

State of Colorado Purchase Order Terms and Conditions

- 1. Offer/Acceptance.** This Purchase Order, together with these terms and conditions (including, if applicable, Addendum 1: Additional Terms and Conditions for Information Technology, below), and any other attachments, exhibits, specifications, or appendices, whether attached or incorporated by reference (collectively the "PO") shall represent the entire and exclusive agreement between the State and the Vendor. If this PO refers to Vendor's bid or proposal, this PO is an ACCEPTANCE of Vendor's OFFER TO SELL in accordance with the terms and conditions of this PO. If a bid or proposal is not referenced, this PO is an OFFER TO BUY, subject to Vendor's acceptance, demonstrated by Vendor's performance or written acceptance of this PO. Any COUNTER-OFFER TO SELL automatically CANCELS this PO, unless a change order accepting the counter-offer is issued in accordance with §4 accepting a counter-offer. The State shall not be responsible or liable for goods or services delivered or performed prior to issuance of this PO.
- 2. Order of Precedence.** In the event of a conflict or inconsistency within this PO, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving preference to the documents in the following order of priority: (a) the Purchase Order document; (b) these Terms and Conditions (including, if applicable, Addendum 1: Additional Terms and Conditions for Information Technology below); and (c) any attachments, exhibits, specifications, or appendices, whether attached or incorporated by reference. Any terms and conditions included on Vendor's forms or invoices not included in this PO are void.
- 3. Safety Information.** All chemicals, equipment, and materials proposed or used in the performance of this PO shall conform to the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. Vendor shall furnish all Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for any regulated chemicals, equipment, or hazardous materials at the time of delivery.
- 4. Changes.** Vendor shall furnish goods or services in strict accordance with the specifications and price set forth for each item. This PO shall not be modified, superseded or otherwise altered, except in writing signed by the State and accepted by Vendor. If this PO is for goods only and Vendor has not delivered the goods prior to the expiration of this PO, but Vendor delivers all of the goods to the State only after expiration of this PO, then the State, in its sole discretion, may accept the goods under this PO by extending this PO and delivering the modification to Vendor; however, regardless of anything to the contrary, if the State does not extend this PO for any reason then the goods delivered after expiration of this PO shall be deemed rejected, Vendor shall arrange the return of all delivered goods at Vendor's sole expense, and the State shall have no liability for any such goods.
- 5. Delivery.** Unless otherwise specified in this PO, delivery shall be FOB destination, freight prepaid and allowed. The State is relying on the promised delivery date and any installation or service performance set forth in this PO as material and basic to the State's acceptance. If Vendor fails to deliver or perform as and when promised, the State, in its sole discretion, may cancel its order, or any part thereof, without prejudice to its other rights, return all or part of any shipment so made, and charge Vendor with any loss or expense sustained as a result of such failure to deliver or perform as promised. Time is of the essence.
- 6. Rights to Materials.** *[Not Applicable to POs issued either in whole or in part for Information Technology, as defined in CRS § 24-37.5-102(2); which shall be governed by Addendum 1 §B.]* Unless specifically stated otherwise in this PO, all materials, including without limitation supplies, equipment, documents, content, information, or other material of any type, whether tangible or intangible (collectively "Materials"), furnished by the State to Vendor or delivered by Vendor to the State in performance of its obligations under this PO shall be the exclusive property of the State. Vendor shall return or deliver all Materials to the State upon completion or termination of this PO.
- 7. Reporting.** If Vendor is served with a pleading or other document in connection with an action before a court or other administrative decision making body, and such pleading or document relates to this PO or may affect Vendor's ability to perform its obligations under this PO, Vendor shall, within 10 days after being served, notify the State of such action and deliver copies of such pleading or document to the State. Vendor shall disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the State all violations of federal or state criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting this PO. The State may impose any remedies available, which may include, without limitation, suspension or debarment.
- 8. Conflicts of Interest.** Vendor acknowledges that with respect to this PO, even the appearance of a conflict of interest is harmful to the State's interests. Absent the State's prior written approval, Vendor shall refrain from any practices, activities, or relationships that reasonably may appear to be in conflict with the full performance of Vendor's obligations to the State hereunder. If a conflict or appearance of a conflict of interest exists, or if Vendor is uncertain as to such, Vendor shall submit to the State a disclosure statement setting forth the relevant details for the State's consideration. Failure to promptly submit a disclosure statement or to follow the State's direction with respect to the actual or apparent conflict constitutes a breach of this PO.
- 9. Warranties.** All provisions and remedies of the Colorado Uniform Commercial Code, CRS, Title 4 ("UCC"), relating to implied or express warranties for goods are incorporated herein, in addition to any warranties contained in this PO.
- 10. Inspection and Acceptance.** The State's final acceptance of goods or services is contingent upon completion of all applicable inspection procedures. All goods delivered shall be newly manufactured and the current model, unless otherwise specified. The State shall have the right to inspect goods or services provided under this PO at all reasonable times and places. The State shall be the sole judge in determining "equals" with regard to conformance with the specifications outlined in this PO for quality, price, and performance. If any of the goods or services do not conform to this PO, the State, at its sole discretion, may require Vendor to either (a) replace the goods specified by the State or (b) perform the services again, without additional payment from the State. When defects in the quality or quantity of goods or services cannot be corrected by replacement or re-performance, the State may (c) require Vendor to take necessary action to ensure that future performance conforms to this PO and (d) equitably reduce the payment due Vendor to reflect the reduced value of the goods or services performed. These remedies do not limit the remedies otherwise available in this PO, at law, or in equity.
- 11. Taxes.** The State is exempt from federal excise taxes and from State and local sales and use taxes. The State shall not be liable for the payment of any excise, sales, or use taxes imposed on Vendor. A tax exemption certificate will be made available upon Vendor's request.
- 12. Payment.** The State shall not pay Vendor any amount for performance under this PO in excess of the Document Total set forth on the Purchase Order document. The State shall pay Vendor for all amounts due within 45 days after the State's receipt of goods or services and acceptance of a correct invoice of amount due. Amounts not paid by the State within 45 days of the State's acceptance of the invoice shall bear interest on the unpaid balance beginning on the 45th day at the rate set forth in CRS §24-30-202(24) until paid in full. Interest shall not accrue if a good faith dispute exists as to the State's obligation to pay all or a portion of the amount due. Vendor shall invoice the State separately for interest on delinquent amounts due, referencing the delinquent payment, number of day's interest to be paid, and applicable interest rate. The State may benefit from any early payment discount offered by Vendor by making payment within the timeframes required by Vendor to be eligible for such discount. If Vendor offers an early payment discount, then the discount shall be shown on Vendor's invoices to the State, and if the State makes payment on the invoice within the time frame for the discount, Vendor shall either (a) accept the payment amount less the appropriate discount or (b) refund the discount back to the State. Except as specifically agreed in this PO, Vendor shall be solely responsible for all costs, expenses, and other charges it incurs in connection with its performance under this PO.
- 13. Assignment.** Vendor's rights and obligations under this PO shall not be transferred or assigned without the prior, written consent of the State and execution of a new PO. Any attempt at assignment or transfer without such consent and new PO shall be void. Any new PO approved by the State shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as those set forth in this PO.
- 14. Subcontracts.** Unless otherwise specified in this PO, Vendor shall not enter into any subcontract in connection with its obligations under this PO without the prior, written approval of the State. Vendor shall submit to the State a copy of each such subcontract upon request by the State. All subcontracts entered into by Vendor in connection with this PO shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, shall provide that they are governed by the laws of the State of Colorado, and shall be subject to all provisions of this PO.

