

NH Department of Health and Human Services

Exhibit A

Scope of Services

Laboratory Services for Newborn Screening

CONTRACT PERIOD: July 1, 2011 or date of G&C approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2013

CONTRACTOR NAME: University of Massachusetts

**ADDRESS: 305 South Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130**

Director: Roger B. Eaton

TELEPHONE: 617-983-6300

The Contractor shall:

I. General Provisions

A. Eligibility and Income Determination

Not applicable

B. Numbers Served

All infants born in New Hampshire shall be screened.

C. Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Standards of Care

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) recognizes that culture and language have considerable impact on how consumers access and respond to public health services. Culturally and linguistically diverse populations experience barriers in efforts to access health services. To ensure equal access to quality health services, the Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) expects that Contractors shall provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services according to the following guidelines:

1. Assess the ethnic/cultural needs, resources and assets of their community.
2. Promote the knowledge and skills necessary for staff to work effectively with consumers with respect to their culturally and linguistically diverse environment.
3. When feasible and appropriate, provide clients of limited English proficiency (LEP) with interpretation services. Persons of LEP are defined as those who do not speak English as their primary language and whose skills in listening to, speaking, or reading English are such that they are unable to adequately understand and participate in the care or in the services provided to them without language assistance.
4. Offer consumers a forum through which clients have the opportunity to provide feedback to providers and organizations regarding cultural and linguistic issues that may deserve response.

5. The Contractor shall maintain a program policy that sets forth compliance with Title VI, Language Efficiency and Proficiency. The policy shall describe the way in which the items listed above were addressed and shall indicate the circumstances in which interpretation services are provided and the method of providing service (e.g. trained interpreter, staff person who speaks the language of the client or language line).

D. State and Federal Laws

The Contractor is responsible for compliance with all relevant state and federal laws. Special attention is called to the following statutory responsibilities:

1. The Contractor shall report all cases of communicable diseases according to New Hampshire RSA 141-C and He-P 30, effective 01/05.
2. Persons employed by the Contractor shall comply with the reporting requirements of New Hampshire RSA 169:C, Child Protection Act; RSA 161:F46, Protective Services to Adults and RSA 631:6, Assault and Related Offenses.

E. Relevant Policies and Guidelines

Not applicable

F. Publications Funded Under Contract

1. The DHHS and/or its funders will retain COPYRIGHT ownership for any and all original materials produced with DHHS contract funding, including, but not limited to, brochures, resource directories, protocols or guidelines, posters, or reports.
2. All documents (written, video, audio) produced, reproduced or purchased under the contract shall have prior approval from DPHS before printing, production, distribution, or use.
3. The Contractor shall credit DHHS on all materials produced under this contract following the instructions outlined in Exhibit C-1 (5).

G. Subcontractors

If services required to comply with this Exhibit are provided by a subcontracted agency or provider, the DPHS, Maternal and Child Health Section (MCHS) must be notified in writing prior to initiation of the subcontract. In addition, subcontractors must be held responsible to fulfill all relevant requirements included in this Exhibit.

II. Minimal Standards of Core Services

A. Service Requirements

1. Contractors considering clinical or sociological research using clients as subjects must adhere to the legal requirements governing human subjects' research. Contractors must inform the DPHS, MCHS prior to initiating any research related to this contract.
2. The contractor shall carry out the laboratory analysis utilizing standardized, approved laboratory methods for the following disorders, for all New Hampshire births for the following mandated panel of disorders:

- Phenylketonuria (PKU)
- Galactosemia (GALT)
- Homocystinuria (HCY)
- Maple Syrup Urine Disease (MSUD)
- Congenital Hypothyroidism (CH)
- Congenital Toxoplasmosis (TOXO)
- Biotinidase (BIOT)
- Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH)
- Cystic Fibrosis (CF)
- Hemoglobinopathies (Hb SS+HbS/Bth+ Hb S/C)
- Medium Chain Acyl CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency (MCAD)
- Argininosuccinic Aciduria (ASA)
- Argininemia (ARG)
- Carnitine Uptake Defect (CUD)
- Carnitine Palmitoyltransferase II Deficiency (CPTII)
- Citrullinemia I (ASA Synthetase Def) (CIT)
- Cobalamin A, B (Cbl A,B)
- Glutaric Aciduria Type I (GAI)
- 3-Hydroxy-3-Methylglutaryl-CoA Lysase Deficiency (HMG)
- Hyperornithinemia Hyperammoninemia, Homocitrullinemia Syndrome (HHH)
- Isovaleric Acidemia (IVA)
- Long Chain 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency (LCHAD)
- 3-Methylcrotonyl-CoA Carboxylase Deficiency (3MCC)
- Methylmalonic Acidemia (MUT)
- Mitochondrial Acetoacetyl-CoA Thiolase Deficiency (BKT)
- Multiple Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency (GA2)
- Multiple Carboxylase Deficiency (MCD)
- Propionic Acidemia (PROP)
- Trifunctional Protein Deficiency (TFP)
- Tyrosinemia
- Very Long Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency (VLCAD)

