

1. **Parties.** This is a contract for services between the State of Vermont, Green Mountain Care Board, (hereafter called "State"), and Trustees of Dartmouth College, (hereafter called "Contractor"), a non-profit, tax exempt, educational institution with principal place of business at 11 Rope Ferry Road, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755-1404. Contractor's form of business organization is a corporation. It is Contractor's responsibility to contact the Vermont Department of Taxes to determine if, by law, Contractor is required to have a Vermont Department of Taxes Business Account Number.

2. **Subject Matter.** The subject matter of this contract is services generally on the subject of analysis of health care spending and utilization by Vermont Medicare beneficiaries. Detailed services to be provided by Contractor are described in Attachment A.

3. **Maximum Amount.** In consideration of the services to be performed by Contractor, the State agrees to pay Contractor, in accordance with the payment provisions specified in Attachment B, a sum not to exceed \$ 14,000.00 for the term of this contract. If the contract is renewed pursuant to Paragraph 4, below, the State agrees to pay Contractor, in accordance with the payment provisions specified in Attachment B, a sum not to exceed \$ 14,000.00 for each additional 12-month period. For all potential contract terms, including the potential two additional renewed periods, in consideration of the services to be performed by Contractor, the State agrees to pay Contractor a total sum not to exceed \$ 42,000.00, with no 12-month period payment sum to exceed \$ 14,000.00.

4. **Contract Term.** The period of Contractor's performance shall begin on October 1, 2016 and end on July 14, 2017. This contract may be renewed for two additional 12 month periods beyond the original term of this contract as agreed by both parties and reduced to a written amendment to this contract.

5. **Prior Approvals.** If approval by the Attorney General's Office or the Secretary of Administration is required, (under current law, bulletins, and interpretations), neither this contract nor any amendment to it is binding until it has been approved by either or both such persons.

- Approval by the Attorney General's Office is required.
- Approval by the Secretary of Administration is required.
- Approval by the CIO/Commissioner DII is required.

6. **Amendment.** This contract represents the entire agreement between the parties. No changes, modifications, or amendments in the terms and conditions of this contract shall be effective unless reduced to writing, numbered and signed by the duly authorized representative of the State and Contractor.

7. **Cancellation.** This contract may be canceled by either party by giving written notice at least 30 days in advance.

8. **Attachments.** This contract consists of __ pages including the following attachments which are incorporated herein:

Attachment A - Specifications of Work to be Performed

Attachment B - Payment Provisions

Attachment C – "Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants"

Attachment D - Other Provisions

9. **Order of Precedence.** Any ambiguity, conflict or inconsistency in the Contract Documents shall be resolved according to the following order of precedence:

- (1) Standard Contract
- (2) Attachment C
- (3) Attachment D
- (4) Attachment A
- (6) Attachment B

10. Before commencing work on this contract and throughout the term of this contract, Contractor shall procure and maintain professional liability insurance for all services performed under this contract, with minimum coverage as required by the Agency of Administration but not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 policy aggregate.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS CONTRACT.

By the State of Vermont:

Date: October 05, 2016

Signature: _____

Printed Name: e-Signed by Susan Barrett, JD
on 2016-10-05 19:44:29 GMT

Title: _____

Trustees of Dartmouth College:

Date: October 05, 2016

Signature: _____

Printed Name: e-Signed by Heather Arnold
on 2016-10-05 18:58:28 GMT

Title: _____

**ATTACHMENT A
SPECIFICATIONS OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED**

Contractor will construct the annual Vermont Medicare beneficiary analytical file and reports based on the inpatient, outpatient, physician supplier, home health, hospice, skilled nursing facility, durable medical equipment, Medicare claims files and related files released by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) to The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice (TDI). Contractor will require the State to sign a Data Use agreement as required by CMS.

The State's long-term goal is to maintain multi-year Vermont Medicare beneficiary analytical files and reports to be updated by Contractor upon receipt of each annual Medicare claims file from CMS. This work supports mandated reporting required by 18 V.S.A. Sections 9405, 9406 and 9410 that addresses health care expenditures, utilization, and quality of care. This contract is for technical assistance and reporting based on the analysis of Medicare beneficiary claims data for reporting year 2014. Contractor shall provide all reports in electronic format within ninety (90) days following the receipt of 2014 Medicare claims data from CMS, but in no event no later than ninety (90) days upon receipt of a fully signed contract. Contractor must notify the State if delays in delivery of Medicare claims files by CMS are anticipated.

Reports shall be in a form and style as directed by the State. For each report, Contractor will provide documentation of methodology and queries used to generate the report. For purposes of quality assurance and accuracy, Contractor shall provide a comparison to prior reports and identify and explain variations from historical trends.

Key Personnel assigned to Contract:

Name: Elliott Fisher, MD, MPH
Address: Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice
Email: Elliott.S.Fisher@Dartmouth.EDU
Phone: (603) 653-0802

Title: Director of Health Systems Finances
Address: Green Mountain Care Board
Email: Mike.Davis@vermont.gov
Phone: (802)-828-2989

In order to construct the annual Vermont Medicare beneficiary analytical file and reports, the Contractor will perform the following key tasks:

(Task 1; \$1,500)

1. Contractor will work with the State to review reporting methodology and re-define the reporting categories as necessary to update the Vermont Health Care Expenditure

Analysis Report and to define the methods for counting beneficiaries as necessary. This will be completed prior to preparation of the report for the year 2014.

(Task 2-7; \$12,000)

2. Reporting of Charges and Payments for Health Care Services Received by Vermont Medicare Beneficiaries:

2a. Report "Charges" and "Amount Paid" for Vermont Medicare beneficiaries by the major categories used in the annual Vermont Health Care Expenditure Analysis Report, including an analytic forecast reviewing hospitals, physician services, dental services, other professional services, home health care, drugs and supplies, vision products and DME, nursing home care and other/unclassified health services.

2b. Report deductibles, coinsurance, and "provider payments" for health care services paid by Vermont Medicare Beneficiaries for Medicare services.

3. Reporting of Charges and Payments: Outmigration for Inpatient Services

Identify in aggregate and by state of provider the "Charges" and "Amount Paid" for Vermont beneficiary use of inpatient (Part A) services. Other than Vermont (in-state), the out-of-state list shall include FL, NY, MA, NH and "others." Charges and payments for unidentified provider states must be reported separately.

