

**University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
Purchase Order Terms and Conditions**

1. **DELIVERY; SUBSTITUTIONS; INVOICES:** Contractor will keep University advised at all times of the status of delivery or performance under this Purchase Order. If delay is foreseen, Contractor will give prompt written notice to University. Upon notice, University may extend the delivery date in its sole discretion. Contractor will only tender for acceptance those goods and services that conform to the requirements of this Purchase Order. Substitutions, cancellations and price changes will require prior written consent of University. Default in promised delivery or failure to conform to the requirements of this Purchase Order authorizes University to purchase goods or services elsewhere and charge to Contractor any excess cost of such repurchase. Contractor will show this Purchase Order number on all packages, shipments, and invoices.
2. **TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS:** Title to and risk of loss to any goods to be delivered under this Purchase Order will not pass to University until University actually receives and takes possession of such goods at the point of delivery.
3. **PAYMENTS; SALES TAX; ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER:**
- (a) So long as Contractor has provided University with its current and accurate Federal Tax Identification Number in writing, University will pay Contractor for goods and services in accordance with [Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code](#). University, an agency of the State of Texas, is exempt from Texas Sales & Use Tax on goods and services in accordance with §151.309, *Texas Tax Code*, and Title [34 Texas Administrative Code \("TAC"\) §3.322](#).
- (b) [Section 51.012, Texas Education Code](#), authorizes University to make any payment through electronic funds transfer methods. Contractor agrees to receive payments from University through electronic funds transfer methods, including the automated clearing house system (also known as ACH). Prior to the first payment under this Purchase Order, University will confirm Contractor's banking information. Any changes to Contractor's banking information must be communicated to University in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of the effective date of the change.
4. **WARRANTIES:** In addition to all warranties established by law, Contractor hereby represents, covenants, certifies, warrants and agrees that:
- (a) Contractor will comply with all requirements of this Purchase Order.
- (b) If Contractor is a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of its organization and is duly authorized and in good standing to conduct business in the State of Texas.
- (c) If Contractor is a taxable entity as defined by [Chapter 171, Texas Tax Code](#) ("**Chapter 171**"), Contractor is not currently delinquent in the payment of any taxes due under Chapter 171, or Contractor is exempt from the payment of those taxes, or Contractor is an out-of-state taxable entity that is not subject to those taxes, whichever is applicable.
- (d) Pursuant to §§[2107.008](#) and [2252.903, Texas Government Code](#), Contractor agrees that any payments owing to Contractor under this Purchase Order may be applied directly toward any debt or delinquency that Contractor owes the State of Texas or any agency of the State of Texas regardless of when it arises, until such debt or delinquency is paid in full.
- (e) In accordance with [§231.006, Texas Family Code](#), the individual or business entity named in this Purchase Order is not ineligible to receive the award of or payment under this Purchase Order and this Purchase Order may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
- (f) All goods and services covered by this Purchase Order will conform to the specifications, drawings, samples or other descriptions furnished or adopted by University (collectively "**specifications**"), and will be new, merchantable, fit for the purpose intended, of best quality and workmanship, and free from all defects. University will have the rights of inspection and approval and may reject and return goods or require reperformance of services at Contractor's expense if defective or not in compliance with University's specifications. Defects will not be deemed waived by University's failure to notify Contractor upon receipt of goods or completion of services or by payment of invoice.
- (g) No disclosure, description, or other communication of any sort will be made by Contractor to any third person of the fact of University's purchase of goods or services under this Purchase Order, or of the details and characteristics of the goods or services, without University's prior written consent. Anything furnished to Contractor by University pursuant to this Purchase Order including samples, drawings, patterns, and materials will remain the property of University, will be held at Contractor's risk, and will be returned to University upon University's request, and no disclosure or reproduction thereof in any form will be made without University's prior written consent.
- (h) Contractor is familiar with and is in full compliance with its obligations, if any, under all applicable federal, state and local, laws, regulations, and ordinances (collectively, "**Applicable Laws**").
- (i) All goods delivered or services provided pursuant to this Purchase Order will conform to standards established for such goods and services by all Applicable Laws, including those standards promulgated by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Texas Hazard Communication Act, [Chapter 502, Texas Health and Safety Code](#) ("**Texas hazard Communication Act**").
- (j) Contractor is familiar with and in full compliance with the Texas Hazard Communication Act and will provide either (1) a Material Safety Data Sheet ("**MSDS**") for each product Contractor, its employees, agents or subcontractors brings on University's premises, or (2) a statement of exemption if the product is not covered by the Texas Hazard Communication Act.
- (k) Use or sale of any goods delivered under this Purchase Order, except (with respect to patents) goods produced to University's detailed design, will not infringe any adverse valid patent, copyright, trademark or other intellectual property right.
- (l) The price to be paid by University will be that contained in Contractor's bid or proposal, which Contractor warrants to be no higher than Contractor's current prices on orders by others for goods or services of the kind covered by this Purchase Order for similar quantities to similar customers under similar conditions. In the event Contractor breaches its warranty, the prices will be reduced to Contractor's current prices on orders by others or, in the alternative, University may cancel this Purchase Order without liability to Contractor.
- (m) Contractor will make records of Contractor's costs, reimbursable expenses and payments pertaining to this Purchase Order available to University or its authorized representative during business hours and retain those records for four (4) years after final payment or abandonment of the project, unless University otherwise instructs Contractor in writing.
- (n) If this Purchase Order requires Contractor's presence on University's premises or in University's facilities, Contractor will cause its employees, representatives, agents, and subcontractors to become aware of, fully informed about, and in full compliance with all applicable University rules and policies, including those relative to personal health, security, environmental quality, safety, fire prevention, noise, smoking, and access restrictions.
- (o) Contractor has not given or offered to give, nor does Contractor intend to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor or service to a public servant in connection with this Purchase Order.
- (p) The foregoing representations, covenants, certifications, warranties and agreements will survive acceptance of goods as well as performance of services under this Purchase Order.
5. **ACCESS BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES:** Contractor represents and warrants (**EIR Accessibility Warranty**) the electronic and information resources and all associated information, documentation, and support Contractor provides to University under this Agreement (**EIRs**) comply with applicable requirements in [1 TAC Chapter 213](#) and [1 TAC §206.70](#) (ref. [Subchapter M, Chapter 2054, Texas Government Code](#)). To the extent Contractor becomes aware the EIRs, or any portion thereof, do not comply with the EIR Accessibility Warranty, then Contractor represents and warrants it will, at no cost to University, either (1) perform all necessary remediation to make the EIRs satisfy the EIR Accessibility Warranty or (2) replace the EIRs with new EIRs that satisfy the EIR Accessibility Warranty. If Contractor fails or is unable to do so, University may terminate this Agreement and, within thirty (30) days after termination, Contractor will refund to