3. The Contractor shall supply approved filter paper collection kits as required for the collection and identification of blood samples, and for gathering the necessary clinical information. A supply of pre-addressed envelopes for mailing repeat specimens to the lab via the US Postal Services will also be provided.
4. The Contractor shall provide a courier service to all designated birthing centers in New Hampshire for transporting of blood samples to the testing facility to include weekend and holiday pick-up. Adherence to strict turnaround times is critical. The Contractor shall also monitor the courier service for performance and timeliness.
5. The Contractor shall report to the Newborn Screening Program all out-of-range test results according to the urgency of the laboratory findings. In addition, the laboratory shall make available to the Newborn Screening Program, condition-specific FACT SHEETS as a resource on the probable significance of the findings and recommendations for appropriate follow-up action.

6. The Contractor shall report normal test results to the Newborn Screening Program via a secure web connection in a timely manner.
7. New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall remain in full ownership of all residual screening specimens. Decisions about retention/use of dried blood spots (DBS) are at the sole discretion of DHHS, and must be consistent with the Newborn Screening Program policies. Additional testing of specimens for other disorders is prohibited without express permission from the Newborn Screening Program.
8. The Contractor shall maintain storage of New Hampshire's residual screening specimens in an appropriate, climate-controlled, secure facility, in sealed bags of low gas permeability containing a desiccant and humidity indicator at -20C for six months.
9. Residual DBS shall be destroyed six months after the collection date, in a manner consistent with applicable state and federal requirements relating to disposal of human blood and body fluids per OSHA regulations 29 CFR, standard number 1910.1030. In the event that the storage environment of any DBS is found to have deviated from the required conditions described above, such that the stability of the specimen is likely to have been affected, the DBS shall be destroyed and the Newborn Screening Program shall be notified.
10. The Contractor will describe the contingency plan of operations to assure maintenance of screening services in the event of a major disaster or emergency.

B. Staffing Provisions

The Contractor Shall:

1. Maintain a listing of "on call" qualified specialists who are available by beeper response, seven days/week, 24 hours/day to provide medical consultation as needed to the Newborn Screening Program and/or the physician of record.
2. Provide coverage for the Newborn Screening Program staff, upon request, when Newborn Screening Program staff is unavailable, for notifying attending physicians of out-of-range lab results (i.e. after normal work hours, on weekends, holidays, and with advance notice, when there is no staff available to cover the Newborn Screening Program).

Staffing Changes

1. New Hires

The Contractor shall notify the MCHS within one month of hire when a new administrator or coordinator or any staff person essential to carrying out this scope of services is hired to work in the program. A resume of the employee shall accompany this notification.

2. Vacancies

The Contractor must notify the MCHS if any of the critical positions required for the delivery of these services are vacant for more than three months.

C. Coordination of Services

Not applicable

D. Meetings and Trainings

The Contractor shall provide assistance to the Newborn Screening Program staff and others, upon request, on issues related to supporting the infrastructure and facilitating the Newborn Screening Program's operations, including the provision of in-services and educational programs.

This would include:

- Technical support for the Newborn Screening Program on computer issues as needed and as related to the interface between the state system and the laboratory computerized system.
- Technical support and assistance upon request to the state in support of the work of the New Hampshire Newborn Screening Advisory Committee.
- Technical support for the Newborn Screening Program's management information system on accessing the laboratory results database.

III. Quality or Performance Improvement (QI/PI)

A. Workplans

Not applicable

B. Data and Reporting Requirements

The Contractor shall:

1. Provide sufficient data, upon request, on the occurrence of disorders not mandated by the State to assist the Newborn Screening Program in making appropriate decisions about what services it offers.
2. Provide a computerized system of records to show the date each sample was received from New Hampshire birth hospitals and/or community-based health care providers, the date the laboratory tests were performed, and the date results of the laboratory analyses were reported to the New Hampshire Newborn Screening Program.
3. Maintain all newborn laboratory test and result data in a computerized record system accessible to the laboratory performing the services and to the Newborn Screening Program, for a period no less than 21 years from the date of the test.
4. Provide critical data elements necessary to and determined by the New Hampshire Maternal and Child Health Section (MCHS) Data Linkage Project on a daily basis, or other schedule determined by MCHS, to enable the state to match the screening results with the electronic birth certificate (EBC).
5. Comply with minor modifications and/or additions to the proposed activities and report format as requested by MCHS. The MCHS will provide the Contractor with advance notice of such changes and the Contractor is not expected to incur any substantial costs relative to such changes.
6. The Contractor shall provide documentation of current CLIA Laboratory Certification.
7. The Contractor shall provide documentation of participation in the CDC/APHL Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Program or other acceptable proficiency-testing program.