4. Charges and Payments: Outmigration for Outpatient Services

Identify in aggregate and by state of provider the "Charges" and "Amount Paid" for Vermont beneficiary use of outpatient services. Other than Vermont, the out-of-state list shall include FL, NY, MA, NH and "others." Charges and payments for unidentified provider states must be reported separately.

5. Pareto Analysis

Identify the percentage of Vermont beneficiaries that accounts for specific expenditures and utilization of Medicare Parts A and B services, and in the aggregate for all Medicare programs captured in the claims database. Categorize the utilization of beneficiaries driving the highest proportions of expenditures and utilization, using meaningful grouping approaches such as the AHRQ Clinical Classification System or other grouping approach that will provide meaningful reporting. Provide separate analyses for Parts A and B and for total of the programs.

6. Enrollment of Vermont Medicare Beneficiaries

Provide a numerical count of Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in Parts A and B for reporting year 2014.

7. Provide a summary of expenditures by Medicare beneficiaries for:

- a. The Brattleboro Retreat
- b. Part D
 - i. Beneficiary count
 - ii. Total expenditures

(Task 8; \$500)

- 8. Contractor will provide a written narrative—potentially included as a part of the above-described Vermont Health Care Expenditure Analysis Report—that will identify:
 - a. Benchmarks and standards to analyze needed services;
 - b. Levels of volume by provider service that can be accepted for quality care;
and
 - c. Best practices for Population based analysis.

Contractor shall provide the State with additional reports as requested and agreed to by both parties.

**ATTACHMENT B
PAYMENT PROVISIONS**

1. The maximum amount payable under this contract, including any and all expenses, is not to exceed the amount stated on page 1 paragraph 3 of this contract.
2. Payments for subcontractors will only be made upon approval by State (See Attachment C, #15).
3. Charges payable by the State under this contract for services rendered by Contractor will be set at a fixed fee basis at the rates set forth in Attachment A. All payments to the Contractor shall be based upon the State's acceptance of the deliverables outlined in Attachment A.
4. Upon acceptance of all deliverables outlined in Attachment A (Specifications of Work to be Performed), the Contractor shall invoice the State as described in Attachment B.
5. The Contractor will submit an invoice for services provided to and accepted by the State which must include: unique invoice number and dates of service for each specified contract Task. The invoice is due no later than 60 days after the acceptance of each Task for the period beginning September 15, 2016 to July 14, 2017.
6. The State will compensate Contractor under the terms of the contract for services performed through the term or effective date of termination of this engagement. Payment terms for this contract shall be NET 30 days from date an error free invoice. The State reserves the right to withhold part or all of the funds if the State does not receive timely documentation of the successful completion of the deliverables outlined in Attachment A. In the event of an untimely delay in providing the deliverables outlined in Attachment A, should the State and Contractor agree prior to the date of delivery such delay was the result of circumstances beyond the control of the Contractor, this provision shall be waived and reduced to writing for inclusion in the contract file.
7. State shall pay Contractor in accordance with the aforementioned payment terms.
8. Invoices shall be submitted not more frequently than monthly to:
Kate Slocum, Financial Director
Green Mountain Care Board
89 Main Street
Montpelier, VT 05620
9. Upon full payment by the State, all products of the contractor's work, including outlines, reports charts, sketches, drawings, art work, plans, photographs, specifications, estimates,

computer programs, or similar documents, become the sole property of the State of Vermont and may not be copyrighted or resold by Contractor.

**ATTACHMENT C: STANDARD
STATE PROVISIONS FOR
CONTRACTS AND GRANTS
REVISED JULY 1, 2016**

1. Definitions: For purposes of this Attachment, "Party" shall mean the Contractor, Grantee or Subrecipient, with whom the State of Vermont is executing this Agreement and consistent with the form of the Agreement. "Agreement" shall mean the specific contract or grant to which this form is attached.

2. Entire Agreement: This Agreement, whether in the form of a Contract, State Funded Grant, or Federally Funded Grant, represents the entire agreement between the parties on the subject matter. All prior agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, and understandings shall have no effect.

3. Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue; No Waiver of Jury Trial: This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Vermont. Any action or proceeding brought by either the State or the Party in connection with this Agreement shall be brought and enforced in the Superior Court of the State of Vermont, Civil Division, Washington Unit. The Party irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of this court for any action or proceeding regarding this Agreement. The Party agrees that it must first exhaust any applicable administrative remedies with respect to any cause of action that it may have against the State with regard to its performance under the Agreement.

Party agrees that the State shall not be required to submit to binding arbitration or waive its right to a jury trial.

4. Sovereign Immunity: The State reserves all immunities, defenses, rights or actions arising out of the State's sovereign status or under the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution. No waiver of the State's immunities, defenses, rights or actions shall be implied or otherwise deemed to exist by reason of the State's entry into this Agreement.

5. No Employee Benefits For Party: The Party understands that the State will not provide any individual retirement benefits, group life insurance, group health and dental insurance, vacation or sick leave, workers compensation or other benefits or services available to State employees, nor will the state withhold any state or federal taxes except as required under applicable tax laws, which shall be determined in advance of execution of the Agreement. The Party understands that all tax returns required by the Internal Revenue Code and the State of Vermont, including but not limited to income, withholding, sales and use, and rooms and meals, must be filed by the Party, and information as to Agreement income will be provided by the State of Vermont to the Internal Revenue Service and the Vermont Department of Taxes.

6. Independence: The Party will act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the State.

7. Defense and Indemnity: The Party shall defend the State and its officers and employees against all third party claims or suits arising in whole or in part from any act or omission of the Party or of any agent of the Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement. The State shall notify the Party in the event of any such claim or suit, and the Party shall immediately retain counsel and otherwise provide a complete defense against the entire claim or suit. The State retains the right to participate at its own expense in the defense of any claim. The State shall have the right to approve all proposed settlements of such claims or suits. In the event the State withholds approval to settle any such claim, then the Party shall proceed with the defense of the claim but under those circumstances, the Party's indemnification obligations shall be limited to the amount of the proposed settlement initially rejected by the State.