University all amounts University paid under this Agreement. Contractor will provide all assistance and cooperation necessary for performance and documentation of accessibility testing, planning, and execution criteria conducted by University or University's third party testing resources, as required by [1 TAC §213.38\(g\)](#).

**6. ANTITRUST LAWS; CLAIMS FOR OVERCHARGES:** Contractor warrants and represents that neither Contractor nor any party acting on behalf of Contractor has violated the antitrust laws of the United States or of the State of Texas. Contractor hereby assigns to University any and all claims for overcharges associated with this Purchase Order which arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, [15 U.S.C.A. §1](#), et seq., or of the State of Texas, [Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Sec. 15.01](#), et seq.

**7. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** In performing any services under this Purchase Order, Contractor is, and undertakes performance thereof as, an independent contractor, with sole responsibility for all persons employed in connection therewith, including exclusive liability for the payment of all federal, state, and local unemployment and disability insurance premiums and fees and all social security and other taxes and contributions payable in respect of such persons, from and against which liability Contractor agrees to indemnify, exonerate and hold harmless University.

**8. INDEMNITY:** CONTRACTOR WILL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS UNIVERSITY, THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM ("BOARD") AND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES (COLLECTIVELY THE "INDEMNIFIED PARTIES") FROM AND AGAINST ALL DAMAGES, LOSSES, LIENS, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, JUDGMENTS, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CLAIMS OF ANY NATURE, KIND, OR DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES INCURRED IN INVESTIGATING, DEFENDING OR SETTLING ANY OF THE FOREGOING (COLLECTIVELY "CLAIMS") BY ANY PERSON OR ENTITY, ARISING OUT OF, IN CONNECTION WITH OR RESULTING FROM THIS PURCHASE ORDER OR THE GOODS OR SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS PURCHASE ORDER, TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY THE ACTS, OMISSIONS OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF CONTRACTOR OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS OR SUPPLIERS. IN ADDITION, CONTRACTOR WILL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE INDEMNIFIED PARTIES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS ARISING FROM INFRINGEMENT OR ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF ANY PATENT, COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARK OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ARISING OUT OF, IN CONNECTION WITH OR RESULTING FROM THIS PURCHASE ORDER OR THE GOODS OR SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS PURCHASE ORDER.

**9. INSURANCE:** If Contractor's employees, agents, suppliers or subcontractors will be present on University's property, Contractor will maintain and cause its agents, suppliers and subcontractors (if any) to maintain the following insurance coverages for at least the specified limits:

<u>Coverages</u>	<u>Limits</u>
Workers' Compensation	Statutory Limits
Employer's Liability	\$1,000,000 per accident and employee
Commercial General Liability (including contractual liability)	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Personal & Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Product/Completed Ops	\$1,000,000 aggregate
Business Auto Liability	\$1,000,000 combined single limit
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000 per policy limit

All policies (except Workers' Compensation) will name University, the Board, and their officers and employees as Additional Insured. A Waiver of Subrogation in favor of University and the Board and thirty (30) day notice of cancellation is required on all policies. Certificates of insurance verifying the foregoing requirements will be provided to University prior to commencement of any services under this Purchase Order. Contractor will endorse all policies to require insurance carriers to notify University of cancellation, termination, material change, or non-renewal of any policy.

**10. VENUE; GOVERNING LAW:** Hidalgo County Texas, will be the proper place of venue for suit on or in respect of this Purchase Order. This Purchase Order, all of its terms and conditions, all rights and obligations of the parties, and all claims arising out of or relating to this Purchase Order, will be construed, interpreted and applied in accordance with, governed by and enforced under, the laws of the State of Texas.