15. Severability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this PO shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this PO, which shall remain in full force and effect, provided, that the parties can continue to perform their obligations in accordance with the intent of this PO.

16. Survival of Certain PO Terms. Any provision of this PO that imposes an obligation on a party after termination or expiration of this PO shall survive the termination or expiration of this PO and shall be enforceable by the other party.

17. Third Party Beneficiaries. Except for the parties' respective successors and assigns, this PO does not and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies upon any person or entity other than the parties. Enforcement of this PO and all rights and obligations hereunder is reserved solely to the parties. Any services or benefits which third parties receive as a result of this PO are incidental to this PO, and do not create any rights for such third parties.

18. Waiver. A party's failure or delay in exercising any right, power, or privilege under this PO, whether explicit or by lack of enforcement, shall not operate as a waiver, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power, or privilege preclude any other or further exercise of such right, power, or privilege.

19. Indemnification. [Not Applicable to Inter-governmental POs] Vendor shall indemnify, save, and hold harmless the State, its employees, agents and assignees (the "Indemnified Parties"), against any and all costs, expenses, claims, damages, liabilities, court awards and other amounts (including attorneys' fees and related costs) incurred by any of the Indemnified Parties in relation to any act or omission by Vendor, or its employees, agents, subcontractors, or assignees in connection with this PO. This shall include, without limitation, any and all costs, expenses, claims, damages, liabilities, court awards and other amounts incurred by the Indemnified Parties in relation to any claim that any work infringes a patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, or any other intellectual property right or any claim for loss or improper disclosure of any confidential information or personally identifiable information.

20. Notice. All notices given under this PO shall be in writing, and shall be delivered to the contacts for each party listed on the Purchase Order document. Either party may change its contact or contact information by notice submitted in writing to the other party without a formal modification to this PO.