8. In years when contracts or amendments are not required, the DPHS Budget Form, Budget Justification, Sources of Revenue and program Staff list forms must be completed according to the relevant instructions and submitted as requested by DPHS and, at minimum, by April 30 of each year.
9. The Sources of Revenue report must be resubmitted at any point when changes in revenue threaten the ability of the agency to carry out the planned program.
10. The contractor will agree to participate in DPHS planning, as needed, including planning for Electronic Medical Record (EMR) enhancements and Health Information Exchange (HIE).

C. On-Site Reviews

The Contractor shall allow a team or person authorized by the MCHS to periodically review the contractor's systems of governance, administration, data collection and submission, clinical and financial management in order to assure systems are adequate to provide the contracted services.

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Exhibit B

Purchase of Services
Contract Price

Laboratory Services for Newborn Screening

CONTRACT PERIOD: July 1, 2011 or date of G&C approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2013

CONTRACTOR NAME: University of Massachusetts

ADDRESS: 305 South Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Director: Roger B. Eaton
TELEPHONE: 617-983-6300

Vendor #177576-B008

Job #90080013

Appropriation #010-090-5240-500731

1. The total amount of all payments made to the Contractor for cost and expenses incurred in the performance of the services during the period of the contract shall not exceed:

\$1,437,420 for Laboratory Services for Newborn Screening, funded from 100% other funds from Newborn Screening Program designated fund.

TOTAL: \$1,437,420

2. The Contractor agrees to use and apply all contract funds from the State for direct and indirect costs and expenses including, but not limited to, personnel costs and operating expenses related to the Services, as detailed in the attached budgets. Allowable costs and expenses shall be determined by the State in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations. The Contractor agrees not to use or apply such funds for capital additions or improvements, entertainment costs, or any other costs not approved by the State.
3. This is a cost-reimbursement contract based on an approved budget for the contract period. Reimbursement shall be made monthly based on actual costs incurred during the month up to an amount not greater than one-twelfth of the contract amount. Reimbursement greater than one-twelfth of the contract amount in any month shall require prior, written permission from the State.
4. Invoices shall be submitted by the Contractor to the State in a form satisfactory to the State for each of the Service category budgets. Said invoices shall be submitted within twenty (20) working days following the end of the month during which the contract activities were completed, and the final invoice shall be due to the State no later than sixty (60) days after the contract Completion Date. Said invoice shall contain a description of all allowable costs and expenses incurred by the Contractor during the contract period.
5. Payment will be made by the State agency subsequent to approval of the submitted invoice and if sufficient funds are available in the Service category budget line items submitted by the Contractor to cover the costs and expenses incurred in the performances of the services.
6. The Contractor may amend the contract budget for any Service category through line item increases, decreases, or the creation of new line items provided these amendments do not exceed the contract price for that particular Service category. Such amendments shall only be made upon written request to and written approval by the State. Budget revisions will not be accepted after June 20th of each contract year.

- 7. The Contractor shall have written authorization from the State prior to using contract funds to purchase any equipment with a cost in excess of three hundred dollars (\$300) and with a useful life beyond one year.

Exhibit B

Purchase of Services
Contract Price

Laboratory Services for Newton Research

CONTRACT PERIOD: Job # 00N80013 The remainder of this page is intentionally left blank

CONTRACTOR NAME: University of Massachusetts

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Amherst, MA 01003

Director: Roger E. Kain

TELEPHONE: 417-983-6300

Appropriation 8010-000-5240-500711

Job 00N80013

Vendor 017576-100K

1. The total amount of all payments made to the Contractor for cost and expenses incurred in the performance of the services during the period of the contract shall not exceed:

\$1,437,430 for Laboratory Services for Newton Research funded from 100% other funds from Newton Research Program designated fund.

TOTAL \$1,437,430

2. The Contractor agrees to use and apply all contract funds from the State for direct and indirect costs and expenses including, but not limited to, personnel costs and operating expenses related to the services, as detailed in the attached budget. Allowable costs and expenses shall be determined by the State in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations. The Contractor agrees not to use or apply such funds for capital additions or improvements, retirement costs, or any other costs not approved by the State.