After a final judgment or settlement the Party may request recoupment of specific defense costs and may file suit in Washington Superior Court requesting recoupment. The Party shall be entitled to recoup costs only upon a showing that such costs were entirely unrelated to the defense of any claim arising from an act or omission of the Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

The Party shall indemnify the State and its officers and employees in the event that the State, its officers or employees become legally obligated to pay any damages or losses arising from any act or omission of the Party or an agent of the Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

The Party agrees that in no event shall the terms of this Agreement nor any document required by the Party in connection with its performance under this Agreement obligate the State to defend or indemnify the Party or otherwise be liable for the expenses or reimbursement, including attorneys' fees, collection costs or other costs of the Party except to the extent awarded by a court of competent jurisdiction.

8. Insurance: Before commencing work on this Agreement the Party must provide certificates of insurance to show that the following minimum coverages are in effect. It is the responsibility of the Party to maintain current certificates of insurance on file with the State through the term of the Agreement. No warranty is made that the coverages and limits listed herein are adequate to cover and protect the interests of the Party for the Party's operations. These are solely minimums that have been established to protect the interests of the State.

Workers Compensation: With respect to all operations performed, the Party shall carry workers' compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont. Vermont will accept an out-of-state employer's workers' compensation coverage while operating in Vermont provided that the insurance carrier is licensed to write insurance in Vermont and an amendatory endorsement is added to the policy adding Vermont for coverage purposes. Otherwise, the party shall secure a Vermont workers' compensation policy, if necessary to comply with Vermont law.

General Liability and Property Damage: With respect to all operations performed under this Agreement, the Party shall carry general liability insurance having all major divisions of coverage including, but not limited to:

Premises -
Operations
Products and
Completed
Operations
Personal Injury
Liability
Contractual
Liability

The policy shall be on an occurrence form and limits shall not be less than:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
\$2,000,000 General Aggregate
\$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
\$1,000,000 Personal & Advertising Injury

Automotive Liability: The Party shall carry automotive liability insurance covering all motor vehicles, including hired and non-owned coverage, used in connection with the Agreement. Limits of coverage shall not be less than

\$500,000 combined single limit. If performance of this Agreement involves construction, or the transport of persons or hazardous materials, limits of coverage shall not be less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit.

Additional Insured. The General Liability and Property Damage coverages required for performance of this Agreement shall include the State of Vermont and its agencies, departments, officers and employees as Additional Insureds. If performance of this Agreement involves construction, or the transport of persons or hazardous materials, then the required Automotive Liability coverage shall include the State of Vermont and its agencies, departments, officers and employees as Additional Insureds. Coverage shall be primary and non-contributory with any other insurance and self-insurance.

Notice of Cancellation or Change. There shall be no cancellation, change, potential exhaustion of aggregate limits or non-renewal of insurance coverage(s) without thirty (30) days written prior written notice to the State.

9. Reliance by the State on Representations: All payments by the State under this Agreement will be made in reliance upon the accuracy of all representations made by the Party in accordance with the Contract, including but not limited to bills, invoices, progress reports and other proofs of work.

10. False Claims Act: The Party acknowledges that it is subject to the Vermont False Claims Act as set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 630 *et seq.* If the Party violates the Vermont False Claims Act it shall be liable to the State for civil penalties, treble damages and the costs of the investigation and prosecution of such violation, including attorney's fees, except as the same may be reduced by a court of competent jurisdiction. The Party's liability to the State under the False Claims Act shall not be limited notwithstanding any agreement of the State to otherwise limit Party's liability.

11. Whistleblower Protections: The Party shall not discriminate or retaliate against one of its employees or agents for disclosing information concerning a violation of law, fraud, waste, abuse of authority or acts threatening health or safety, including but not limited to allegations concerning the False Claims Act. Further, the Party shall not require such employees or agents to forego monetary awards as a result of such disclosures, nor should they be required to report misconduct to the Party or its agents prior to reporting to any governmental entity and/or the public.

12. Federal Requirements Pertaining to Grants and Subrecipient Agreements:

- A. Requirement to Have a Single Audit:** In the case that this Agreement is a Grant that is funded in whole or in part by federal funds, the Subrecipient will complete the Subrecipient Annual Report annually within 45 days after its fiscal year end, informing the State of Vermont whether or not a Single Audit is required for the prior fiscal year. If a Single Audit is required, the Subrecipient will submit a copy of the audit report to the granting Party within 9 months. If a single audit is not required, only the Subrecipient Annual Report is required.

For fiscal years ending before December 25, 2015, a Single Audit is required if the subrecipient expends \$500,000 or more in federal assistance during its fiscal year and must be conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. For fiscal years ending on or after December 25, 2015, a Single Audit is required if the subrecipient expends \$750,000 or more in federal assistance during its fiscal year and must be conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Chapter I, Chapter II, Part 200, Subpart F. The Subrecipient Annual Report is required to be submitted within 45 days, whether or not a Single Audit is required.

- B. Internal Controls:** In the case that this Agreement is a Grant that is funded in whole or in part by Federal funds, in accordance with 2 CFR Part II, §200.303, the Party must establish and maintain effective internal control over the Federal award to provide reasonable assurance that the Party is managing the Federal award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the award. These internal controls should be in compliance with guidance in "Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the "Internal Control Integrated Framework", issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

- C. Mandatory Disclosures:** In the case that this Agreement is a Grant funded in whole or in part by Federal funds, in accordance with 2CFR Part II, §200.113, Party must

disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the State, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award. Failure to make required disclosures may result in the imposition of sanctions which may include disallowance of costs incurred, withholding of payments, termination of the Agreement, suspension/debarment, etc.

13. Records Available for Audit: The Party shall maintain all records pertaining to performance under this agreement. "Records" means any written or recorded information, regardless of physical form or characteristics, which is produced or acquired by the Party in the performance of this agreement. Records produced or acquired in a machine readable electronic format shall be maintained in that format. The records described shall be made available at reasonable times during the period of the Agreement and for three years thereafter or for any period required by law for inspection by any authorized representatives of the State or Federal Government. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

14. Fair Employment Practices and Americans with Disabilities Act: Party agrees to comply with the requirement of 21 V.S.A. Chapter 5, Subchapter 6, relating to fair employment practices, to the full extent applicable. Party shall also ensure, to the full extent required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, that qualified individuals with disabilities receive equitable access to the services, programs, and activities provided by the Party under this Agreement.

