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**AGREEMENT TO AUTHORIZE
ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO PENNDOT SYSTEMS**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, _____ by and between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as DEPARTMENT,

AND

(NAME OF APPLICANT)

(REGISTERED OR PRINCIPAL OFFICE LEGAL ADDRESS OF APPLICANT)

(PRINCIPAL OFFICE PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS)

hereinafter referred to as APPLICANT.

WHEREAS, the APPLICANT desires to register as a DEPARTMENT business partner to be permitted electronic access to the following DEPARTMENT systems:

(hereinafter referred to as "System" whether singular or plural) for the purposes of entering information into and exchanging data with the System; and

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT , in furtherance of the powers and duties conferred on it by Section 2002 of the Administrative Code of 1929, as amended,⁷¹ P.S. Section 512, to design and construct state highways and other transportation facilities, to undertake other transportation-related activities, and to enter into contracts for these purposes , is willing to permit the APPLICANT to electronically submit applications, technical proposals, invoices, engineering plans, designs and other documents necessary to design and construct transportation projects or undertake other transportation-related activities as part of the DEPARTMENT'S program to use the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual promises expressed in this document, and intending to be legally bound, the parties agree as follows:

- I. The APPLICANT is responsible for furnishing and assuming the total costs of all software and hardware necessary to connect to the System. Such software shall include an operating system, an Internet browser and any software needed to operate a modem. The APPLICANT is responsible for the procurement and cost of any data communications lines required to connect to the System. The APPLICANT is responsible for the cost of telephone lines and usage.

2. The DEPARTMENT grants APPLICANT access to the System under the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the APPLICANT will be permitted access to the System as the DEPARTMENT shall direct. The APPLICANT agrees to be liable for any damage to the DEPARTMENT'S databases or software owned or licensed by the DEPARTMENT in the event a computer virus originated from the APPLICANT, its agents or employees to the extent that such computer virus was introduced on the DEPARTMENT'S computer systems or networks as a result of APPLICANT'S negligence and APPLICANT has not used reasonable care to detect and eliminate computer viruses using then current industry standard security and anti-virus tools. For purposes of the Agreement, the term "computer virus" shall mean and include any undocumented or hidden functionality or performance capability contained in software or data which is designed to facilitate the theft of, destroy or corrupt data or software, or disable or lock software or a computer system, or any undocumented and unauthorized method for gaining access electronically to software or other corporate resources or data.
3. The DEPARTMENT cannot waive sovereign immunity and will not be liable for any damage to the APPLICANT'S databases or software owned, leased or licensed by the APPLICANT from any source, whatsoever, within or outside the DEPARTMENT.
4. The APPLICANT will implement appropriate security measures to insure that only authorized employees of the APPLICANT will have access to and enter data into the System. The APPLICANT agrees to assign only its current employees User Identification Internet System access codes ("User ID codes") provided to the APPLICANT by the DEPARTMENT. The APPLICANT agrees to assign a separate and distinct User ID code to each current employee who will submit invoices, letters of interest, technical proposals or other project documents or participate as a member of a project team under an engineering agreement or construction contract with the DEPARTMENT. The APPLICANT agrees to accept full responsibility for controlling the User ID codes that the APPLICANT assigns to the employees of the APPLICANT. The APPLICANT agrees to deactivate an employee's User ID code immediately upon the employee's separation and/or dismissal from the employ of or association with the APPLICANT. The APPLICANT agrees that the APPLICANT'S employees may not share User ID codes. The APPLICANT agrees to be liable for the items negligently submitted under one of its assigned User ID codes and for the negligent submissions, actions or omissions of anyone using a User ID code of the APPLICANT or the APPLICANT'S employee.
5. The DEPARTMENT shall make provisions for the APPLICANT to obtain initial training for the System. This training may not include any non-System program topics, nor may it include training on any other computer hardware or software, including, but not limited to, operation of a personal computer.
6. The DEPARTMENT will make reasonable attempts (barring unforeseen interruptions due to calamity, natural disaster or technical impossibility) to make the System available for on-line access 24 hours per day, seven days per week, except for ten hours each workday when the System databases are updated. The DEPARTMENT will provide support only during the normal business hours of the DEPARTMENT offices.
7. The APPLICANT agrees to comply with the Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause (Exhibit "A"), the Contractor Integrity Provisions (Exhibit "B"), the Contractor Responsibility Provisions (Exhibit "C"), the Offset Provision (Exhibit "D") and the Provisions Concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act (Exhibit "E"), all of which are attached to and made part of this Agreement. As used in these exhibits, the term "contractor" refers to the APPLICANT.