21. Insurance. Except as otherwise specifically stated in this PO, Vendor shall obtain and maintain insurance as specified in this section at all times during the term of this PO: **(a)** workers' compensation insurance as required by state statute, and employers' liability insurance covering all Vendor employees acting within the course and scope of their employment; **(b)** Commercial general liability insurance written on an Insurance Services Office occurrence form, covering premises operations, fire damage, independent contractors, products and completed operations, blanket contractual liability, personal injury, and advertising liability with minimum limits as follows: \$1,000,000 each occurrence; \$1,000,000 general aggregate; \$1,000,000 products and completed operations aggregate; and \$50,000 any one fire; and **(c)** Automobile liability insurance covering any auto (including owned, hired and non-owned autos) with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 each accident combined single limit. If Vendor will or may have access to any protected information, then Vendor shall also obtain and maintain insurance covering loss and disclosure of protected information and claims based on alleged violations of privacy right through improper use and disclosure of protected information with limits of \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$1,000,000 general aggregate at all times during the term of this PO. Additional insurance may be required as provided elsewhere in this PO. All insurance policies required by this PO shall be issued by insurance companies with an AM Best rating of A-VIII or better. This insurance requirement shall not apply if this PO is solely for goods, as determined by the State, unless specifically stated otherwise in this PO or any attachment or exhibit to this PO. If Vendor is a public agency within the meaning of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, then this section shall not apply and Vendor shall instead comply with the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act.

22. Termination Prior to Vendor Acceptance. If Vendor has not begun performance under this PO, the State may cancel this PO by providing written notice to the Vendor.

23. Termination for Cause. (a) If Vendor refuses or fails to timely and properly perform any of its obligations under this PO with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this PO, the State may notify Vendor in writing of non-performance and, if not corrected by Vendor within the time specified in the notice, terminate Vendor's right to proceed with this PO or such part thereof as to which there has been delay or a failure. Vendor shall continue performance of this PO to the extent not terminated. **(b)** Vendor shall be liable for excess costs incurred by the State in procuring similar goods or services and the State may withhold such amounts as the State deems necessary. **(c)** If after rejection, revocation, or other termination of Vendor's right to proceed under the UCC or this clause, the State determines for any reason that Vendor was not in default or the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the State and Vendor shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to termination under **§25**.

24. Termination in Public Interest. The State is entering into this PO for the purpose of carrying out the public interest of the State, as determined by its Governor, General Assembly, or Courts. If this PO ceases to further the public interest of the State as determined by its Governor, General Assembly, or Courts, the State, in its sole discretion, may terminate this PO in whole or in part and such termination shall not be deemed to be a breach of the State's obligations hereunder. This section shall not apply to a termination for cause, which shall be governed by **§24**. A determination that this PO should be terminated in the public interest shall not be equivalent to a State right to terminate for convenience. The State shall give written notice of termination to Vendor specifying the part of this PO terminated and when termination becomes effective. Upon receipt of notice of termination, Vendor shall not incur further obligations except as necessary to mitigate costs of performance. For services or specially manufactured goods, the State shall pay **(a)** reasonable settlement expenses, **(b)** this PO price or rate for supplies and services delivered and accepted, **(c)** reasonable costs of performance on unaccepted supplies and services, and **(d)** a reasonable profit for the unaccepted work. For existing goods, the State shall pay **(e)** reasonable settlement expenses, **(f)** the PO price for goods delivered and accepted, **(g)** reasonable costs incurred in preparation for delivery of the undelivered goods, and **(h)** a reasonable profit for the preparatory work. The State's termination liability under this section shall not exceed the total PO price. As a condition for payment under this section, Vendor shall submit a termination proposal and reasonable supporting documentation, and cost and pricing data as requested by the State.

25. Funds Availability. Financial obligations of the State payable after the State's current fiscal year are contingent upon funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available. If this PO is funded in whole or in part with federal funds, this PO is subject to and contingent upon the continuing availability of federal funds for the purposes hereof. The State represents that it has set aside sufficient funds to make payment for goods delivered in a single installment, in accordance with the terms of this PO.

26. Governmental Immunity. Liability for claims for injuries to persons or property arising from the negligence of the State, its departments, boards, commissions committees, bureaus, offices, employees and officials shall be controlled and limited by the provisions of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, CRS §24-10-101, et seq., the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. Pt. VI, Ch. 171 and 28 U.S.C. 1346(b), and the State's risk management statutes, CRS §§24-30-1501, et seq. No term or condition of this PO shall be construed or interpreted as a waiver, express or implied, of any of the immunities, rights, benefits, protections, or other provisions, contained in these statutes.

