.

#### **16. SPENDING ADJUSTMENTS**

OCFS recognizes that actual costs incurred under the contract may be different from the projected costs in the approved contract budget. Upon the contractor's determination that expenditures are going to deviate from the approved contract budget, a written request for an adjustment to the spending of the approved contract budget must be submitted.

A budget spending adjustment request must be in writing and completed and approved by OCFS prior to the effective date of the adjustment to allow for the processing of any claims related to costs exceeding the current approved budget categories for the contract your organization's project. Any spending related to a budget spending adjustment that is not

submitted and approved prior to the effective date may result in the non-reimbursement of associated expenses.

All budget spending adjustments will be subject to review by the OCFS Contract Compliance Unit to determine compliance with mandatory NYS MWBE requirements as stated in the Contract. Any spending adjustment that alters discretionary spending under the Contract may result in changes to your MWBE Spending Goal.

OCFS will not approve any budget spending adjustment during the final year of the Contract that appear to have the intent of spending down unexpended funds on equipment or other items that are not directly related to use in the current contract period/term.

While there are occasions where it is necessary, OCFS discourages budget spending adjustments in the final quarter of the Contract.

#### **17. STATE FINANCE LAW §139-I**

New York State Finance Law §139-I, effective January 1, 2019, requires, in relevant part, that “[e]very bid . . . made to the state or any public department or agency thereof, where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule or regulation, for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, shall contain [a] statement subscribed by the bidder and affirmed by such bidder as true under the penalty of perjury. . . [that] ‘[b]y submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that the bidder has and has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees. Such policy shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of section two hundred one-g of the labor law. The Contractor must provide the foregoing certification prior to any award being made by OCFS. For additional guidance on drafting an appropriate sexual harassment policy and developing appropriate training please refer to State Finance Law §139-I and <https://www.ny.gov/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace/employers#top>. By signing this agreement, contractor certifies that it is in compliance with these provisions.