8. The Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101-3104, applies to this Agreement. Therefore, this Agreement is subject to, and the APPLICANT shall comply with, the clause entitled Contract Provisions- Right to Know Law, attached as Exhibit "F" and made a part of this Agreement. As used in the attached exhibit, the term "Contractor" refers to the APPLICANT.
9. APPLICANT shall not be responsible for any consequential, indirect, special or punitive damages with respect to claims made under this Agreement. In any event, DEPARTMENT may not recover direct damages in excess of \$1,000,000.
10. This Agreement shall continue until terminated by either Party, at any time, without cause, within fifteen (15) days upon receipt of written notice thereof. Any material breach of this Agreement by either Party shall entitle the other Party to terminate this Agreement without prejudice to its rights or remedies available at law or in equity. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, APPLICANT shall cease and shall cause its users to cease attempts to access the System.
11. This Agreement shall be governed by the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
12. This Agreement embodies the entire understanding between the DEPARTMENT and APPLICANT and there are no contracts, agreements , or understanding with reference to the subject matter hereof which are not merged herein

ATTEST:

(Print APPLICANT Name)

(Signature)

(Date)

Print Name

{Title}

(Signature)

(Date)

Print Name

{Title}

COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY: _____
(Department Signatory and Date)

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY AND FORM

BY: _____
(Chief Counsel Signatory and Date)

Preapproved form:
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MAIL COMPLETED AGREEMENT TO:
System Registration
PA Department of Transportation
Bureau of Aviation
c/o Emily Brownawell
PO Box 3457
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0064

Exhibit "A"

NONDISCRIMINATION/SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAUSE [Contracts]

The Contractor agrees:

1. In the hiring of any employee(s) for the manufacture of supplies, performance of work, or any other activity required under the contract or any subcontract, the Contractor, each subcontractor, or any person acting on behalf of the Contractor or subcontractor shall not, by reason of gender, race, creed, or color, discriminate against any citizen of this Commonwealth who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates.
2. Neither the Contractor nor any subcontractor nor any person on their behalf shall in any manner discriminate against or intimidate any employee involved in the manufacture of supplies, the performance of work, or any other activity required under the contract on account of gender, race, creed, or color.
3. The Contractor and each subcontractor shall establish and maintain a written sexual harassment policy and shall inform their employees of the policy. The policy must contain a notice that sexual harassment will not be tolerated and employees who practice it will be disciplined.
4. The Contractor and each subcontractor shall not discriminate by reason of gender, race, creed, or color against any subcontractor or supplier who is qualified to perform the work to which the contracts relates.
5. The Contractor and each subcontractor shall, within the time periods requested by the Commonwealth, furnish all necessary employment documents and records and permit access to their books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Bureau of Minority and Women Business Opportunities (BMWBO), for purpose of ascertaining compliance with provisions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause. Within fifteen (15) days after award of any contract, the Contractor shall be required to complete, sign and submit Form STD-21, the "Initial Contract Compliance Data" form. If the contract is a construction contract, then the Contractor shall be required to complete, sign and submit Form STD-28, the "Monthly Contract Compliance Report for Construction Contractors", each month no later than the 15th of the month following the reporting period beginning with the initial job conference and continuing through the completion of the project. Those contractors who have fewer than five employees or whose employees are all from the same family or who have completed the Form STD-21 within the past 12 months may, within the 15 days, request an exemption from the Form STD-21 submission requirement from the contracting agency.
6. The Contractor shall include the provisions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause in every subcontract so that those provisions applicable to subcontractors will be binding upon each subcontractor.

7. The Commonwealth may cancel or terminate the contract and all money due or to become due under the contract may be forfeited for a violation of the terms and conditions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause. In addition, the agency may proceed with debarment or suspension and may place the Contractor in the Contractor Responsibility File.

Exhibit "B"

CONTRACTOR INTEGRITY PROVISIONS

It is essential that those who seek to contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("Commonwealth") observe high standards of honesty and integrity. They must conduct themselves in a manner that fosters public confidence in the integrity of the Commonwealth contracting and procurement process.

1. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of these Contractor Integrity Provisions, the following terms shall have the meanings found in this Section:

- a. **"Affiliate"** means two or more entities where (a) a parent entity owns more than fifty percent of the voting stock of each of the entities; or (b) a common shareholder or group of shareholders owns more than fifty percent of the voting stock of each of the entities; or (c) the entities have a common proprietor or general partner.
 - b. **"Consent"** means written permission signed by a duly authorized officer or employee of the Commonwealth, provided that where the material facts have been disclosed, in writing, by prequalification, bid, proposal, or contractual terms, the Commonwealth shall be deemed to have consented by virtue of the execution of this contract.
 - c. **"Contractor"** means the individual or entity, that has entered into this contract with the Commonwealth.
 - d. **"Contractor Related Parties"** means any affiliates of the Contractor and the Contractor's executive officers, Pennsylvania officers and directors, or owners of 5 percent or more interest in the Contractor.
 - e. **"Financial Interest"** means either:
 - (1) Ownership of more than a five percent interest in any business; or
 - (2) Holding a position as an officer, director, trustee, partner, employee, or holding any position of management.
 - f. **"Gratuity"** means tendering, giving, or providing anything of more than nominal monetary value including, but not limited to, cash, travel, entertainment, gifts, meals, lodging, loans, subscriptions, advances, deposits of money, services, employment, or contracts of any kind. The exceptions set forth in the *Governor's Code of Conduct, Executive Order 1980-18*, the *4 Pa. Code §7.153(b}*, shall apply.
 - g. **"Non-bid Basis"** means a contract awarded or executed by the Commonwealth with Contractor without seeking bids or proposals from any other potential bidder or offeror.
- 2.** In furtherance of this policy, Contractor agrees to the following:
- a. Contractor shall maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity during the performance of this contract and shall take no action in violation of state or federal laws or regulations or any other applicable laws or regulations, or other requirements applicable to Contractor or that govern contracting or procurement with the Commonwealth.

- b. Contractor shall establish and implement a written business integrity policy, which includes, at a minimum, the requirements of these provisions as they relate to the Contractor activity with the Commonwealth and Commonwealth employees and which is made known to all Contractor employees. Posting these Contractor Integrity Provisions conspicuously in easily-accessible and well-lighted places customarily frequented by employees and at or near where the contract services are performed shall satisfy this requirement.
- c. Contractor, its affiliates, agents, employees and anyone in privity with Contractor shall not accept, agree to give, offer, confer, or agree to confer or promise to confer, directly or indirectly, any gratuity or pecuniary benefit to any person, or to influence or attempt to influence any person in violation of any federal or state law, regulation, executive order of the Governor of Pennsylvania, statement of policy, management directive or any other published standard of the Commonwealth in connection with performance of work under this contract, except as provided in this contract.
- d. Contractor shall not have a financial interest in any other contractor, subcontractor, or supplier providing services, labor, or material under this contract, unless the financial interest is disclosed to the Commonwealth in writing and the Commonwealth consents to Contractor's financial interest prior to Commonwealth execution of the contract. Contractor shall disclose the financial interest to the Commonwealth at the time of bid or proposal submission, or if no bids or proposals are solicited, no later than Contractor's submission of the contract signed by Contractor.
- e. Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that within the last five (5) years Contractor or Contractor Related Parties have not:
 - (1) been indicted or convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or business honesty or integrity in any jurisdiction;
 - (2) been suspended, debarred or otherwise disqualified from entering into any contract with any governmental agency;
 - (3) had any business license or professional license suspended or revoked;
 - (4) had any sanction or finding of fact imposed as a result of a judicial or administrative proceeding related to fraud, extortion, bribery, bid rigging, embezzlement, misrepresentation or anti-trust; and
 - (5) been, and is not currently, the subject of a criminal investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency and/or civil anti-trust investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency.

If Contractor cannot so certify to the above, then it must submit along with its bid, proposal or contract a written explanation of why such certification cannot be made and the Commonwealth will determine whether a contract may be entered into with the Contractor. The Contractor's obligation pursuant to this certification is ongoing from and after the effective date of the contract through the termination date thereof. Accordingly, the Contractor shall have an obligation to immediately notify the Commonwealth in writing if at any time during the term of the contract if becomes aware of any event which would cause the Contractor's certification or explanation to change. Contractor acknowledges that the Commonwealth may, in its sole discretion, terminate the contract for cause if it learns that any of the certifications made herein are currently false due to intervening factual circumstances or were false or should have been known to be false when entering into the contract.