**11. ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION:** Contractor may not assign any of its rights or delegate any of its obligations under this Purchase Order without University's prior written consent. Any assignment or delegation attempted by Contractor in violation of this clause will be void and ineffective for all purposes.

**12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; MODIFICATIONS:** This Purchase Order supersedes all prior agreements, written or oral, between Contractor and University and will constitute the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Purchase Order and each of its provisions will be binding upon the parties and may not be waived, modified, amended or altered except in writing.

**13. BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIMS:** To the extent that [Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code](#), is applicable to this Purchase Order and is not preempted by other applicable law, the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 and the related rules adopted by the Texas Attorney General pursuant to [Chapter 2260](#), will be used by University and Contractor to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of contract made by Contractor that cannot be resolved in the ordinary course of business. The chief business officer of University will examine Contractor's claim and any counterclaim and negotiate with Contractor in an effort to resolve such claims. The parties specifically agree that (i) neither the execution of this Purchase Order by University nor any other conduct, action or inaction of any representative of University relating to this Purchase Order constitutes or is intended to constitute a waiver of University's or the state's sovereign immunity to suit; and (ii) University has not waived its right to seek redress in the courts.

**14. SUBCONTRACTING:** Contractor will use good faith efforts to subcontract the goods or services performed under this Purchase Order in accordance with the Contractor's Historically Underutilized Business Subcontracting Plan ("HSP") submitted in connection with this Purchase Order, if any. Except as specifically provided in the HSP, Contractor will not subcontract any of its duties or obligations under this Purchase Order, in whole or in part. This Purchase Order is subject to [34 TAC §20.285](#). Contractor will comply with all of its duties and obligations under [34 TAC §20.285](#). In addition to other rights and remedies, University may exercise all rights and remedies authorized by [34 TAC §20.285](#).

**15. LOSS OF FUNDING:** Performance by University under this Purchase Order may be dependent upon the appropriation and allotment of funds by the Texas State Legislature (the "Legislature") and/or allocation of funds by the Board. If the Legislature fails to appropriate or allot the necessary funds, or the Board fails to allocate the necessary funds, then University will issue written notice to Contractor and University may terminate this Purchase Order without further duty or obligation hereunder. Contractor acknowledges that appropriation, allotment, and allocation of funds are beyond the control of University.

**16. STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE:** Contractor understands that acceptance of funds under this Purchase Order constitutes acceptance of the authority of the Texas State Auditor's Office, or any successor agency (collectively, "Auditor"), to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds pursuant to §§51.9335(c), 73.115(c) and 74.008(c), *Texas Education Code*. Contractor agrees to cooperate with the Auditor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Contractor will include this provision in all contracts with subcontractors.

**17. LIMITATIONS:** THE PARTIES ARE AWARE THAT THERE MAY BE CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY LIMITATIONS ON THE AUTHORITY OF UNIVERSITY (A STATE AGENCY) TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS PURCHASE ORDER, INCLUDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS (IF ANY) RELATING TO LIENS ON UNIVERSITY'S PROPERTY; DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS OF WARRANTIES; DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES; WAIVERS, DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS OF LEGAL RIGHTS, REMEDIES, REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESSES; LIMITATIONS OF PERIODS TO BRING LEGAL ACTION; GRANTING CONTROL OF LITIGATION OR SETTLEMENT TO ANOTHER PARTY; LIABILITY FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THIRD PARTIES; PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES; DISPUTE RESOLUTION; INDEMNITIES; AND CONFIDENTIALITY (COLLECTIVELY, THE "LIMITATIONS"), AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE LIMITATIONS WILL NOT BE BINDING ON UNIVERSITY EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS AND CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

**18. ETHICS MATTERS; NO FINANCIAL INTEREST.** Contractor and its employees, agents, representatives and subcontractors have read and understand University's Conflicts of Interest Policy available at <http://www.utsystem.edu/board-of-regents/policy-library/policies/uts180-conflicts-interest-commitment-outside-activities> and <http://www.utrgv.edu/compliance/outside-activities-portal/index.htm>, University's Standards of Conduct Guide available at <https://www.utsystem.edu/documents/docs/policies-rules/ut-system-administration-standards-conduct-guide>, and <http://www.utrgv.edu/compliance/files/documents/utrgv-standards-of-conduct-guide.pdf> and applicable state ethics laws and rules available. Neither Contractor nor its employees, agents, representatives or subcontractors will assist or cause University employees to violate University's Conflicts of Interest Policy, provisions described by University's Standards of Conduct Guide, or applicable state ethics laws or rules. Contractor represents and warrants that no member of the Board has a direct or indirect financial interest in the transaction that is the subject of this Agreement.