3. This is a cost-reimbursement contract based on an approved budget for the contract period. Reimbursement shall be made monthly based on actual costs incurred during the month up to an amount not greater than one-twelfth of the contract amount. Reimbursement greater than one-twelfth of the contract amount in any month shall require prior written permission from the State.

4. Invoices shall be submitted by the Contractor to the State in a form satisfactory to the State for each of the services category budget. All invoices shall be submitted within twenty (20) working days following the end of the month during which the contract activities were completed, and the final invoice shall be due to the State no later than sixty (60) days after the contract completion date. Each invoice shall contain a description of all allowable costs and expenses incurred by the Contractor during the contract period.

5. Payment will be made by the State agency independent to approval of the submitted invoice and if sufficient funds are available in the Service category budget line items obligated by the Contractor to cover the costs and expenses incurred in the performance of the services.

6. The Contractor may amend the contract budget for any Service category through line item increases, decreases, or the creation of new line items provided that amendments do not exceed the contract price for that particular Service category. Such amendments shall only be made upon written request to and without approval by the State. Budget revisions will not be accepted after June 30th of each contract year.

Exhibit C
Special Provisions

1. **Contractors Obligations:** The Contractor covenants and agrees that all funds received by the Contractor under the Agreement shall be used only as payment to the Contractor for services provided to eligible individuals and in the furtherance of the aforesaid covenants the Contractor hereby covenants and agrees as follows:
2. **Compliance with Federal and State Laws:** If the Contractor is permitted to determine the eligibility of individuals such eligibility determination shall be made in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, orders, guidelines, policies and procedures.
3. **Time and Manner of Determination:** Eligibility determinations shall be made and remade at such times as are prescribed by the Department.
4. **Documentation:** In addition to the determination forms, the Contractor shall maintain a data file on each recipient of Services hereunder, which file shall include all information necessary to support an eligibility determination and such other information as the Department requests. The Contractor shall make available to the Department all forms and documentation regarding eligibility determinations which the Department may request or require.
5. **Fair Hearings:** The Contractor understands that all applicants for Services hereunder, as well as individuals declared ineligible have a right to a fair hearing regarding that determination. The Contractor hereby covenants and agrees that all applicants for Services shall be permitted to fill out an application form and that each applicant or reapplicant shall be informed of his/her right to a fair hearing in accordance with Department regulations.
6. **Gratuities or Kickbacks:** The Contractor agrees that it is a breach of this Agreement to accept or make a payment, gratuity or offer of employment on behalf of the Contractor, any Sub-Contractor or the State in order to influence the performance of the Scope of Work detailed in Exhibit A of this Agreement. The State may terminate this Agreement and any sub-contract or sub-agreement if it is determined that payments, gratuities or offers of employment of any kind were offered or received by any officials, officers, employees or agents of the Contractor or Sub-Contractor.
7. **Retroactive Payments:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract or in any other document, contract or understanding, it is expressly understood and agreed by the parties hereto, that no payments will be made hereunder to reimburse the Contractor for costs incurred for any purpose or for any services provided to any individual prior to the Effective Date of the Contract for any services provided prior to the date on which the individual applies for services or (except as otherwise provided by the federal regulations) prior to a determination that the individual is eligible for such services.
8. **Conditions of Purchase:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Agreement, nothing contained shall be deemed to obligate or require the Department to purchase Services hereunder at a rate which reimburses the Contractor in excess of the Contractor's Costs, at a rate which exceeds the amounts reasonable and necessary to assure the quality of such Service, or at a rate which exceeds the rate charged by the Contractor to ineligible individuals or other third party fundors for such service. If at any time during the term of this Agreement or after receipt of the Final Expenditure Report hereunder, the Department shall determine that the Contractor has used payments hereunder to reimburse items of expense other than such Costs, or has received payment in excess of such Costs or in excess of such rates charged by the Contractor to ineligible individuals or other third party fundors, the Department may elect to:
 - 8.1 Renegotiate the rates for payment hereunder, in which event new rates shall be established;
 - 8.2 Deduct from any future payment to the Contractor the amount of any prior reimbursement in excess of Costs;
 - 8.3 Demand repayment of the excess payment by the Contractor in which event failure to make such repayment shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder. When the Contractor is permitted to determine the eligibility of individuals for Services, the Contractor agrees to reimburse the Department for all funds paid by

the Department to the Contractor for Services provided to any individual who is found by the Department to be ineligible for such Services at any time during the period of retention of records established herein.