15. Set Off: The State may set off any sums which the Party owes the State against any sums due the Party under this Agreement; provided, however, that any set off of amounts due the State of Vermont as taxes shall be in accordance with the procedures more specifically provided hereinafter.

16. Taxes Due to the State:

- A. Party understands and acknowledges responsibility, if applicable, for compliance with State tax laws, including income tax withholding for employees performing services within the State, payment of use tax on property used within the State, corporate and/or personal income tax on income earned within the State.
- B. Party certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date the Agreement is signed, the Party is in good standing with respect to, or in full compliance with, a plan to pay any and all taxes due the State of Vermont.
- C. Party understands that final payment under this Agreement may be withheld if the Commissioner of Taxes determines that the Party is not in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all taxes due to the State of Vermont.
- D. Party also understands the State may set off taxes (and related penalties, interest and fees) due to the State of Vermont, but only if the Party has failed to make an appeal within the time allowed by law, or an appeal has been taken and finally

determined and the Party has no further legal recourse to contest the amounts due.

17. Taxation of Purchases: All State purchases must be invoiced tax free. An exemption certificate will be furnished upon request with respect to otherwise taxable items.

18. Child Support: (Only applicable if the Party is a natural person, not a corporation or partnership.) Party states that, as of the date the Agreement is signed, he/she:

- A. is not under any obligation to pay child support; or
- B. is under such an obligation and is in good standing with respect to that obligation; or
- C. has agreed to a payment plan with the Vermont Office of Child Support Services and is in full compliance with that plan.

Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in Vermont. In addition, if the Party is a resident of Vermont, Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in any other state or territory of the United States.

19. Sub-Agreements: Party shall not assign, subcontract or subgrant the performance of this Agreement or any portion thereof to any other Party without the prior written approval of the State. Party shall be responsible and liable to the State for all acts or omissions of subcontractors and any other person performing work under this Agreement pursuant to an agreement with Party or any subcontractor.

In the case this Agreement is a contract with a total cost in excess of \$250,000, the Party shall provide to the State a list of all proposed subcontractors and subcontractors' subcontractors, together with the identity of those subcontractors' workers compensation insurance providers, and additional required or requested information, as applicable, in accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54).

Party shall include the following provisions of this Attachment C in all subcontracts for work performed solely for the State of Vermont and subcontracts for work performed in the State of Vermont: Section 10 ("False Claims Act"); Section 11 ("Whistleblower Protections"); Section 14 ("Fair Employment Practices and Americans with Disabilities Act"); Section 16 ("Taxes Due the State"); Section 18 ("Child Support"); Section 20 ("No Gifts or Gratuities"); Section 22 ("Certification Regarding Debarment"); Section 23 ("Certification Regarding Use of State Funds"); Section 31 ("State Facilities"); and Section 32 ("Location of State Data").

20. No Gifts or Gratuities: Party shall not give title or possession of anything of substantial value (including property, currency, travel and/or education programs) to any officer or employee of the State during the term of this Agreement.

21. Copies: Party shall use reasonable best efforts to ensure that all written reports prepared under this Agreement are printed using both sides of the paper.

22. Certification Regarding Debarment: Party certifies under pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date that this Agreement is signed, neither Party nor Party's principals (officers, directors, owners, or partners) are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or excluded from participation in federal programs, or programs supported in whole or in part by federal funds.

Party further certifies under pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date that this Agreement is signed, Party is not presently debarred, suspended, nor named on the State's debarment list at: <http://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing/debarment>

23. Certification Regarding Use of State Funds: In the case that Party is an employer and this Agreement is a State Funded Grant in excess of \$1,001, Party certifies that none of these State funds will be used to interfere with or restrain the exercise of Party's employee's rights with respect to unionization.

24. Conflict of Interest: Party shall fully disclose, in writing, any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest.

25. Confidentiality: Party acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement and any and all information obtained by the State from the Party in connection with this Agreement are subject to the State of Vermont Access to Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. § 315 et seq.

26. Force Majeure: Neither the State nor the Party shall be liable to the other for any failure or delay of performance of any obligations under this Agreement to the extent such failure or delay shall have been wholly or principally caused by acts or events beyond its reasonable control rendering performance illegal or impossible (excluding strikes or lock-outs) ("Force Majeure"). Where Force Majeure is asserted, the nonperforming party must prove that it made all reasonable efforts to remove, eliminate or minimize such cause of delay or damages, diligently pursued performance of its obligations under this Agreement, substantially fulfilled all non-excused obligations, and timely notified the other party of the likelihood or actual occurrence of an event described in this paragraph.

27. Marketing: Party shall not refer to the State in any publicity materials, information pamphlets, press releases, research reports, advertising, sales promotions, trade shows, or marketing materials or similar communications to third parties except with the prior written consent of the State.

28. Termination: In addition to any right of the State to terminate for convenience, the State may terminate this Agreement as follows:

- A. Non-Appropriation:** If this Agreement extends into more than one fiscal year of the State (July 1 to June 30), and if appropriations are insufficient to support this Agreement, the State may cancel at the end of the fiscal year, or otherwise upon the expiration of existing appropriation authority. In the case that this Agreement is a Grant that is funded in whole or in part by federal funds, and in the event federal funds become unavailable or reduced, the State may suspend or cancel this Grant immediately, and the State shall have no obligation to pay Subrecipient from State

revenues.

B. Termination for Cause: Either party may terminate this Agreement if a party materially breaches its obligations under this Agreement, and such breach is not cured within thirty (30) days after delivery of the non-breaching party's notice or such longer time as the non-breaching party may specify in the notice.

C. No Implied Waiver of Remedies: A party's delay or failure to exercise any right, power or remedy under this Agreement shall not impair any such right, power or remedy, or be construed as a waiver of any such right, power or remedy. All waivers must be in writing.

29. Continuity of Performance: In the event of a dispute between the Party and the State, each party will continue to perform its obligations under this Agreement during the resolution of the dispute until this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms.