Further, to the extent applicable Contractor agrees to comply with §2252.908, *Texas Government Code* (**Disclosure of Interested Parties Statute**), and 1 TAC §§46.1 through 46.5 (**Disclosure of Interested Parties Regulations**), as implemented by the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC), including, among other things, providing the TEC and University with information required on the form promulgated by TEC. Contractor may learn more about these disclosure requirements, including the use of TEC's electronic filing system, by reviewing the information on TEC's website at [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/FAQ\\_Form1295.html](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/FAQ_Form1295.html)

**19. NOTICES:** Except as otherwise provided by this Section, all notices, consents, approvals, demands, requests or other communications provided for or permitted to be given under any of the provisions of this Purchase Order will be in writing and will be sent via certified mail, hand delivery, overnight courier, facsimile transmission (to the extent a facsimile number is set forth below), or email (to the extent an email address is set forth below) as provided below, and notice will be deemed given (i) if delivered by certified mail, when deposited, postage prepaid, in the United States mail, or (ii) if delivered by hand, overnight courier, facsimile (to the extent a facsimile number is set forth below) or email (to the extent an email address is set forth below), when received:

If to University: University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
1201 W. University Drive  
Edinburg, Texas 78539  
Fax: 956-665-2164  
Email: alex.valdez@utrgv.edu  
Attention: Alex Valdez

with copy to: University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
1201 W. University Drive  
Edinburg, Texas 78539  
Fax: 956-665-2164  
Email: maggie.rangel@utrgv.edu  
Attention: Maggie Devora-Rangel

If to Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

or other person or address as may be given in writing by either party to the other in accordance with this Section.

Notwithstanding any other requirements for notices given by a party under this Purchase Order, if Contractor intends to deliver written notice to University pursuant to §2251.054, *Texas Government Code*, then Contractor will send that notice to University as follows:

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
1201 W. University Drive  
Edinburg, Texas 78539  
Fax: 956-665-2164  
Email: alex.valdez@utrgv.edu  
Attention: Alex Valdez

with copy to: University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
1201 W. University Drive  
Edinburg, Texas 78539  
Fax: 956-665-2164  
Email: maggie.rangel@utrgv.edu  
Attention: Maggie Devora-Rangel

or other person or address as may be given in writing by University to Contractor in accordance with this Section.

**20. UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS:** The *Immigration and Nationality Act* ([8 United States Code 1324a](#)) (“**Immigration Act**”) makes it unlawful for an employer to hire or continue employment of undocumented workers. The United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Service has established the Form [I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification Form](#) (“**I-9 Form**”) as the document to be used for employment eligibility verification ([8 Code of Federal Regulations 274a](#)). Among other things, Contractor is required to: (1) have all employees complete and sign the I-9 Form certifying that they are eligible for employment; (2) examine verification documents required by the I-9 Form to be presented by the employee and ensure the documents appear to be genuine and related to the individual; (3) record information about the documents on the I-9 Form, and complete the certification portion of the I-9 Form; and (4) retain the I-9 Form as required by law. It is illegal to discriminate against any individual (other than a citizen of another country who is not authorized to work in the United States) in hiring, discharging, or recruiting because of that individual's national origin or citizenship status. If Contractor employs unauthorized workers during performance of this Purchase Order in violation of the Immigration Act then, in addition to other remedies or penalties prescribed by law, University may terminate this Purchase Order. Contractor represents and warrants that it is in compliance with and agrees that it will remain in compliance with the provisions of the Immigration Act.

**21. STATE OF TEXAS COMPUTER EQUIPMENT RECYCLING PROGRAM CERTIFICATION:** : If Contractor is selling or leasing computer equipment (defined in Section 361.952 (2), *Texas Health and Safety Code*) to the University under this Purchase Order, then pursuant to [§361.965, Texas Health and Safety Code](#), Contractor certifies that it is full compliance with the *State of Texas Manufacturer Responsibility and Consumer Convenience Computer Equipment Collection and Recovery Act* set forth in [Subchapter Y, Chapter 361, Texas Health and Safety Code](#), and the rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under that Act as set forth in 30 TAC Chapter 328. Contractor acknowledges that this Purchase Order may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**22. RESPONSIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING WORK; CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS:** Each individual who is assigned to perform services under this Purchase Order will be an employee of Contractor or an employee of a subcontractor engaged by Contractor. Contractor is responsible for the performance of all individuals performing services under this Purchase Order. Prior to commencing services, Contractor will (1) provide University with a list (“**List**”) of all individuals who may be assigned to perform services, and (2) have an appropriate criminal background screening performed on all the individuals. Contractor will determine on a case-by-case basis whether each individual assigned to perform services is qualified to provide the services. Contractor will not knowingly assign any individual to provide services on University's campus who has a history of criminal conduct unacceptable for a university campus or healthcare center, including violent or sexual offenses. Contractor will update the List each time there is a change in the individuals assigned to perform services. Prior to commencing performance of services under this Purchase Order, Contractor will provide University a letter signed by an authorized representative of Contractor certifying compliance with this Section. Contractor will provide University an updated certification letter each time there is a change in the individuals assigned to perform services.

**23. FORCE MAJEURE:** Neither party hereto will be liable or responsible to the other for any loss or damage or for any delays or failure to perform due to causes beyond its reasonable control including acts of God, strikes, epidemics, war, riots, flood, fire, sabotage, or any other circumstances of like character (“**force majeure occurrence**”). Provided, however, in the event of a force majeure occurrence, Contractor agrees to use its best efforts to mitigate the impact of the occurrence so that University may continue to provide services during the occurrence.

**24. TERMINATION:**

(a) Upon written notice to Contractor, University may terminate this Purchase Order, in whole or in part, without cause. If University terminates without cause, University will pay Contractor all reasonable costs incurred up to the date of termination. Under no circumstance will University pay Contractor for anticipatory or lost profits.