- f. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the *Lobbying Disclosure Act* (65 Pa.C.S. §13A01 et seq.) regardless of the method of award. If this contract was awarded on a Non-bid Basis, Contractor must also comply with the requirements of the *Section 1641 of the Pennsylvania Election Code* (25 P.S. §3260a).
- g. When Contractor has reason to believe that any breach of ethical standards as set forth in law, the Governor's Code of Conduct, or these Contractor Integrity Provisions has occurred or may occur, including but not limited to contact by a Commonwealth officer or employee which, if acted upon, would violate such ethical standards, Contractor shall immediately notify the Commonwealth contracting officer or the Office of the State Inspector General in writing.
- h. Contractor, by submission of its bid or proposal and/or execution of this contract and by the submission of any bills, invoices or requests for payment pursuant to the contract, certifies and represents that it has not violated any of these Contractor Integrity Provisions in connection with the submission of the bid or proposal, during any contract negotiations or during the term of the contract, to include any extensions thereof. Contractor shall immediately notify the Commonwealth in writing of any actions for occurrences that would result in a violation of these Contractor Integrity Provisions. Contractor agrees to reimburse the Commonwealth for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Office of the State Inspector General for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the Commonwealth that results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. Contractor shall not be responsible for investigative costs for investigations that do not result in the Contractor's suspension or debarment.
- i. Contractor shall cooperate with the Office of the State Inspector General in its investigation of any alleged Commonwealth agency or employee breach of ethical standards and any alleged Contractor non-compliance with these Contractor Integrity Provisions. Contractor agrees to make identified Contractor employees available for interviews at reasonable times and places. Contractor, upon the inquiry or request of an Inspector General, shall provide, or if appropriate, make promptly available for inspection or copying, any information of any type or form deemed relevant by the Office of the State Inspector General to Contractor's integrity and compliance with these provisions. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, Contractor's business or financial records, documents or files of any type or form that refer to or concern this contract. Contractor shall incorporate this paragraph in any agreement, contract or subcontract it enters into in the course of the performance of this contract/agreement solely for the purpose of obtaining subcontractor compliance with this provision. The incorporation of this provision in a subcontract shall not create privity of contract between the Commonwealth and any such subcontractor, and no third party beneficiaries shall be created thereby.
- j. For violation of any of these Contractor Integrity Provisions, the Commonwealth may terminate this and any other contract with Contractor, claim liquidated damages in an amount equal to the value of anything received in breach of these Provisions, claim damages for all additional costs and expenses incurred in obtaining another contractor to complete performance under this contract, and debar and suspend Contractor from doing business with the Commonwealth. These rights and remedies are cumulative, and the use or non-use of any one shall not preclude the use of all or any other. These rights and remedies are in addition to those the Commonwealth may have under law, statute, regulation, or otherwise.

Exhibit "C"
Contractor Responsibility Provisions

For the purpose of these provisions, the term contractor is defined as any person, including, but not limited to, a bidder, offeror, loan recipient, grantee or lessor, who has furnished or performed or seeks to furnish or perform, goods, supplies, services, leased space, construction or other activity, under a contract, grant, lease, purchase order or reimbursement agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth). The term contractor includes a permittee, licensee, or any agency, political subdivision, instrumentality, public authority, or other public entity in the Commonwealth.

- 1.** The Contractor certifies, in writing, for itself and its subcontractors required to be disclosed or approved by the Commonwealth, that as of the date of its execution of this Bid/Contract, that neither the Contractor, nor any such subcontractors, are under suspension or debarment by the Commonwealth or any governmental entity, instrumentality, or authority and, if the Contractor cannot so certify, then it agrees to submit, along with its Bid/Contract, a written explanation of why such certification cannot be made.
- 2.** The Contractor also certifies, in writing, that as of the date of its execution of this Bid/Contract it has no tax liabilities or other Commonwealth obligations, or has filed a timely administrative or judicial appeal if such liabilities or obligations exist, or is subject to a duly approved deferred payment plan if such liabilities exist.
- 3.** The Contractor's obligations pursuant to these provisions are ongoing from and after the effective date of the Contract through the termination date thereof. Accordingly, the Contractor shall have an obligation to inform the Commonwealth if, at any time during the term of the Contract, it becomes delinquent in the payment of taxes, or other Commonwealth obligations, or if it or, to the best knowledge of the Contractor, any of its subcontractors are suspended or debarred by the Commonwealth, the federal government, or any other state or governmental entity. Such notification shall be made within 15 days of the date of suspension or debarment.
- 4.** The failure of the Contractor to notify the Commonwealth of its suspension or debarment by the Commonwealth, any other state, or the federal government shall constitute an event of default of the Contract with the Commonwealth.
- 5.** The Contractor agrees to reimburse the Commonwealth for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Office of State Inspector General for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the Commonwealth that results in the suspension or debarment of the contractor. Such costs shall include, but shall not be limited to, salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; and expert witness and documentary fees. The Contractor shall not be responsible for investigative costs for investigations that do not result in the Contractor's suspension or debarment.
- 6.** The Contractor may obtain a current list of suspended and debarred Commonwealth contractors by either searching the Internet at <http://www.dgs.state.pa.us>/ or contacting the:

Department of General Services
Office of Chief Counsel
603 North Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17125
Telephone No: (717) 783-6472
FAX No: (717) 787-9138

Exhibit "D"
Offset Provision

The Contractor agrees that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) may set off the amount of any state tax liability or other obligation of the Contractor or its subsidiaries to the Commonwealth against any payments due the contractor under any contract with the Commonwealth.