30. Termination Assistance: Upon nearing the end of the final term or termination of this Agreement, without respect to cause, the Party shall take all reasonable and prudent measures to facilitate any transition required by the State. All State property, tangible and intangible, shall be returned to the State upon demand at no additional cost to the State in a format acceptable to the State.

31. State Facilities: If the State makes space available to the Party in any State facility during the term of this Agreement for purposes of the Party's performance under this Agreement, the Party shall only use the space in accordance with all policies and procedures governing access to and use of State facilities which shall be made available upon request. State facilities will be made available to Party on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis, with no warranties whatsoever.

32. Location of State Data: No State data received, obtained, or generated by the Party in connection with performance under this Agreement shall be processed, transmitted, stored, or transferred by any means outside continental United States, except with the express written permission of the State.

(End of Standard Provisions)

ATTACHMENT D

OTHER CONTRACT PROVISIONS

1. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE; CONTRACTOR DOCUMENTATION

Subject to the Standard Contract for Services and Attachment A, the parties specifically agree that any language or provisions contained in a Contractor Document is of no force and effect if such language or provisions conflict with the terms of Attachment C or this Attachment D to this Contract. Further, in no event shall any Contractor Document: (a) require indemnification by the State of the Contractor; (b) waive the State's right to a jury trial; (c) establish jurisdiction in any venue other than the Superior Court of the State of Vermont, Civil Division, Washington Unit; (d) designate a governing law other than the laws of the State of Vermont; (e) constitute an implied or deemed waiver of the immunities, defenses, rights or actions arising out of State's sovereign status or under the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution; or (f) limit the time within which an action may be brought hereunder.

For purposes of this Attachment D, "Contractor Document" shall mean one or more document, agreement or other instrument required by the Contractor in connection with the performance of the services set forth in Attachment A hereto, regardless of format.

Notwithstanding any other provision or other unilateral license terms which may be issued by Contractor after the effective date of this Contract, and irrespective of whether any such provisions have been proposed prior to or after the issuance of an order for the products and services being purchased by the State, as applicable, the components of which are licensed under the Contractor Documents, or the fact that such other agreement may be affixed to or accompany the products and services being purchased by the State, as applicable, upon delivery ("shrink wrap"), the terms and conditions set forth herein shall supersede and govern licensing and delivery of all products and services hereunder.

2. TERM OF CONTRACTOR'S DOCUMENTS

Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, to the extent a Contractor Document provides for alternate term or termination provisions, including automatic renewals, such sections shall be waived and shall have no force and effect. All Contractor Documents shall run concurrently with the term of this Contract; provided, however, to the extent the State has purchased a perpetual license to use the Contractor's software, hardware or other services, such license shall remain in place unless expressly terminated in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON-DISCLOSURE; SECURITY BREACH REPORTING

3.1 Confidentiality of Contractor Information. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that this Contract and any and all Contractor information obtained by the State in connection with this Contract are subject to the State of Vermont Access to Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. § 315 et seq. The State will not disclose information for which a reasonable claim of exemption can be made pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c), including, but not limited to, trade secrets, proprietary information or financial information, including any formulae, plan, pattern, process, tool, mechanism, compound, procedure, production data, or compilation of information which is not patented, which is known only to the Contractor, and which gives the Contractor an opportunity to obtain business advantage over competitors who do not know it or use it.

The State shall immediately notify Contractor of any request made under the Access to Public Records Act, or any request or demand by any court, governmental agency or other person asserting a demand or request for Contractor information. Contractor may, in its discretion, seek an appropriate protective order, or otherwise defend any right it may have to maintain the confidentiality of such information under applicable State law. Contractor agrees that it will not make any claim against the State if the State makes available to the public any information in accordance with the Access to Public Records Act or in response to a binding order from a court or governmental body or agency compelling its production. Contractor shall indemnify the State for any costs or expenses incurred by the State, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees awarded in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 320, in connection with any action brought in connection with Contractor's attempts to prevent or unreasonably delay public disclosure of Contractor's information if a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the State improperly withheld such information and that the improper withholding was based on Contractor's attempts to prevent public disclosure of Contractor's information.

The State agrees that (a) it will use the Contractor information only as may be necessary in the course of performing duties, receiving services or exercising rights under this Contract; (b) it will provide at a minimum the same care to avoid disclosure or unauthorized use of Contractor information as it provides to protect its own similar confidential and proprietary information; (c) except as required by the Access to Records Act, it will not disclose such information orally or in writing to any third party unless that third party is subject to a written confidentiality agreement that contains restrictions and safeguards at least as restrictive as those contained in this Contract; (d) it will take all reasonable precautions to protect the Contractor's information; and (e) it will not otherwise appropriate such information to its own use or to the use of any other person or entity.

Contractor may affix an appropriate legend to Contractor information that is provided under this Contract to reflect the Contractor's determination that any such information is a trade secret, proprietary information or financial information at time of delivery or disclosure.

3.2 Confidentiality of State Information. In performance of this Contract, and any exhibit or schedule hereunder, the Party acknowledges that certain State Data (as defined below), to which the Contractor may have access may contain individual federal tax information, personal protected health information and other individually identifiable information protected by State or federal law. Before receiving or controlling such State Data, the Contractor will have an information security policy that protects its systems and processes and media that may contain State Data from internal and external security threats and State Data from unauthorized disclosure, and will have provided a copy of such policy to the State. State Data shall not be stored, accessed from, or transferred to any location outside the United States.

Unless otherwise instructed by the State, Contractor agrees to keep confidential all such information received and collected by Contractor in connection with this Contract ("State Data"). The Contractor agrees not to publish, reproduce, or otherwise divulge any State Data in whole or in part, in any manner or form or authorize or permit others to do so. Contractor will take reasonable measures as are necessary to restrict access to State Data in the Contractor's possession to only those employees on its staff who must have the information on a "need to know" basis. The Contractor shall use State Data only for the purposes of and in accordance with this Contract. The Contractor shall provide at a minimum the same care to avoid disclosure or unauthorized use of State Data as it provides to protect its own similar confidential and proprietary information.

