

## Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

Invitation for Bids

# SMALL PROCUREMENT - INVITATION FOR BIDS MDHBE31040423 AMX Audio and Video Products Aug 15, 2018

#### 1. General

By responding to this Solicitation, Offeror agrees that any resulting purchase order resulting from the IFB incorporates the terms and conditions of this solicitation, including all attachments.

#### 2. Requirements or Scope of Work

A. The MHBE is seeking bids from qualified bidders for one (1) AMX FG1901-12 Digital Video Presentation Switcher w/ HDCP 2.2, Video Scaling, Distance Transport, Advanced Windowing, DSP, DriveCore Amplification; one (1) AMX FG1010-505 DXL-RX-4K60 Video Over Category 6 Receiver; one (1) AMX FG2265-06 MST-701, 7" Modero S Series G4 Tabletop Touch Panel; one (1) AMX FG423-83 Poe Injector, 802.3AF Compliant; one (1) AMX FGN7142 Presentation Switcher with Networked AV; one (1) AMX FGN1122A-CD Compression Video Over IP Encoder with PoE, AES67 Support Card; one (1) AMX FGN1222A-SA Compression Video Over IP Decoder with PoE, AES67 Support Card; and, one (1) AMX FG2265-06 MST-701, 7" Modero S Series G4 Tabletop Touch Panel.

Quantity	Part Number	Item Description
1	FG1901-12	Digital Video Presentation Switcher w/ HDCP 2.2, Video Scaling, Distance Transport, Advanced Windowing, DSP, DriveCore Amplification
1	FG1010-505	DXL-RX-4K60 Video Over Category 6 Receiver
1	FG2265-06	MST-701, 7" Modero S Series G4 Tabletop Touch Panel
1	FG423-83	PoE Injector, 802.3AF Compliant
1	FGN7142	Presentation Switcher with Networked AV
1	FGN112A-CD	Compression Video Over IP Encoder with PoE, AES67 Support, Card
1	FGN1122A-SA	Compression Video Over IP Decoder with PoE, AES67 Support, Card

Quantity	Part Number	Item Description
1	FG2265-06	MST-701, 7" Modero S Series G4 Tabletop Touch Panel

B. The products mentioned above shall be covered by the standard manufacturer warranty.

#### 3. Bidder's Minimum Qualifications

The Bidder must be an authorized reseller of AMX Products. As proof, the Bidder must submit with the bid a letter of authorization from the manufacturer or distributor providing evidence of the rights to resell all products and services required by this IFB.

#### 4. Contract Type

The resulting Contract (Purchase Order) shall be based on Fixed Price.

#### 5. Contract Term

The Contract shall be for a one time purchase.

#### 6. Invoicing

- 6.1 All invoices for services shall be signed by the Contractor and submitted to the Contract Monitor with any backup documentation specified by the MHBE within 30 days of delivery of services. Contractor's invoices to MHBE also shall include, at the minimum, the following information:
  - Contractor name
  - Remittance address
  - Federal taxpayer identification number
  - Invoice period, invoice date, invoice number and amount due
  - State assigned Contract number
  - State assigned Purchase or Blanket Purchase Order number(s)
  - Services provided with supporting documentation providing details

Invoices submitted without the required information cannot be processed for payment until the Contractor provides the required information.

- 6.2 The MHBE reserves the right to reduce or withhold Contract payment in the event the Contractor does not provide the MHBE with all required deliverables within the time frame specified in the Contract or in the event that the Contractor otherwise materially breaches the terms and conditions of the Contract until such time as the Contractor brings itself into full compliance with the Contract.
- 6.3 By submitting a response to this solicitation, the Bidder agrees to accept payments by electronic funds transfer if selected for Contract unless the State Comptroller's Office grants an exemption. Payment by electronic funds transfer is mandatory for contracts exceeding \$100,000. The selected Contractor shall register using the COT/GAD X-10 Vendor Electronic Funds (EFT) Registration.

#### 7. Procurement Officer

Raelene Glasgow Procurement Officer Maryland Health Benefit Exchange 750 East Pratt Street, 6th Floor Baltimore, MD 21202

Phone: 410-547-8152

Email: hix.procurement@maryland.gov

#### 8. Contract Monitor

Greg Yaculak Chief Information Security Officer Maryland Health Benefit Exchange 750 East Pratt Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

# 9. Form of Response/Bid Closing Date

Bidders shall submit with their Bid the required minimum qualification documentation (see Section 3 above), and any required bid submissions (see Attachment A). Bidders shall submit their bids and all required attachments, via email, in pdf format to <a href="mailto:hix.procurement@maryland.gov">hix.procurement@maryland.gov</a> in time to be received by <a href="mailto:11:00 AM">11:00 AM</a>
<a href="mailto:Eastern Standard Time">Eastern Standard Time</a>, August 29, 2018 with documents clearly labeled as "Bid, AMX Audio and Video Products IFB # MDHBE31040423 Bids received after the due date and time will not be considered.

#### 10. Award Determination

A contract/purchase order shall be awarded to the responsible Bidder submitting a responsive Bid with the most favorable Total Bid Price for providing the products/services as specified in this IFB. The most favorable Total Bid Price will be the lowest price on IFB Attachment A - Bid Form.