(b) In the event of a material failure by Contractor to perform in accordance with the terms of this Purchase Order (“**default**”), University may terminate this Purchase Order upon ten (10) days' written notice of termination setting forth the nature of the default; provided that, the default is through no fault of University. Termination will not be effective if the default is fully cured by Contractor prior to the end of the ten-day period.

**25. EXTERNAL TERMS:** This Purchase Order completely supplants, replaces, and overrides all other terms and conditions or agreements, written or oral, concerning Contractor's performance or provision of goods or services under this Purchase Order (“**External Terms**”). The External Terms are null and void and will have no effect under this Purchase Order, regardless of whether University or its employees, contractors, or agents express assent or agreement to the External Terms. The External Terms include any shrinkwrap, clickwrap, browsewrap, web-based terms and conditions of use, and any other terms and conditions displayed in any format that University or its employees, contractors, or agents are required to accept or agree to before or in the course of accessing or using any goods or services provided by Contractor.

**26. PUBLIC INFORMATION:** University strictly adheres to all statutes, court decisions and opinions of the Texas Attorney General with respect to disclosure of public information under the *Texas Public Information Act* (“**TPIA**”), [Chapter 552, Texas Government Code](#). In accordance with [§552.002](#) of TPIA and [§2252.907, Texas Government Code](#), and at no additional charge to University, Contractor will make any information created or exchanged with University pursuant to this Purchase Order (and not otherwise exempt from disclosure under TPIA) available in a format reasonably requested by University that is accessible by the public.

**27. CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING BOYCOTTING ISRAEL.** Pursuant to [Chapter 2270, Texas Government Code](#), Contractor certifies Contractor (1) does not currently boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the Term of this Agreement. Contractor acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**28. CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING BUSINESS WITH CERTAIN COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.** Pursuant to [Subchapter F, Chapter 2252, Texas Government Code](#), Contractor certifies Contractor is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization. Contractor acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**29. FREIGHT TERMS:** For any and or all shipments coming to University will be FOB DESTINATION FREIGHT PREPAID. Imports and Exports will be handled on a case by case basis by UT RIO GRANDE VALLEY Customs Broker of record.

**30. INSTALLATION:** If installation of goods is procured under this Purchase Order, Contractor will properly install or set up the goods in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Contractor will remove from University's premises, and properly dispose of, or recycle, all waste materials, including packaging. Contractor will not deposit waste materials in University waste receptacles.

**31. CONFORMANCE WITH AND SUBORDINATION TO LAW:** The parties acknowledge that University is an agency of the State of Texas and under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas possesses certain rights and privileges, is subject to certain limitations and restrictions, and only has such authority as is granted to it under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas. Notwithstanding any provision of this Purchase Order, nothing in this Purchase Order is intended to be, nor will it be construed to be, a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State of Texas or a prospective waiver or restriction of any of the rights, remedies, claims, and privileges of the State of Texas. Notwithstanding the generality or specificity of any provision of this Purchase Order (including, without limitation, any provision pertaining to indemnification, a cap on liability, a limitation of damages, or a waiver or limitation of rights, remedies, representations or warranties), the

provisions of this Purchase Order, as those provisions pertain to University, are enforceable only to the extent authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas. University will not be required to perform or refrain from performing any act that would violate the laws or Constitution of the State of Texas.

**32. HIPAA COMPLIANCE:** Contractor agrees to keep private and to secure any information provided by University that is considered either Individually Identifiable Health Information ("IIHI") by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, codified at 42 USC § 1320d through d-8 ("HIPAA"), or Protected Health Information ("PHI") as promulgated in 45 CFR Part 164 ("HIPAA Privacy Regulations") and 45 CFR Part 142 ("HIPAA Security Regulations"). Contractor agrees to only use and disclose PHI (i) received from University, (ii) used, created, received, maintained or disclosed by University, or (iii) otherwise associated with University (collectively, "University PHI") as required to perform the services outlined in this Purchase Order, which services may include the proper management and administration of this Purchase Order and data aggregation services for the health care operations of University. Contractor will not use or further disclose University PHI other than as permitted under this Purchase Order and Contractor will use appropriate safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of University PHI for any reason other than as provided by this Purchase Order. Contractor agrees to promptly notify University of any use or disclosure of University PHI not permitted under this Purchase Order. Contractor agrees to notify University of its corrective actions to cure any breaches of this Section, HIPAA, or the HIPAA Privacy Regulations as soon as possible. Contractor understands that University may terminate this Purchase Order immediately without liability to Contractor if Contractor's actions are not successful in remedying the breach. University may also report the problem to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Contractor will require any of its agents or subcontractors who receive University PHI to be bound by the same restrictions and conditions set forth in this Purchase Order. Contractor agrees to comply with §164.524 (Access of Individuals to PHI), 164.526 (Amendment of PHI) and 164.528 (Accounting of Disclosures of PHI) of the HIPAA Privacy Regulations. Contractor agrees to make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of University PHI available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services or University for purposes of determining the Contractor's compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Regulations. After Contractor has completed working with or using University PHI, Contractor agrees to return or destroy all University PHI, if feasible, and if not feasible, Contractor agrees to continue to protect University PHI from wrongful uses and disclosures. If Contractor decides to destroy University PHI under this Purchase Order, Contractor will maintain a record of the proper destruction of University PHI or provide University with notice and certification of proper destruction of University PHI.