Records: Maintenance, Retention, Audit, Disclosure, and Confidentiality:

9. **Maintenance of Records:** In addition to the eligibility records specified above, the Provider covenants and agrees to maintain the following records during the Program Period:

9.1 **Fiscal Records:** Books, records, documents and other data evidencing and reflecting all Costs and other expenses incurred by the Provider in the performance of the Agreement, and all income received or collected by the Provider during the Program Period, said records to be maintained in accordance with accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all such Costs and expenses, and which are acceptable to the Department, and to include, without limitation, all ledgers, books, records, and original evidence of costs such as purchase requisitions and orders, vouchers, requisitions for materials, inventories, valuations of in-kind contributions, labor time cards, payrolls, and other records requested or required by the Department.

9.2 **Statistical Records:** Program statistical and enrollment, attendance, or visit records for each recipient of Services during the Program Period, which records shall include all records of application and eligibility (including all forms required to determine eligibility for each recipient).

9.3 **Medical Records:** Where appropriate and as prescribed by the Department regulations, the Contractor shall retain medical records on each patient/recipient of services;

10. **Audit:** Contractor shall submit an annual audit to the Department within nine months after the close of the agency fiscal year. It is recommended that the report be prepared in accordance with the provision of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non Profit Organizations" and the provisions of Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions, issued by the US General Accounting Office (GAO standards) as they pertain to financial compliance audits. The Contractor shall deliver to the State, at the address set forth in Section 1.2 of these General Provisions, an independent audit performed by a Certified Public Accountant, of the Contractor, including the funds received under this Agreement.

10.1 **Audit and Review:** During the term of this Contract and the period for retention hereunder, the Department, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and any of their designated representatives shall have access to all reports and records maintained pursuant to the Contract for purposes of audit, examination, excerpts and transcripts.

10.2 **Audit Liabilities:** In addition to and not in any way in limitation of obligations of the Contract, it is understood and agreed by the Contractor that the Contractor shall be held liable for any state or federal audit exceptions and shall return to the Department, all payments made under the Contract to which exception has been taken or which have been disallowed because of such an exception.

11. **Confidentiality of Records:** All information, reports, and records maintained hereunder or collected in connection with the performance of the services and the Contract shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed by the Contractor, provided however, that pursuant to state laws and the regulations of the Department regarding the use and disclosure of such information, disclosure may be made to public officials administration of the services and the Contract; and provided further, that the use or disclosure by any party of any information concerning a recipient for any purpose not directed connected with the administration of the Department or the Contractor's responsibilities with respect to purchased services hereunder is prohibited except on written consent of the recipient, his attorney or guardian. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the covenants and conditions contained in the Paragraph shall survive the termination of the Contract for any reason whatsoever.

12. **Reports: Fiscal and Statistical:** The Contractor agrees to submit the following reports at the following times if requested by the Department

12.1 Interim Financial Reports: Written interim financial reports containing a detailed description of all costs and non-allowable expenses incurred by the Contractor to the date of the report and containing such other information as shall be deemed satisfactory by the Department to justify the rate of payment hereunder. Such Financial Reports shall be submitted on the form designated by the Department or deemed satisfactory by the Department.

12.2 Final Report: A final report shall be submitted within sixty (60) days after the end of the term of this Contract. The Final Report shall be in a form satisfactory to the Department and shall contain a summary statement of progress toward goals and objectives stated in the Proposal and other information required by the Department.

13. **Completion of Services: Disallowance of Costs:** Upon the purchase by the Department of the maximum number of unit provided for in the Contract and upon payment of the price limitation hereunder, the Contract and all the obligations of the parties hereunder (except such obligations as, by the terms of the Contract are to be performed after the end of the term of the Contract and/or survive the termination of the Contract) shall terminate, provided however, that if, upon review of the Final Expenditure Report the Department shall disallow any expenses claimed by the Contractor as costs hereunder the Department shall retain the right, at its discretion, to deduct the amount of such expenses as are disallowed or to recover such sums from the Contractor.