The Contractor shall promptly notify the State of any request or demand by any court, governmental agency or other person asserting a demand or request for State Data to which the Contractor or any third party hosting service of the Contractor may have access, so that the State may seek an appropriate protective order.

3.3 Back-Up Policies. The Contractor's back-up policies have been made available to the State upon execution of this Contract under separate cover. The Contractor shall provide the State with not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of any material amendment or modification of such policies.

3.4 Security Breaches; Security Breach Reporting. To the extent the Contractor or its subcontractors, affiliates, or agents handles, collects, stores, disseminates or otherwise deals with State Data, the Contractor acknowledges that in the performance of its obligations under this Contract, it will be a "data collector" pursuant to Chapter 62 of Title 9 of the Vermont Statutes (9 V.S.A. §2430(3)). The Contractor shall have policies and procedures in place for the effective management of Security Breaches, as defined below.

In the event of any actual security breach or reasonable belief of an actual security breach the Contractor either suffers or learns of that either compromises or could compromise State Data (including, as applicable, PII, PHI or ePHI) in any format or media, whether encrypted or unencrypted (for example, but not limited to: physical trespass on a secure facility; intrusion or hacking or other brute force attack on any

State environment; loss or theft of a PC, laptop, desktop, tablet, smartphone, removable data storage device or other portable device; loss or theft of printed materials; or failure of security policies) (collectively, a "Security Breach"), the Contractor shall immediately determine the nature and extent of the Security Breach, contain the incident by stopping the unauthorized practice, recover records, shut down the system that was breached, revoke access and/or correct weaknesses in physical security. Contractor shall analyze and document the incident and provide the required notices, as set forth below.

In accordance with Section 9 V.S.A. §2435(b)(3), the Contractor shall notify the Office of the Attorney General, or in the case of a Security Breach by a data collector regulated by the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation ("DFR"), DFR, within fourteen (14) business days of the Contractor's discovery of the Security Breach. The notice shall provide a preliminary description of the breach. The foregoing notice requirement shall be included in the subcontracts of any of Contractor's subcontractors, affiliates or agents which may be "data collectors" hereunder. Except to the extent delayed upon request of law enforcement in accordance with 9 V.S.A. §2435(b)(4), within thirty days of the Security Breach or when the Contractor provides notice to consumers pursuant to this Contract, whichever is sooner, the Contractor shall report to the State: (i) the nature of the Security Breach; (ii) the State Data used or disclosed; (iii) who made the unauthorized use or received the unauthorized disclosure; (iv) what the Contractor has done or shall do to mitigate any deleterious effect of the unauthorized use or disclosure; and (v) what corrective action the Contractor has taken or shall take to prevent future similar unauthorized use or disclosure. The Contractor shall provide such other information, including a written report, as reasonably requested by the State.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable laws, as such laws may be amended from time to time (including, but not limited to, Chapter 62 of Title 9 of the Vermont Statutes and all applicable State and federal laws, rules or regulations) that require notification in the event of unauthorized release of personally-identifiable information or other event requiring notification. Further, the Contractor agrees to fully cooperate with the State, assume responsibility for such notice if the State determines it to be appropriate under the circumstances of any particular Security Breach, and assume all costs associated with a Security Breach, including but not limited to, notice, outside investigation and services (including mailing, call center, forensics, counsel and/or crisis management), and/or credit monitoring, in the sole determination of the State.

In addition to any other indemnification obligations in this Contract, the Contractor shall fully indemnify and save harmless the State from any costs, loss or damage to the State resulting from a Security Breach or the unauthorized disclosure of State Data by the Contractor, its officers, agents, employees, and subcontractors.

4. SUBCONTRACTORS

Contractor shall be responsible for directing and supervising each of its subcontractors and any other person performing any of the Work under an agreement with Contractor. Contractor has provided to the State a list of all subcontractors and subcontractors' subcontractors, together with the identity of those subcontractors' workers compensation insurance providers. Contractor shall be responsible and liable to the State for all acts or omissions of subcontractors and any other person performing any of the Services under an agreement with Contractor or any subcontractor.

5. CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

5.1 General Representations and Warranties. The Contractor represents, warrants and covenants that:

(i) The Contractor has all requisite power and authority to execute, deliver, and perform its obligations under this Contract and the execution, delivery and performance of this Contract by the Contractor has been duly authorized by the Contractor.

(ii) There is no pending litigation, arbitrated matter or other dispute to which the Contractor is a party which, if decided unfavorably to the Contractor, would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Contractor's ability to fulfill its obligations under this Contract.

(iii) The Contractor will comply with all laws applicable to its performance of the services and otherwise to the Contractor in connection with its obligations under this Contract.

(iv) The Contractor (a) owns, or has the right to use under valid and enforceable agreements, all intellectual property rights reasonably necessary for and related to delivery of the services and provision of the Deliverables as set forth in this Contract; (b) shall be responsible for and have full authority to license all proprietary and/or third party software modules, including algorithms and protocols, that Contractor incorporates into its product; and (c) none of the Deliverables or other materials or technology provided by the Contractor to the State will infringe upon or misappropriate the intellectual property rights of any third party.

(v) The Contractor has adequate resources to fulfill its obligations under this Contract.

(vi) Neither Contractor nor Contractor's subcontractors, if any, has past state or federal violations, convictions, or suspensions relating to miscoding of employees in NCCI job codes for purposes of differentiating between independent contractors and employees.

5.2 Contractor's Performance Warranties. Contractor represents and warrants, to the best of its ability, to the State that:

(i) All Deliverables will be free from material errors and shall perform in accordance with the specifications therefor.

(ii) Each and all of the services shall be performed in a timely, diligent, professional, and workmanlike manner, in accordance with the highest professional or technical standards applicable to such services, by qualified persons with the technical skills, training and experience to perform such services in the planned environment. At its own expense and without limiting any other rights or remedies of the State hereunder, the Contractor shall re-perform any services that the State has determined to be unsatisfactory in its reasonable discretion; the State shall have no obligation to pay for services it has determined to be unsatisfactory.

(iii) Subject to Section 16.1 Contractor Intellectual Property below, all Deliverables supplied by the Contractor to the State shall be transferred free and clear of any and all restrictions on the conditions of transfer, modification, licensing, sublicensing and free and clear of any and all lines, claims, mortgages, security interests, liabilities and encumbrances or any kind.

