

EXHIBIT A  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OFFICES  
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following Texas A&M University System (hereafter referred to as “A&M System”), an agency of the state of Texas, terms and conditions are incorporated into and form a part of the Purchase Order to which they are referenced. The vendor listed on the Purchase Order shall be hereafter referred to as “PROVIDER”. The Purchase Order along with this Exhibit A constitute the sole agreement of the parties and supersedes any other oral or written understanding or agreement pertaining to the subject matter of the Purchase Order. The Purchase Order may not be amended or otherwise altered except by an authorized purchasing agent of the A&M System.

**1. PAYMENT TERMS**

It is the policy of A&M System and the state of Texas to make payment on a properly prepared and submitted invoice within thirty (30) days of the latter of any final acceptance of performance or the receipt of a properly submitted invoice, in conformance with the Texas Prompt Payment law. Generally, payment will be made on the 30<sup>th</sup> unless a discount or other terms have been arranged within the Purchase Order.

**2. PUBLIC INFORMATION**

- A. PROVIDER acknowledges that A&M System is obligated to strictly comply with the Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, in responding to any request for public information pertaining to this Agreement, as well as any other disclosure of information required by applicable Texas law.
- B. Upon A&M System’s written request, PROVIDER will promptly provide specified contracting information exchanged or created under this Agreement for or on behalf of A&M System.
- C. PROVIDER acknowledges that A&M System may be required to post a copy of the fully executed Agreement on its Internet website in compliance with Section 2261.253(a)(1), Texas Government Code.
- D. The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, may apply to this agreement and the PROVIDER agrees that the agreement can be terminated if the PROVIDER knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

**3. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

To the extent that Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, is applicable to this Agreement, the dispute resolution process provided in Chapter 2260, and the related rules adopted by the Texas Attorney General pursuant to Chapter 2260, shall be used by A&M System and PROVIDER to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of contract made by PROVIDER that cannot be resolved in the ordinary course of business. PROVIDER shall submit written notice of a claim of breach of contract under this Chapter to the Deputy Chancellor and CFO of A&M System, who shall examine PROVIDER’s claim and any counterclaim and negotiate with PROVIDER in an effort to resolve the claim. This provision and nothing in this Agreement waives A&M System’s sovereign immunity to suit or liability and A&M System has not waived its right to seek redress in the courts.

**4. INSURANCE**

If applicable and referenced in the Purchase Order, PROVIDER shall obtain and maintain, for the duration of this Purchase Order or longer, the minimum insurance coverage set forth in Exhibit B.

**5. BONDING**

If applicable and referenced in the Purchase Order, PROVIDER shall obtain and provide performance and payment bonds using the A&M System forms.

**6. HUB SUBCONTRACTING PLAN**

If applicable and referenced in the Purchase Order, PROVIDER shall complete and submit a HUB

Subcontracting Plan according to the instructions listed in Exhibit C.

## 7. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- A. **Electronic and Information Resources.** If determined to be applicable by A&M System, PROVIDER shall address all required technical standards (WCAG 2.0, Level AA) (the "Accessibility Standards") by providing a Voluntary Product Accessibility Template ("VPAT") attesting to the accessible features and capabilities of any electronic and information resources (as defined in Title 1, Chapter 213 of the Texas Administrative Code) and associated documentation and technical support (collectively, the "EIR") or provide a similarly formatted document as the VPAT attesting to the EIR's accessible features and capabilities. A&M System may test the EIR to ensure the accuracy of the VPAT response regarding conformance with the Accessibility Standards. If PROVIDER should have known, becomes aware, or is notified that the EIR do not comply with the Accessibility Standards, PROVIDER shall, in a timely manner and at no cost to A&M System, perform all necessary steps to satisfy the Accessibility Standards, including but not limited to remediation, replacement, or upgrading the EIR, or providing a suitable substitute.
- B. **Access to Agency Data.** Pursuant to Section 2054.138, Texas Government Code, PROVIDER shall implement and maintain appropriate administrative, technical, and physical security measures, including without limitation, the security controls available at <https://cyber-standards.tamus.edu>, as may be amended from time to time (the "Security Controls"), to safeguard and preserve the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of A&M System's data. PROVIDER shall periodically provide A&M System with evidence of its compliance with the Security Controls within thirty (30) days of A&M System's request.
- C. **Cloud Computing Services.** As of the Effective Date, PROVIDER represents and warrants that it complies with the then-current requirements of the risk and authorization management program established by the Texas Department of Information Resources ("TX-RAMP"). Pursuant to Section 2054.0593, Texas Government Code, PROVIDER shall maintain RAMP compliance and certification, as may be amended from time to time, throughout the Term, including any renewal term of this Agreement. PROVIDER shall provide A&M System with evidence of its TX-RAMP compliance and certification within thirty (30) days of A&M System request and at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of any renewal term of this Agreement.
- D. **Cyber Security Training.** Pursuant to Section 2054.5192, Texas Government Code, PROVIDER and its employees, officers, and subcontractors who have access to A&M System's computer system and/or database must complete a cybersecurity training program certified under Section 2054.519, Texas Government Code, and selected by A&M System. The cybersecurity training program must be completed by PROVIDER and its employees, officers, and subcontractors during the Term and any renewal period of this Agreement. PROVIDER shall verify completion of the program in writing to A&M System within the first thirty (30) calendar days of the Term and any renewal period of this Agreement. PROVIDER acknowledges and agrees that its failure to comply with the requirements of this Section are grounds for A&M System to terminate this Agreement for cause in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of this Agreement.
- E. **Disaster Recovery Plan.** Upon request of Agency, Respondent shall provide the descriptions of its business continuity and disaster recovery plans.