**33. ARRA FUNDING.** This purchase order may be funded wholly or partially with federal funds subject to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The vendor shall comply with all applicable provisions of ARRA, which may include, but are not limited to the provisions in Division A, Titles XV and XVI (e.g., audit provisions, whistleblower protection, and preferences for American products).

**34. FEDERAL FUNDING PROVISIONS:** If this Purchase Order is made with federal funds awarded to University, the following provisions are made a part of this Purchase Order, as applicable:

(a) **Equal Employment Opportunity.** Contractor agrees to comply with E.O. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by E.E. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and as supplemented by regulations at 41 CFR Part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

(b) **Copeland "Anti-kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874 and U.S.C. 276c).** When the value of this Purchase Order exceeds \$2,000 for construction or repair, Contractor and any subcontractors will comply with Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Sub-contractors on Public Buildings or Public Works Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or sub-recipient will be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled. University is bound to report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency.

(c) **Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276a to a-7).** When required by federal program legislation and the value of this Purchase Order exceeds \$2,000, Contractor and any subcontractors will comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a- to a-7) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). Under this Act, contractors will be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the minimum wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors will be required to pay wages not less than once a week. Should the Davis-Bacon Act apply to this Purchase Order, this Contract is conditioned upon the acceptance by the Contractor of the wage determination. University is bound to report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency.

(d) **Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 USC 1251 et seq.), as amended.** When the value of this Purchase Order exceeds \$100,000, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.). University is bound to report violations to the federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(e) **Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352).** When the value of this Purchase Order exceeds \$100,000, the Contractor and its subcontractors are required to file the required Anti-Lobbying Certification certifying that it will not and has not used federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Contractor and its subcontractors will also disclose any lobbying with non-federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal award. Such disclosures will be forwarded from tier-to-tier up to University.

(f) **Debarment and Suspension (E.O.s 12549 and 12689).** When the value of this Purchase Order equals or exceeds \$25,000, the Contractor, by accepting this Purchase Order, certifies that neither it nor its principal employees, owners or directors have been debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies to receive federal funds.

(g) **Rights to Inventions Made Under this Purchase Order.** If this Purchase Order is made for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work, and the parties have not otherwise contracted in a separate document, rights to inventions made under this Purchase Order will, when applicable, be covered by 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms under Government Grants, Contracts, and Cooperative Agreements.

(h) **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333).** When the value of this Purchase Order exceeds \$2,000 for construction or \$2,500 for all other purposes and when the employment of mechanics or laborers is required, Contractor will comply with Sections 102 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under Section 102 of the Act, each contractor will be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than 1 ½ times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. Section 107 of the Act is applicable to construction work and provides that no laborer or mechanic will be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(i) **EEOC and Veterans. This contractor and subcontractor shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR §§ 60-1.4(a), 60-300.5(a) and 60-741.5(a). These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities, and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Moreover, these regulations require that covered prime contractors and subcontractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, protected veteran status or disability.**

(j) **Federal Requirements for Telecommunications Equipment or Services**

- a) Contractor represents that it will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services, as defined in 2 CFR § 200.216, to University in the performance of this Agreement or any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument resulting from this Agreement.
- b) In the event Contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services, as defined in 2 CFR § 200.216, used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during performance of this Agreement, or Contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, Contractor shall report information about the contract, equipment item, and mitigation measures to University within one business day, and provide University with an update within ten business days that includes measures to prevent recurrence.

**35. EQUIPMENT WARRANTY AND ACCEPTANCE:** If applicable to this Purchase Order.

#### **Equipment Warranty**

- (a) Equipment furnished pursuant to this Purchase Order **over \$25,000** shall be at a minimum, warranted against defects in materials, workmanship, and design for a period of one (1) year from date the equipment is accepted by UTRGV. Upon UTRGV notification to the Vendor that the equipment is non-conforming or defective, the Vendor will promptly repair or replace the equipment or any non-conforming or defective part at no cost to UTRGV.
- (b) Warranty repairs will be performed at customer's site and Vendor will be responsible for all costs for labor, parts, and any and all other charges that may occur for the repair.
- (c) If original equipment is not repaired within ten (10) working days from the date a service call is made to the Vendor, UTRGV requests the right to loaner equipment. Loaner equipment will be made available for our full use until original equipment is repaired and in full operational status.

**36. EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENTS:** Contractor will be reimbursed without mark-up for reasonable expenses (including meals, rental car, coach class airfare, and lodging) validly incurred directly and solely in support of the Project and approved by University in advance. Provided, however, Contractor agrees and acknowledges that Contractor will invoice travel expenses as a separate line item on the corresponding invoice and will be subject to the then-current Travel Reimbursement Rates promulgated by the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the State of Texas at <https://fmx.cpa.state.tx.us/fm/travel/travelrates.php> for rental car, airfare, lodging and all other expenses related to travel. Except for meals and mileage, which shall be reimbursed as stated on University's Travel Policy available at the following link: <https://www.utrgv.edu/hop/policies/adm-10-602.pdf> and University's Travel Expense Resource Guide available at this link: <https://www.utrgv.edu/procurement/expense-resource-guide.pdf>. Contractor agrees and acknowledges that Contractor will not be reimbursed by University for expenses that are prohibited or that exceed the allowable amounts provided in the then-current Travel Reimbursement Rates, University's Travel Policy and University's Travel Expense Resource Guide, as applicable. Expenses that are funded through grant funds may impose additional restrictions on allowable expense reimbursements. As a condition precedent to receiving reimbursement for expenses and disbursements, Contractor will submit to University receipts, invoices, and other documentation as requested by University.