14. **Credits:** All documents, notices, press releases, research reports, and other materials prepared during or resulting from the performance of the services of the Contract shall include the following statement

14.1 The preparation of this (report, document, etc.), was financed under a Contract with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, with funds provided in part or in whole by the State of New Hampshire and/or such other funding sources as were available or required, e.g., the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

15. **Operation of Facilities: Compliance with Laws and Regulations:** In the operation of any facilities for providing services, the Contractor shall comply with all laws, orders and regulations of federal, state, county and municipal authorities and with any direction of any Public Officer or officers pursuant to laws which shall impose an order or duty upon the contractor with respect to the operation of the facility or the provision of the services at such facility. If any government license or permit shall be required for the operation of the said facility or the performance of the said services, the Contractor will procure said license or permit, and will at all times comply with the terms and conditions of each such license or permit. In connection with the foregoing requirements, the Contractor hereby covenants and agrees that, during the term of this Contract the facilities shall comply with all rules, orders, regulations, and requirements of the State Office of the Fire Marshal and the local fire protection agency, and shall be in conformance with local building and zoning codes, by-laws and regulations.

16. **Insurance:** Select either (1) or (2) below:

As referenced in the Request for Proposal, Comprehensive General Liability Insurance Acknowledgement Form, the Insurance requirement checked under this section is applicable to this contract:

Insurance Requirement for (1) - 501(c) (3) contractors whose annual gross amount of contract work with the State does not exceed \$500,000, per RSA 21-I:13, XIV, (Supp. 2006): The general liability insurance requirements of standard state contracts for contractors that qualify for nonprofit status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose annual gross amount of contract work with the state does not exceed \$500,000, is comprehensive general liability insurance in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim or occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. *These amounts may NOT be modified.*

- (1) The contractor certifies that it **IS** a 501(c) (3) contractor whose annual total amount of contract work with the State of New Hampshire does **not** exceed \$500,000.

Insurance Requirement for (2) - All other contractors who do not qualify for RSA 21-I:13, XIV, (Supp. 2006), Agreement P-37 General Provisions, 14.1 and 14.1.1. Insurance and Bond, shall apply: The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, both for the benefits of the State, the following insurance: comprehensive general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$250,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 per incident or occurrence.

- (2) The contractor certifies it does **NOT** qualify for insurance requirements under RSA 21-I:13, XIV (Supp. 2006).

17. **Renewal:**

This competitively procured Agreement contains the option to extend the Agreement for two additional years contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties and approval of the Governor and Council.

18. **Indemnification**

Paragraph 13 of the General Provision is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

NH Department of Health and Human Services

STANDARD EXHIBIT I
HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions of the Agreement agrees to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191 and with the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 and those parts of the HITECH Act applicable to business associates. As defined herein, "Business Associate" shall mean the Contractor and subcontractors and agents of the Contractor that receive, use or have access to protected health information under this Agreement and "Covered Entity" shall mean the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

(1) Definitions.

- a. "Breach" shall have the same meaning as the term "Breach" in Title XXX, Subtitle D, Sec. 13400.
- b. "Business Associate" has the meaning given such term in section 160.103 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- c. "Covered Entity" has the meaning given such term in section 160.103 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- d. "Designated Record Set" shall have the same meaning as the term "designated record set" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- e. "Data Aggregation" shall have the same meaning as the term "data aggregation" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- f. "Health Care Operations" shall have the same meaning as the term "health care operations" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- g. "HITECH Act" means the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Title XIII, Subtitle D, Part 1 & 2 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- h. "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 and the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160, 162 and 164.
- i. "Individual" shall have the same meaning as the term "individual" in 45 CFR Section 164.501 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.501(g).
- j. "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, promulgated under HIPAA by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

- k. “Protected Health Information” shall have the same meaning as the term “protected health information” in 45 CFR Section 164.501, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity.
- l. “Required by Law” shall have the same meaning as the term “required by law” in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- m. “Secretary” shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his/her designee.
- n. “Security Rule” shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart C, and amendments thereto.
- o. “Unsecured Protected Health Information” means protected health information that is not secured by a technology standard that renders protected health information unusable, unreasonable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and is developed or endorsed by a standards developing organization that is accredited by the American National Standards Institute.
- p. Other Definitions - All terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning established under 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164, as amended from time to time, and the HITECH Act.

(2) Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information.

- a. Business Associate shall not use, disclose, maintain or transmit Protected Health Information (PHI) except as reasonably necessary to provide the services outlined under Exhibit A of the Agreement. Further, the Business Associate shall not, and shall ensure that its directors, officers, employees and agents, do not use, disclose, maintain or transmit PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy and Security Rule.
- b. Business Associate may use or disclose PHI:
 - I. For the proper management and administration of the Business Associate;
 - II. As required by law, pursuant to the terms set forth in paragraph d. below; or
 - III. or data aggregation purposes for the health care operations of Covered Entity.
- c. To the extent Business Associate is permitted under the Agreement to disclose PHI to a third party, Business Associate must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable assurances from the third party that such PHI will be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the third party; and (ii) an agreement from such third party to notify Business Associate, in accordance with the HITECH Act, Subtitle D, Part 1, Sec. 13402 of any breaches of the confidentiality of the PHI, to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such breach.
- d. The Business Associate shall not, unless such disclosure is reasonably necessary to provide services under Exhibit A of the Agreement, disclose any PHI in response to a request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, without first notifying Covered Entity so that Covered Entity has an opportunity to object to the disclosure and to seek appropriate relief. If Covered Entity objects to such disclosure, the Business Associate shall refrain from disclosing the PHI until Covered Entity has exhausted all remedies.