(iv) Any time software is delivered to the State, whether delivered via electronic media or the internet, no portion of such software or the media upon which it is stored or delivered will have any type of software routine or other element which is designed to facilitate unauthorized access to or intrusion upon; or unrequested disabling or erasure of; or unauthorized interference with the operation of any hardware, software, data or peripheral equipment of or utilized by the State. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor assumes no responsibility for the State's negligence or failure to protect data from viruses, or any unintended modification, destruction or disclosure.

5.3 Limitation on Disclaimer. The express warranties set forth in this Contract shall be in lieu of all other warranties, express or implied.

5.4 Effect of Breach of Warranty. If, at any time during the term of this Contract, software or the results of Contractor's work fail to perform according to any warranty of Contractor under this Contract, the State shall promptly notify Contractor in writing of such alleged nonconformance. Contractor and the State will negotiate in good faith an appropriate remedy agreeable and accepted by both parties and reduced to writing regarding such nonconformance.

6 INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the laws and the public policy of the State of Vermont prohibit the State from agreeing to indemnify contractors and other parties. The Contractor agrees that, to the extent a Contractor Document expressly provides for or implies indemnification of the Contractor and/or other third parties by the State, such sections shall be waived and shall have no force and effect with respect to the State.

7 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 7.1 Attorneys' Fees.** The Contractor agrees that the State shall not be liable for attorneys' fees in any proceeding.
- 7.2 Contractor Default.** The Contractor shall be considered in default under this Contract if Contractor commits any material breach of any covenant, warranty, obligation or certification under this Contract, fails to perform the Services in conformance with the specifications and warranties provided in this Contract, or clearly manifests an intent not to perform its obligations under this Contract, and such breach or default is not cured, satisfactory to both parties, or such manifestation of an intent not to perform is not corrected by reasonable written assurances, agreeable by both parties, of performance within thirty (30) days after delivery notice period, or such longer period as the State may specify in such notice.
- 7.3 Trial by Jury.** The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that public policy prohibits the State from agreeing to arbitration and/or from waiving any right to a trial by jury. Therefore, Contractor further acknowledges and agrees that, to the extent a Contractor Document expressly provides for arbitration or waiver of the State's right to a jury trial of the Contractor and/or other third parties by the State, such sections shall be waived and shall have no force and effect with respect to the State.
- 7.4 Trade Secret, Patent, and Copyright Infringement.** The State shall not be deemed to waive any of its rights or remedies at law or in equity in the event of Contractor's trade secret, patent and/or copyright infringement.
- 7.5 Limits on Actions Prohibited.** The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that 12 V.S.A. § 465 renders null and void any contractual provision which limits the time in which an action may be brought under the contract, or waives the statute of limitations.
- 7.6 Continuity of Performance.** In the event of a dispute between the Contractor and the State, each party will continue to perform its obligations under this Contract during the resolution of such dispute unless and until this Contract is terminated in accordance with its terms.

8. REMEDIES FOR DEFAULT

In the event either party is in default under this Contract, the non-defaulting party may, at its option, pursue any or all of the remedies available to it under this Contract, including termination for cause, and at law or in equity.

9. CONTRACTOR BANKRUPTCY

Contractor acknowledges that if Contractor, as a debtor in possession, or a trustee in bankruptcy in a case under Section 365(n) of Title 11, United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), rejects this Contract, the State may elect to retain its rights under this Contract as provided in Section 365(n) of the Bankruptcy Code. Upon written request of the State to Contractor or the Bankruptcy Trustee, Contractor or such Bankruptcy Trustee shall not interfere with the rights of the State as provided in this Contract, including the right to obtain the State Intellectual Property.

10. ACCESS TO STATE DATA; RETURN OF PROPERTY

10.1 Access to State Data. Within ten (10) business days of a request by State, the Contractor will make available to State a complete and secure (i.e. encrypted and appropriately authenticated) download file of State Intellectual Property and State Data in a format acceptable to State including all schema and transformation definitions and/or delimited text files with documented, detailed schema definitions along with attachments in their native format. *Provided, however,* in the event the Contractor ceases conducting business in the normal course, becomes insolvent, makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, suffers or permits the appointment of a receiver for its business or assets or avails itself of or becomes subject to any proceeding under the Federal Bankruptcy Act or any statute of any state relating to insolvency or the protection of rights of creditors, the Contractor shall immediately return all State Intellectual Property and State Data to State control; including, but not limited to, making all necessary access to applicable remote systems available to the State for purposes of downloading all State Data.

10.2 Return of Property. Upon termination of this Contract for any reason whatsoever, Contractor shall immediately deliver to State all State Intellectual Property and State Data (including without limitation any Deliverables for which State has made payment in whole or in part), that are in the possession or under the control of Contractor in whatever stage of development and form of recordation such State property is expressed or embodied at that time. At the time of termination, upon request of the Contractor, the State shall provide a written confirmation to Contractor, within ten (10) days, of receipt of such State Intellectual Property and State Data.

The Contractor's policies regarding the retrieval of data upon the termination of services have been made available to the State upon execution of this Contract under separate cover. The Contractor shall provide the State with not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of any material amendment or modification of such policies.

11. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Contractor agrees that, to the best of its ability, during the term of this Contract, its performance on this project shall be solely in the best interest of the State. Contractor certifies that it maintains a Conflict of Interest Policy in accordance with federal regulations, and shall fully disclose, in writing, any recognized conflicts of interest,

including the nature and extent of the work to be performed for any other person or entity so that the State may be fully informed. Contractor agrees that the failure to disclose any such conflicts shall be deemed an event of default under this Contract, and this Contract shall be terminable immediately.

If the State determines that a conflict of interest, as defined by the State, exists between the State and a member or members of the Contractor's staff, the Contractor shall substitute similarly qualified individuals for the conflicted members. If the State determines that a conflict of interest, as determined by the State, exists between Contractor and a regulated entity, the State may immediately remove that assignment from the Contractor, or may invoke its right to terminate this Contract pursuant to paragraph 7 of this Contract. The State reserves the right to make the ultimate determination as to whether a conflict of interest exists.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 Taxes. Most State purchases are not subject to federal or state sales or excise taxes and must be invoiced tax free. An exemption certificate will be furnished upon request covering taxable items.