**37. NO PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.** Notwithstanding any provision of the Agreement, it is expressly agreed that under this Agreement University will not provide to Contractor, and Contractor will never obtain, collect, process, or seek to access, any personally identifiable information regarding any individual or any personal data as defined by the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation. (GDPR).

**38. CONFIDENTIALITY AND SAFEGUARDING OF UNIVERSITY RECORDS; PRESS RELEASES; PUBLIC INFORMATION.** Under this Agreement, Contractor may (1) create, (2) receive from or on behalf of University, or (3) have access to, records or record systems (collectively, "**University Records**"). However, it is expressly agreed that University will not provide to Contractor, and Contractor will never seek to access, any University Records that contain personally identifiable information regarding any individual that is not available to any requestor under the *Texas Public Information Act*, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, including "directory information" of any student who has opted to prohibit the release of their "directory information" as that term is defined under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g ("**FERPA**") and its implementing regulations. **Notice of Impermissible Use.** If an impermissible use or disclosure of any University Records occurs, Contractor will provide written notice to University within one (1) business day after Contractor's discovery of that use or disclosure. Contractor will promptly provide University with all information requested by University regarding the impermissible use or disclosure. **Return of University Records.** Contractor agrees that within thirty (30) days after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, for any reason, all University Records created or received from or on behalf of University will be (1) returned to University, with no copies retained by Contractor; or (2) if return is not feasible, destroyed. Twenty (20) days before destruction of any University Records, Contractor will provide University with written notice of Contractor's intent to destroy University Records. Within five (5) days after destruction, Contractor will confirm to University in writing the destruction of University Records. **Disclosure.** If Contractor discloses any University Records to a subcontractor or agent, Contractor will require the subcontractor or agent to comply with the same restrictions and obligations as are imposed on Contractor by this section. **Press Releases.** Except when defined as part of the Work, Contractor will not make any press releases, public statements, or advertisement referring to the Project or the engagement of Contractor as an independent contractor of University in connection with the Project, or release any information relative to the Project for publication, advertisement or any other purpose without the prior written approval of University. **Termination.** In addition to any other termination rights set forth in this Agreement and any other rights at law or equity, if University reasonably determines that Contractor has breached any of the restrictions or obligations set forth in this Section, University may immediately terminate this Agreement without notice or opportunity to cure. **Duration.** The restrictions and obligations under this Section will survive expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason.

**39. CYBER SECURITY TRAINING PROGRAM.** If Contractor and/or its subcontractors, officers, or employees will have an account on a state computer system

(for example, an account to an application, database, or network), then pursuant to [Section 2054.5192, Texas Government Code](#). Contractor and its subcontractors, officers, and employees must complete a cybersecurity training program certified under [Section 2054.519, Texas Government Code](#) and selected by the University. The cybersecurity training program must be completed by Contractor and its subcontractors, officers, and employees during the term and any renewal period of this Agreement. Contractor shall verify completion of the program to the University.

**40. TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT - SUBCHAPTER J REQUIREMENTS.** If applicable, pursuant to [Section 552.372 of the Texas Government Code](#), Contractor must:

- (1) preserve all contracting information (ref. [Section 552.003\(7\), Texas Government Code](#)) related to this Agreement as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to University for the duration of this Agreement;
- (2) promptly provide to the University any contracting information related to this Agreement that is in the custody or possession of Contractor on request of the University; and
- (3) on completion of this Agreement, either:
  - (A) provide at no cost to the University all contracting information related to this Agreement that is in the custody or possession of Contractor, or
  - (B) preserve the contracting information related to this Agreement as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to the University.

If applicable, the requirements of [Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code](#) ("Subchapter J") may apply to this Agreement and Contractor agrees that the Agreement can be terminated if Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of Subchapter J.

University may not accept a bid for a contract described by [Section 552.371, Texas Government Code](#) or award the contract to an entity that the University has determined has knowingly or intentionally failed to comply with Subchapter J in a previous bid or contract described by Section 552.371 unless the University determines and documents that the entity has taken adequate steps to ensure future compliance with the requirements of Subchapter J.

If Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of Subchapter J applicable to Contractor, then University shall provide written notice to Contractor stating the requirement(s) of Subchapter J that Contractor has violated. If applicable, such notice will also advise Contractor that University may terminate this Agreement without further obligation to Contractor if (a) Contractor does not cure the violation on or before the 10th business day after the date the University provides the notice, (b) the University determines that Contractor has intentionally or knowingly failed to comply with a requirement of that Subchapter J, and (c) the University determines that Contractor has not taken adequate steps to ensure future compliance with the requirements of Subchapter J. For purposes of the above, Contractor has taken adequate steps to ensure future compliance with Subchapter J if: (1) Contractor produces contracting information requested by the University that is in the custody or possession of Contractor not later than the 10th business day after the date the University makes the request and (2) Contractor establishes a records management program to enable Contractor to comply with Subchapter J.