- e. If the Covered Entity notifies the Business Associate that Covered Entity has agreed to be bound by additional restrictions over and above those uses or disclosures or security safeguards of PHI pursuant to the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall be bound by such additional restrictions and shall not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and shall abide by any additional security safeguards.

(3) Obligations and Activities of Business Associate.

- a. Business Associate shall report to the designated Privacy Officer of Covered Entity, in writing, any use or disclosure of PHI in violation of the Agreement, including any security incident involving Covered Entity data, in accordance with the HITECH Act, Subtitle D, Part 1, Sec.13402.
- b. The Business Associate shall comply with all sections of the Privacy and Security Rule as set forth in, the HITECH Act, Subtitle D, Part 1, Sec. 13401 and Sec.13404.
- c. Business Associate shall make available all of its internal policies and procedures, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity to the Secretary for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule.
- d. Business Associate shall require all of its business associates that receive, use or have access to PHI under the Agreement, to agree in writing to adhere to the same restrictions and conditions on the use and disclosure of PHI contained herein, including the duty to return or destroy the PHI as provided under Section (3)b and (3)k herein. The Covered Entity shall be considered a direct third party beneficiary of the Contractor's business associate agreements with Contractor's intended business associates, who will be receiving PHI pursuant to this Agreement, with rights of enforcement and indemnification from such business associates who shall be governed by standard provision #13 of this Agreement for the purpose of use and disclosure of protected health information.
- e. Within five (5) business days of receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall make available during normal business hours at its offices all records, books, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use and disclosure of PHI to the Covered Entity, for purposes of enabling Covered Entity to determine Business Associate's compliance with the terms of the Agreement.
- f. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall provide access to PHI in a Designated Record Set to the Covered Entity, or as directed by Covered Entity, to an individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR Section 164.524.
- g. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for an amendment of PHI or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, the Business Associate shall make such PHI available to Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under 45 CFR Section 164.526.

- h. Business Associate shall document such disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
- i. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for a request for an accounting of disclosures of PHI, Business Associate shall make available to Covered Entity such information as Covered Entity may require to fulfill its obligations to provide an accounting of disclosures with respect to PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
- j. In the event any individual requests access to, amendment of, or accounting of PHI directly from the Business Associate, the Business Associate shall within two (2) business days forward such request to Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall have the responsibility of responding to forwarded requests. However, if forwarding the individual's request to Covered Entity would cause Covered Entity or the Business Associate to violate HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall instead respond to the individual's request as required by such law and notify Covered Entity of such response as soon as practicable.
- k. Within ten (10) business days of termination of the Agreement, for any reason, the Business Associate shall return or destroy, as specified by Covered Entity, all PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate in connection with the Agreement, and shall not retain any copies or back-up tapes of such PHI. If return or destruction is not feasible, or the disposition of the PHI has been otherwise agreed to in the Agreement, Business Associate shall continue to extend the protections of the Agreement, to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such PHI. If Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, requires that the Business Associate destroy any or all PHI, the Business Associate shall certify to Covered Entity that the PHI has been destroyed.

(4) Obligations of Covered Entity

- a. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any changes or limitation(s) in its Notice of Privacy Practices provided to individuals in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.520, to the extent that such change or limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- b. Covered Entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of permission provided to Covered Entity by individuals whose PHI may be used or disclosed by Business Associate under this Agreement, pursuant to 45 CFR Section 164.506 or 45 CFR Section 164.508.
- c. Covered entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any restrictions on the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

(5) Termination for Cause

In addition to standard provision #10 of this Agreement the Covered Entity may immediately terminate the Agreement upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a breach by Business Associate of the Business Associate Agreement set forth herein as Exhibit I. The Covered Entity may either immediately terminate the Agreement or provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the alleged breach within a timeframe specified by Covered Entity. If Covered Entity determines that neither termination nor cure is feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary.