13. Further Obligations Regarding Protected Information.

Contractor shall assure compliance by the State and Contractor of any and all obligations the State or Contractor may have under HIPAA and any other applicable state or federal law regarding protected health, personal, or otherwise confidential information.

14. Prior Approval of Workers.

The state shall have the right to approve any revisions to the Key Personnel not already designated in Attachment A, that the Contractor proposes to assign to work requested by the State prior to the commencement of such work. If the proposed personnel of the Contractor are not acceptable to the State, the State may choose to withdraw the assignment of such work from the Contractor, and Contractor will assign personnel acceptable to the State. The State's right to request replacement of Contractor personnel hereunder relates solely to the removal of individuals from work on this contract with the State and does not create any employment or principal-agent relationship. Nothing in this contract authorizes the State to direct the Contractor's termination of, or other adverse action related to, the employment of any individual.

15. OWNERSHIP AND LICENSE IN DELIVERABLES

15.1 Contractor Intellectual Property. Contractor shall retain all right, title and interest in and to all Contractor Intellectual Property that Contractor delivers to the State in accordance with Attachment A of this Contract. "Contractor

Intellectual Property" means any intellectual property, tangible or intangible, that is owned by Contractor and contained in or necessary for the use of the items that Contractor is required to deliver to the State under this Contract, including Work Product ("Deliverables"). Should the State require a license for the use of Contractor Intellectual Property in connection with the development or use of the Deliverables, the Contractor may grant the State a royalty-free license for such development and use. For the avoidance of doubt, Work Product shall not be deemed to include Contractor Intellectual Property, provided the State shall have the right to an irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free license for non-commercial purposes to any such Contractor Intellectual Property that is incorporated into Work Product.

- 15.2 Intellectual Property; State Intellectual Property; User Name.** Subject to Section 15.1 Contractor Intellectual Property above, the State shall retain all right, title and interest in and to (i) all content and all property, data and information furnished by or on behalf of the State or any agency, commission or board thereof, and to all information that is created under this Contract, including, but not limited to, all data that is generated under this Contract as a result of the use by Contractor, the State or any third party of any technology systems or knowledge bases that are developed for the State and used by Contractor hereunder, and all other rights, tangible or intangible; and (ii) all State trademarks, trade names, logos and other State identifiers, Internet uniform resource locators, State user name or names, Internet addresses and e-mail addresses obtained or developed pursuant to this Contract (collectively, "State Intellectual Property").

Contractor may not use State Intellectual Property for any purpose other than as specified in this Contract. Upon expiration or termination of this Contract, Contractor shall return or destroy all State Intellectual Property and all copies thereof, and Contractor shall have no further right or license to such State Intellectual Property.

Contractor acquires no rights or licenses, including, without limitation, intellectual property rights or licenses, to use State Intellectual Property for its own purposes. In no event shall the Contractor claim any security interest in State Intellectual Property.

- 15.3 Work Product.** All Work Product, as described in Attachment A – "SPECIFICATIONS OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED", shall belong exclusively to the State, with the State having the sole and exclusive right to apply for, obtain, register, hold and renew, in its own name and/or for its own benefit, all patents and copyrights, and all applications and registrations, renewals and continuations thereof and/or any and all other appropriate protection. To the extent exclusive title and/or complete and exclusive ownership rights in and to any Work Product may not originally vest in the State by operation of law or otherwise as contemplated

hereunder, Contractor shall immediately upon request, unconditionally and irrevocably assign, transfer and convey to the State all right, title and interest therein.

"Work Product" means any tangible or intangible ideas, inventions, improvements, modifications, discoveries, development, customization, configuration, methodologies or processes, designs, models, drawings, photographs, reports, formulas, algorithms, patterns, devices, compilations, databases, computer programs, work of authorship, specifications, operating instructions, procedures manuals or other documentation, technique, know-how, secret, or intellectual property right whatsoever or any interest therein (whether patentable or not patentable or registerable under copyright or similar statutes or subject to analogous protection), that is specifically made, conceived, discovered or reduced to practice by Contractor, either solely or jointly with others, pursuant to this Contract. Work Product does not include Contractor Intellectual Property or third party intellectual property.

To the extent delivered under this Contract, upon full payment to Contractor in accordance with Attachment B, and subject to the terms and conditions contained herein, Contractor hereby (i) assigns to State all rights in and to all Deliverables, except to the extent they include any Contractor Intellectual Property; and (ii) grants the right to State a perpetual, non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to use for State's internal business purposes, any Contractor Intellectual Property included in the Deliverables in connection with its use of the Deliverables and, subject to the State's obligations with respect to Confidential Information, authorize others to do the same on the State's behalf. Except for the foregoing license grant, Contractor or its licensors retain all rights in and to all Contractor Intellectual Property.

The Contractor shall not sell or copyright a Deliverable without explicit permission from the State.

If the Contractor is operating a system or application on behalf of the State of Vermont, then the Contractor shall not make information entered into the system or application available for uses by any other party than the State of Vermont, without prior authorization by the State. Nothing herein shall entitle the State to pre-existing Contractor Intellectual Property or Contractor Intellectual Property developed outside of this Contract with no assistance from State.

16. Publications.

Both parties may collaborate on presentations and/or publications related to the data analyzed and Work Product developed under this Agreement. Both parties agree to exchange in writing (email acceptable) intent to present or submit data/Work Product related to this Agreement. In the event that either party declines to participate in the preparation of either a publication or presentation, such decision to be documented in writing within thirty (30) days of exchange of written intent to present or submit, then the declining party shall be presented with an opportunity to review and comment on a copy of the presentation within ten (10) days of presentation or a copy of the manuscript within forty-five (45) days of submission. The declining party shall identify during review its confidential information which shall be removed from the presentation or publication. Both parties agree to acknowledge each other's participation on any presentation or publication.

17. Warranty & Representations.

CONTRACTOR MAKES NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, CONCERNING THE RESULTS OF RESEARCH PERFORMED UNDER THE SCOPE OF WORK OR OF THE MERCHANTABILITY, OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF SUCH RESEARCH OR RESULTS.