27. Independent Contractor. Vendor shall perform its duties under this PO as an independent contractor and not as an employee. Neither Vendor nor any agent or employee of Vendor shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of the State. Vendor shall not have authorization, express or implied, to bind the State to any agreement, liability or understanding, except as expressly set forth herein. Vendor and its employees and agents are not entitled to unemployment insurance or workers compensation benefits through the State and the State shall not pay for or otherwise provide such coverage for Vendor or any of its agents or employees. Vendor shall pay when due all applicable employment taxes, income taxes and local head taxes incurred pursuant to this PO. Vendor shall **(a)** provide and keep in force workers' compensation and unemployment compensation insurance in the amounts required by law, **(b)** provide proof thereof when requested by the State, and **(c)** be solely responsible for its acts and those of its employees and agents.

28. Compliance with Law. Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations in effect or hereafter established, including, without limitation, laws applicable to discrimination and unfair employment practices.

29. Choice of Law, Jurisdiction and Venue. [Not Applicable to Inter-governmental POs] Colorado law, and rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto, shall be applied in the interpretation, execution, and enforcement of this PO. The UCC shall govern this PO in the case of goods unless otherwise agreed in this PO. Any provision included or incorporated herein by reference, which conflicts with said laws, rules, and regulations shall be null and void. All suits or actions related to this PO shall be filed and proceedings held in the State of Colorado and exclusive venue shall be in the City and County of Denver. Any provision incorporated herein by reference which purports to negate this or any other provision in this PO in whole or in part shall not be valid or enforceable or available in any action at law, whether by way of complaint, defense, or otherwise. Vendor shall exhaust administrative remedies in CRS §24-109-106, prior to commencing any judicial action against the State.

30. Prohibited Terms. Nothing in this PO shall be construed as a waiver of any provision of CRS §24-106-109. Any term included in this PO that requires the State to indemnify or hold Vendor harmless; requires the State to agree to binding arbitration; limits Vendor's liability for damages resulting from death, bodily injury, or damage to tangible property; or that conflicts with that statute in any way shall be void ab initio.

31. Vendor Offset and Erroneous Payments. [Not Applicable to Inter-governmental POs or to POs issued solely for goods] The State Controller may withhold payment under the State's Vendor offset intercept system for debts owed to State agencies for: **(a)** unpaid child support debts or child support arrearages; **(b)** unpaid balances of tax, accrued interest, or other charges specified in CRS §39-21-101, et seq.; **(c)** unpaid loans due to the Student Loan Division of the Department of Higher Education; **(d)** amounts required to be paid to the Unemployment Compensation Fund; and **(e)** other unpaid debts owing to the State as a result of final agency determination or judicial action. The State may also recover, at the State's discretion, payments made to Vendor in error for any reason, including, but not limited to, overpayments or improper payments, and unexpended or excess funds received by Vendor by deduction from subsequent payments under this PO, deduction from any payment due under any other contracts, grants or agreements between the State and Vendor, or by any other appropriate method for collecting debts owed to the State.

32. Public Contracts for Services. [Not Applicable to offer, issuance, or sale of securities, investment advisory services, fund management services, sponsored projects, intergovernmental POs, or information technology services or products and services] Vendor certifies, warrants, and agrees that it does not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien who will perform work under this PO and will confirm the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment in the United States to perform work under this PO, through participation in the E-Verify Program or the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment ("CDLE") program established pursuant to CRS §8-17.5-102(5)(c). Vendor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this PO or enter into a contract or PO with a subcontractor that fails to certify to Vendor that the subcontractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this PO. Vendor shall **(a)** not use E-Verify Program or CDLE program procedures to undertake pre-employment screening of job applicants during performance of this PO, **(b)** notify subcontractor and the State within three days if Vendor has actual knowledge that subcontractor is employing or contracting with an illegal alien for work under this PO, **(c)** terminate the subcontract if subcontractor does not stop employing or contracting with the illegal alien within three days of receiving notice, and **(d)** comply with reasonable requests made in the course of an investigation, undertaken pursuant to CRS §8-17.5-102(5), by CDLE. If Vendor participates in the CDLE program, Vendor shall deliver to the State a written, notarized affirmation that Vendor has examined the legal work status of such employee, and shall comply with all of the other requirements of the CDLE program. If Vendor fails to comply with any requirement of this provision or CRS §8-17.5-101 et seq., the State may terminate this PO for breach and, if so terminated, Vendor shall be liable for damages.

33. Public Contracts with Natural Persons. Vendor, if a natural person 18 years of age or older, hereby swears and affirms under penalty of perjury that such person **(a)** is a citizen or otherwise lawfully present in the United States pursuant to federal law, **(b)** shall comply with the provisions of CRS §24-76.5-101 et seq., and **(c)** has produced a form of identification required by CRS §24-76.5-103 prior to the date Vendor delivers goods or begins performing services under the terms of this PO.