**41. OWNERSHIP AND USE OF WORK MATERIAL.** All tools, software, programs, drawings, specifications, plans, computations, sketches, data, photographs, tapes, renderings, models, publications, statements, accounts, reports, studies, and other materials prepared by Contractor or any subcontractors in connection with Work (collectively, **Work Material**), whether or not accepted or rejected by University, are the sole property of University and for its exclusive use and re-use at any time without further compensation and without any restrictions. Contractor grants and assigns to University all rights and claims of whatever nature and whether now or hereafter arising in and to Work Material and will cooperate fully with University in any steps University may take to obtain or enforce patent, copyright, trademark or like protections with respect to Work Material. Contractor will deliver all Work Material to University upon expiration or termination of this Agreement. University will have the right to use Work Material for the completion of Work or otherwise. University may, at all times, retain the originals of Work Material. Work Material will not be used by any person other than University on other projects unless expressly authorized by University in writing. Work Material will not be used or published by Contractor or any other party unless expressly authorized by University in writing. Contractor will treat all Work Material as confidential.

**42. CONTRACTOR VERIFICATION REGARDING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FIREARM ENTITIES OR TRADE ASSOCIATIONS.** Pursuant to Chapter 2274, *Texas Government Code* (enacted by [SB 19, 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, Regular Session \(2021\)](#)), Contractor verifies (1) it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and (2) it will not discriminate during the term of this Agreement against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. Contractor acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this verification is inaccurate.

**43. CONTRACTOR VERIFICATION REGARDING BOYCOTTING ENERGY COMPANIES.** Pursuant to Chapter 2274, *Texas Government Code* (enacted by [SB 13, 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, Regular Session \(2021\)](#)), Contractor verifies (1) it does not boycott energy companies and (2) it will not boycott energy companies during the term of this Agreement. Contractor acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this verification is inaccurate. |

**44. CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING COVID-19 VACCINATION.** Pursuant to Section 161.0085, *Texas Health and Safety Code* (enacted by [SB 968, 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, Regular Session \(2021\)](#)), Contractor certifies that it does not require a customer to provide any documentation certifying the customer's COVID-19 vaccination or post-transmission recovery on entry to, to gain access to, or to receive service from Contractor's business. Contractor acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**45. FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES.**

- (a) Contractor represents that it will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services, as defined in 2 CFR § 200.216, to University in the performance of this Agreement or any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument resulting from this Agreement.
- (b) In the event Contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services, as defined in 2 CFR § 200.216, used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during performance of this Agreement, or Contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, Contractor shall report information about the contract, equipment item, and mitigation measures to University within one business day, and provide University with an update within ten business days that includes measures to prevent recurrence.

**46. CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION RELATING TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.** If Contractor will be granted direct or remote access to or control of critical infrastructure in the State of Texas pursuant to Chapter 2274, *Texas Government Code* (enacted by [SB 2116, 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, Regular Session \(2021\)](#)), Contractor certifies (A) it is neither owned by nor is the majority of stock or other ownership interest of the Contractor held or controlled by (i) individuals who are citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a country designated by the Governor of Texas as a threat to critical infrastructure under Section 2274.0103 of the *Texas Government Code* (a "designated country") or (ii) a company or other entity, including a governmental entity, that is owned or controlled by citizens of or is directly controlled by the government of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country; and (B) it is not headquartered in China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country. Contractor understands that the prohibitions set forth in the preceding sentence apply regardless of whether (1) Contractor's or its parent company's securities are publicly traded or (2) Contractor or its parent company is listed on a public stock exchange as either (a) a Chinese, Iranian, North Korean, or Russian company or (b) a company of a designated country. Contractor acknowledges that this Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**47. CONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE AND CERTIFICATION RELATING TO CLOUD COMPUTING SERVICES.** Section 2054.0593 of the *Texas Government Code* (enacted by [SB 475, 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, Regular Session \(2021\)](#)) requires the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) to establish and implement a state risk and authorization management program to provide a standardized approach for security assessment, authorization, and continuous monitoring of cloud computing services that process the data of Texas state agencies. DIR by rule shall prescribe (1) the categories and characteristics of cloud computing services subject to the state risk and authorization management program and (2) the requirements for certification through the program of vendors that provide cloud computing services. DIR shall evaluate vendors to determine whether a vendor qualifies for a certification issued by DIR reflecting compliance with program requirements. Texas state agencies must ensure that each contract for cloud computing services that the agency enters into or renews on or after January 1, 2022, complies with Section 2054.0593.

Therefore, if Contractor will be providing cloud computing services subject to Section 2054.0593, Contractor (1) must comply with the requirements of such a state risk and authorization management program and maintain program compliance and certification throughout the term of this Agreement, (2) understands and agrees that the University may not enter into or renew a contract with Contractor to purchase cloud computing services for the University that are subject to the state risk and authorization management program unless Contractor demonstrates compliance with program requirements, and (3) acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if Contractor does not comply with this Section.