## 8. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. **Indemnification.** PROVIDER agrees to indemnify and hold harmless A&M System from any claim, damage, liability, expense or loss to the extent arising out of PROVIDER's negligent or willful errors or omissions under this Purchase Order.
- B. **Independent Contractor.** PROVIDER is an independent contractor, and neither PROVIDER nor any employee of PROVIDER shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of A&M System. A&M System will have no responsibility to provide transportation, insurance or other fringe benefits normally

associated with employee status. PROVIDER shall observe and abide by all applicable laws and regulations, policies and procedures, including but not limited to those of A&M System relative to conduct on its premises.

- C. **Delinquent Child Support Obligations.** A child support obligor who is more than 30 days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent is not eligible to receive payments from state funds under an agreement to provide property, materials, or services until all arrearages have been paid or the obligor is in compliance with a written repayment agreement or court order as to any existing delinquency. The *Texas Family Code* requires the following statement: "Under Section 231.006, *Texas Family Code*, the vendor or applicant certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid, or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate."
- D. **Payment of Debt or Delinquency to the State.** Pursuant to Section 2252.903, *Texas Government Code*, PROVIDER agrees that any payments owing to PROVIDER under this Purchase Order may be applied directly toward certain debts or delinquencies that PROVIDER owes the State of Texas or any agency of the State of Texas regardless of when they arise, until such debts or delinquencies are paid in full.
- E. **Previous Employment.** PROVIDER acknowledges and understands that Section 2252.901, *Texas Government Code*, prohibits A&M System from using state appropriated funds to enter into any employment contract, consulting contract, or professional services contract with any individual who has been previously employed, as an employee, by the agency within the past twelve (12) months. If PROVIDER is an individual, by signing this Purchase Order, PROVIDER certifies that Section 2252.901, *Texas Government Code*, does not prohibit the use of state appropriated funds for satisfying the payment obligations herein.
- F. **Not Eligible for Rehire.** PROVIDER is responsible for ensuring that its employees involved in any work being performed for A&M System under this Agreement have not been designated as "Not Eligible for Rehire" as defined in System policy 32.02, Discipline and Dismissal of Employees, Section 4 ("NEFR Employee"). In the event A&M System becomes aware that PROVIDER has a NEFR Employee involved in any work being performed under this Agreement, A&M System will have the sole right to demand removal of such NEFR Employee from work being performed under this Agreement. Non-conformance to this requirement may be grounds for termination of this Agreement by A&M System.
- G. **Franchise Tax Certification.** If PROVIDER is a taxable entity subject to the Texas Franchise Tax (Chapter 171, *Texas Tax Code*), then PROVIDER certifies that it is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise (margin) taxes or that PROVIDER is exempt from the payment of franchise (margin) taxes.
- H. **State Auditor's Office.** PROVIDER 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 Section 51.9335(c), *Texas Education Code*. PROVIDER agrees to cooperate with the Auditor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including without limitation, providing all records requested. PROVIDER will include this provision in all contracts with permitted subcontractors.
- I. **Severability.** If any provisions of this Purchase Order are rendered or declared illegal for any reason, or shall be invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be modified or deleted in such manner so as to afford the Party for whose benefit it was intended the fullest benefit commensurate with making this Purchase Order, as modified, enforceable, and the remainder of this Purchase Order and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby, but shall be enforced to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