(6) Miscellaneous

- a. Definitions and Regulatory References. All terms used, but not otherwise defined herein, shall have the same meaning as those terms in the Privacy and Security Rule, and the HITECH Act as amended from time to time. A reference in the Agreement, as amended to include this Exhibit I, to a Section in the Privacy and Security Rule means the Section as in effect or as amended.
- b. Amendment. Covered Entity and Business Associate agree to take such action as is necessary to amend the Agreement, from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the changes in the requirements of HIPAA, the Privacy and Security Rule, and applicable federal and state law.
- c. Data Ownership. The Business Associate acknowledges that it has no ownership rights with respect to the PHI provided by or created on behalf of Covered Entity.
- d. Interpretation. The parties agree that any ambiguity in the Agreement shall be resolved to permit Covered Entity to comply with HIPAA, the Privacy and Security Rule and the HITECH Act.
- e. Segregation. If any term or condition of this Exhibit I or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms or conditions which can be given effect without the invalid term or condition; to this end the terms and conditions of this Exhibit I are declared severable.
- f. Survival. Provisions in this Exhibit I regarding the use and disclosure of PHI, return or destruction of PHI, extensions of the protections of the Agreement in section 3 k, the defense and indemnification provisions of section 3 d and standard contract provision #13, as amended, shall survive the termination of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Exhibit I.

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

The State Agency Name

Name of Contractor

Signature of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

JOAN H. ASCHEIM

Name of Authorized Representative

Name of Authorized Representative

BUREAU CHIEF

Title of Authorized Representative

Title of Authorized Representative

Date

Date

Subject: Laboratory Services for Newborn Screening

AGREEMENT

The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. IDENTIFICATION.

1.1 State Agency Name NH Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health Services		1.2 State Agency Address 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301-6504	
1.3 Contractor Name University of Massachusetts		1.4 Contractor Address 305 South Street Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number 617-983-6300	1.6 Account Number 010-090-5240-102-500731	1.7 Completion Date June 30, 2013	1.8 Price Limitation \$1,437,420.00
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Joan H. Ascheim, Bureau Chief		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-4501	
1.11 Contractor Signature		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory	
1.13 Acknowledgement: State of _____, County of _____ On _____, before the undersigned officer, personally appeared the person identified in block 1.12, or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is signed in block 1.11, and acknowledged that s/he executed this document in the capacity indicated in block 1.12.			
1.13.1 Signature of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace [Seal]			
1.13.2 Name and Title of Notary or Justice of the Peace			
1.14 State Agency Signature		1.15 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory Joan H. Ascheim, Bureau Chief	
1.16 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable) By: _____ Director, On: _____			
1.17 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) By: _____ On: _____			
1.18 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council By: _____ On: _____			

2. EMPLOYMENT OF CONTRACTOR/SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED. The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT A which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.
3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall not become effective until the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement ("Effective Date").
3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.
Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/PAYMENT.
5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference.
5.2 The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Contractor other than the contract price.
5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/ EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.
6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal opportunity laws. In addition, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable copyright laws.
6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.
6.3 If this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 ("Equal Employment Opportunity"), as supplemented by the regulations of the United States Department of Labor (41 C.F.R. Part 60), and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State of New Hampshire or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor further agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7. PERSONNEL.
7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.
7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Contractor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subcontractor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.
7.3 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

- 8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;
- 8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or
- 8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

- 8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;
- 8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;
- 8.2.3 set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or
- 8.2.4 treat the Agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

9. DATA/ACCESS/CONFIDENTIALITY/PRESERVATION.

9.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

9.2 All data and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

9.3 Confidentiality of data shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A or other existing law. Disclosure of data requires prior written approval of the State.

10. TERMINATION. In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination

Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in the attached EXHIBIT A.

11. CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE. In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS. The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the N.H. Department of Administrative Services. None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the State.

13. INDEMNIFICATION. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based or resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

14. INSURANCE.

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 comprehensive general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$250,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 per occurrence; and

14.1.2 fire and extended coverage insurance covering all property subject to subparagraph 9.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Contractor shall also furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration date of each of the insurance policies. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. Each

certificate(s) of insurance shall contain a clause requiring the insurer to endeavor to provide the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, no less than ten (10) days prior written notice of cancellation or modification of the policy.

15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("Workers' Compensation").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

16. WAIVER OF BREACH. No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event of Default, or any subsequent Event of Default. No express failure to enforce any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other Event of Default on the part of the Contractor.

17. NOTICE. Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

18. AMENDMENT. This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire.

19. CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS.

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

20. THIRD PARTIES. The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

21. HEADINGS. The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

22. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. Additional provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT C are incorporated herein by reference.

23. SEVERABILITY. In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior Agreements and understandings relating hereto.