Exhibit "E"

PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

For the purpose of these provisions, the term contractor is defined as any person, including, but not limited to, a bidder, offeror, supplier, or grantee, who will furnish or perform or seeks to furnish or perform, goods, supplies, services, construction or other activity, under a purchase order, contract, or grant with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth).

During the term of this agreement, the contractor agrees as follows:

1. Pursuant to federal regulations promulgated under the authority of the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, 28 C. F. R. § 35.101 *et seq.*, the contractor understands and agrees that no individual with a disability shall, on the basis of the disability, be excluded from participation in this agreement or from activities provided for under this agreement. As a condition of accepting and executing this agreement, the contractor agrees to comply with the "*General Prohibitions Against Discrimination*," 28 C. F. R. § 35.130, and all other regulations promulgated under *Title II* of the *Americans with Disabilities Act* which are applicable to the benefits , services, programs, and activities provided by the Commonwealth through contracts with outside contractors.
2. The contractor shall be responsible for and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Commonwealth from all losses, damages, expenses, claims, demands, suits, and actions brought by any party against the Commonwealth as a result of the contractor's failure to comply with the provisions of paragraph 1.

Exhibit "F"

Contract Provisions - Right to Know Law

- a. The Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101-3104, ("RTKL") applies to this Contract. For the purpose of these provisions, the term "the Commonwealth" shall refer to the contracting Commonwealth agency.
- b. If the Commonwealth needs the Contractor's assistance in any matter arising out of the RTKL related to this Contract, it shall notify the Contractor using the legal contact information provided in this Contract. The Contractor, at any time, may designate a different contact for such purpose upon reasonable prior written notice to the Commonwealth.
- c. Upon written notification from the Commonwealth that it requires the Contractor's assistance in responding to a request under the RTKL for information related to this Contract that may be in the Contractor's possession, constituting, or alleged to constitute, a public record in accordance with the RTKL ("Requested Information"), the Contractor shall:
 1. Provide the Commonwealth, within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of written notification, access to, and copies of, any document or information in the Contractor's possession arising out of this Contract that the Commonwealth reasonably believes is Requested Information and may be a public record under the RTKL; and
 2. Provide such other assistance as the Commonwealth may reasonably request, in order to comply with the RTKL with respect to this Contract.
- d. If the Contractor considers the Requested Information to include a request for a Trade Secret or Confidential Proprietary Information, as those terms are defined by the RTKL, or other information that the Contractor considers exempt from production under the RTKL, the Contractor must notify the Commonwealth and provide, within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the written notification, a written statement signed by a representative of the Contractor explaining why the requested material is exempt from public disclosure under the RTKL.
- e. The Commonwealth will rely upon the written statement from the Contractor in denying a RTKL request for the Requested Information unless the Commonwealth determines that the Requested Information is clearly not protected from disclosure under the RTKL. Should the Commonwealth determine that the Requested Information is clearly not exempt from disclosure, the Contractor shall provide the Requested Information within five (5) business days of receipt of written notification of the Commonwealth's determination.
- f. If the Contractor fails to provide the Requested Information within the time period required by these provisions, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold the Commonwealth harmless for any damages, penalties, costs, detriment or harm that the Commonwealth may incur as a result of the Contractor's failure, including any statutory damages assessed against the Commonwealth.

g. The Commonwealth will reimburse the Contractor for any costs associated with complying with these provisions only to the extent allowed under the fee schedule established by the Office of Open Records or as otherwise provided by the RTK.L if the fee schedule is inapplicable.

h. The Contractor may file a legal challenge to any Commonwealth decision to release a record to the public with the Office of Open Records, or in the Pennsylvania Courts, however, the Contractor shall indemnify the Commonwealth for any legal expenses incurred by the Commonwealth as a result of such a challenge and shall hold the Commonwealth harmless for any damages, penalties, costs, detriment or harm that the Commonwealth may incur as a result of the Contractor's failure, including any statutory damages assessed against the Commonwealth, regardless of the outcome of such legal challenge. As between the parties, the Contractor agrees to waive all rights or remedies that may be available to it as a result of the Commonwealth's disclosure of Requested Information pursuant to the RTKL.

i. The Contractor's duties relating to the RTK.L are continuing duties that survive the expiration of this Contract and shall continue as long as the Contractor has Requested Information in its possession.