- J. **Headings.** Headings appear solely for convenience of reference. Such headings are not part of this Purchase Order and shall not be used to construe it.
- K. **Non-Assignment.** PROVIDER shall neither assign its rights nor delegate its duties under this Purchase Order without the prior written consent of A&M System.
- L. **Force Majeure.** Neither Party shall be held liable or responsible to the other Party nor be deemed to have defaulted under or breached this Agreement for failure or delay in fulfilling or performing any obligation under this Agreement if and to the extent such failure or delay is caused by or results from causes beyond the affected Party's reasonable control, including, but not limited to, acts of God, strikes, riots, flood, fire, epidemics, natural disaster, embargoes, war, insurrection, terrorist acts or any other circumstances of like character; provided, however, that the affected Party has not caused such force majeure event(s), shall use reasonable commercial efforts to avoid or remove such causes of nonperformance, and shall continue performance hereunder with reasonable dispatch whenever such causes are removed. Either Party shall provide the other Party with prompt written notice of any delay or failure to perform that occurs by reason of force majeure, including describing the force majeure event(s) and the actions taken to minimize the impact of such event(s).
- M. **Loss of Funding.** Performance by A&M System under this Purchase Order may be dependent upon the appropriation and allotment of funds by the Texas State Legislature (the "Legislature"). If the Legislature fails to appropriate or allot the necessary funds, A&M System will issue written notice to PROVIDER and A&M System may terminate this Purchase Order without further duty or obligation hereunder. PROVIDER acknowledges that appropriation of funds is beyond the control of A&M System.
- N. **Governing Law.** The validity of this Purchase Order and all matters pertaining to this Purchase Order, including but not limited to, matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties, and interpretation or construction, shall be governed and determined by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas.
- O. **Venue.** Pursuant to Section 85.18, *Texas Education Code*, venue for any suit filed against A&M System shall be in the county in which the primary office of the chief executive officer of A&M System is located, which is Brazos County, Texas.
- P. **Non-Waiver.** PROVIDER expressly acknowledges that A&M System is an agency of the State of Texas and nothing in this Purchase Order will be construed as a waiver or relinquishment by A&M System of its right to claim such exemptions, privileges, and immunities as may be provided by law.
- Q. **Copyrights & Patents.** PROVIDER shall not provide to the A&M System any materials or services that infringe any intellectual property, privacy, or other right of any party. If PROVIDER becomes aware of any possible infringement claims, PROVIDER shall immediately notify the A&M System in writing. As to any judicial, administrative, or other action, suit, claim, investigation, or proceeding (each a "Proceeding") alleging that any such material or service infringes any intellectual property, privacy, or other right, PROVIDER shall indemnify and defend The Texas A&M University System, and their regents, officers, employees, representatives, agents, and students those Indemnitees against all: (a) amounts awarded in, or paid in settlement of, that Proceeding, including any interest, and (b) out-of-pocket expenses incurred in defending that Proceeding or in any related investigation or negotiation, including court costs, witness fees, and attorneys' and other professionals' fees and disbursements arising out of that Proceeding.
- R. **Conflict of Interest.** By executing this Purchase Order, PROVIDER and each person signing on behalf of PROVIDER certifies, and in the case of a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, no member of The A&M System or The A&M System Board of Regents, nor any employee, or person, whose salary is payable in whole or in part by The A&M System, has direct or indirect financial interest in the award of this Purchase Order, or in the services to which this Purchase Order relates, or in any of the profits, real or potential, thereof.
- S. **Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Israel.** To the extent that Texas Government

Code, Chapter 2271 applies to this Purchase Order, Vendor/Contractor certifies that (a) it does not currently boycott Israel; and (b) it will not boycott Israel during the term of this Purchase Order. Vendor/Contractor acknowledges this Purchase Order may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

- T. **Certification Regarding Business with Certain Countries and Organizations.** Pursuant to Subchapter F, Pursuant to Subchapter F, Chapter 2252, Texas Government Code, PROVIDER certifies it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization. PROVIDER acknowledges this Purchase Order may be terminated if this certification is or becomes inaccurate.
- U. **Prohibition on Contracts Related to Persons Involved in Human Trafficking.** Under Section 2155.0061, Government Code, the vendor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
- V. **Certification Regarding Products from the Gaza Strip.** PROVIDER represents and warrants that the goods it provides to A&M System under this Agreement, if any, are not produced in or exported from the Gaza Strip or from any organization or state actor with ties to Hamas.
- W. **Records Retention.** PROVIDER will preserve all contracting information, as defined under Texas Government Code, Section 552.003 (7), related to the Agreement for the duration of the Agreement and for seven years after the conclusion of the Agreement.
- X. **Firearm Entities and Trade Associations Discrimination.** [If Applicable] To the extent applicable, PROVIDER verifies that: (1) it does not, and will not for the duration of the Agreement, have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association or (2) the verification required by Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code does not apply to the Agreement. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the contract, PROVIDER shall promptly notify A&M System.
- Y. **Energy Company Boycotts.** [If Applicable] To the extent applicable, PROVIDER represents and warrants that: (1) it does not, and will not for the duration of the contract, boycott energy companies or (2) the verification required by Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code does not apply to the contract. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the contract, Respondent shall promptly notify A&M System.