# ATTACHMENT B – BID PRICE FORM AMX Audio and Video Products IFB # MDHBE31040423

Qty	Item #	Description	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	FG1901-12	Digital Video Presentation Switcher w/ HDCP 2.2, Video Scaling, Distance Transport, Advanced Windowing, DSP, DriveCore Amplification	\$	\$
1	FG1010-505	DXL-RX-4K60 Video Over Category 6 Receiver	\$	\$
1	FG2265-06	MST-701, 7" Modero S Series G4 Tabletop Touch Panel	\$	\$
1	FG423-83	PoE Injector, 802.3AF Compliant	\$	\$
1	FGN7142	Presentation Switcher with Networked AV	\$	\$
1	FGN112A-CD	Compression Video Over IP Encoder with PoE, AES67 Support, Card	\$	\$
1	FGN1122A-SA	Compression Video Over IP Decoder with PoE, AES67 Support, Card	\$	\$
1	FG2265-06	MST-701, 7" Modero S Series G4 Tabletop Touch Panel	\$	\$
ТОТ	AL BID PRICE*			\$

*BASIS FOR AWARD					
Submitted By:					
Authorized Signature:	Date:				
Printed Name and Title:					
Bidder Address:					
FEIN:	++ eMM # _				
Bidder Contact Information:	Telephone: ()	Fax: ()			
F-mail·					

#### ATTACHMENT C - BID/PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT

A. AUTHORITY		
I hereby affirm that I,	(name of affiant) am the	(title) and duly authorized
representative of	(name of business entity) and that I pos	sess the legal authority to make
this affidavit on behalf of the l	business for which I am acting.	

#### B. CERTIFICATION REGARDING COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION

The undersigned Bidder/Offeror hereby certifies and agrees that the following information is correct: In preparing its Bid/Proposal on this project, the Bidder/Offeror has considered all Proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not engaged in "discrimination" as defined in § 19-103 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. "Discrimination" means any disadvantage, difference, distinction, or preference in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or commercial treatment of a vendor, subcontractor, or commercial customer on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, sexual identity, or on the basis of disability or any otherwise unlawful use of characteristics regarding the vendor's, supplier's, or commercial customer's employees or owners. "Discrimination" also includes retaliating against any person or other entity for reporting any incident of "discrimination". Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation on this project, it is understood that, if the certification is false, such false certification constitutes grounds for the State to reject the Bid/Proposal submitted by the Bidder/Offeror on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the Bid/Proposal. As part of its Bid/Proposal, the Bidder/Offeror herewith submits a list of all instances within the past 4 years where there has been a final adjudicated determination in a legal or administrative proceeding in the State of Maryland that the Bidder/Offeror discriminated against subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, and a description of the status or resolution of that determination, including any remedial action taken. Bidder/Offeror agrees to comply in all respects with the State's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as described under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

#### B-1. CERTIFICATION REGARDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

The undersigned Bidder/Offeror hereby certifies and agrees that it has fully complied with the State Minority Business Enterprise Law, State Finance and Procurement Article, § 14-308(a)(2), Annotated Code of Maryland, which provides that, except as otherwise provided by law, a contractor may not identify a certified minority business enterprise in a Bid/Proposal and:

- (1) Fail to request, receive, or otherwise obtain authorization from the certified minority business enterprise to identify the certified minority Proposal;
- (2) Fail to notify the certified minority business enterprise before execution of the contract of its inclusion in the Bid/Proposal;
- (3) Fail to use the certified minority business enterprise in the performance of the contract; or
- (4) Pay the certified minority business enterprise solely for the use of its name in the Bid/Proposal.

Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation on this project, it is understood that if the certification is false, such false certification constitutes grounds for the State to reject the Bid/Proposal submitted by the Bidder/Offeror on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the Bid/Proposal.

#### B-2. CERTIFICATION REGARDING VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

The undersigned Bidder/Offeror hereby certifies and agrees that it has fully complied with the State veteranowned small business enterprise law, State Finance and Procurement Article, § 14-605, Annotated Code of Maryland, which provides that a person may not:

- (1) Knowingly and with intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, attempt to obtain, or aid another person in fraudulently obtaining or attempting to obtain public money, procurement contracts, or funds expended under a procurement contract to which the person is not entitled under this title;
- (2) Knowingly and with intent to defraud, fraudulently represent participation of a veteran—owned small business enterprise in order to obtain or retain a Bid/Proposal preference or a procurement contract;
- (3) Willfully and knowingly make or subscribe to any statement, declaration, or other document that is fraudulent or false as to any material matter, whether or not that falsity or fraud is committed with the knowledge or consent of the person authorized or required to present the declaration, statement, or document;
- (4) Willfully and knowingly aid, assist in, procure, counsel, or advise the preparation or presentation of a declaration, statement, or other document that is fraudulent or false as to any material matter, regardless of whether that falsity or fraud is committed with the knowledge or consent of the person authorized or required to present the declaration, statement, or document;
- (5) Willfully and knowingly fail to file any declaration or notice with the unit that is required by COMAR 21.11.12; or
- (6) Establish, knowingly aid in the establishment of, or exercise control over a business found to have violated a provision of § B-2(1)-(5) of this regulation.

#### C. AFFIRMATION REGARDING BRIBERY CONVICTIONS

#### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business (as is defined in Section 16-101(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies has been convicted of, or has had probation before judgment imposed pursuant to Criminal Procedure Article, § 6-220, Annotated Code of Maryland, or has pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of, bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe in violation of Maryland law, or of the law of any other state or federal law, except as follows (indicate the reasons why the affirmation cannot be given and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of person(s) involved, and their current positions and responsibilities with the business):

#### D. AFFIRMATION REGARDING OTHER CONVICTIONS

#### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has:

- (1) Been convicted under state or federal statute of:
- (a) A criminal offense incident to obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private contract; or
- (b) Fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, falsification or destruction of records or receiving stolen property;
- (2) Been convicted of any criminal violation of a state or federal antitrust statute;
- (3) Been convicted under the provisions of Title 18 of the United States Code for violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1961 et seq., or the Mail Fraud Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1341 et seq., for acts in connection with the submission of Bids/Proposals for a public or private contract;
- (4) Been convicted of a violation of the State Minority Business Enterprise Law, § 14-308 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (5) Been convicted of a violation of § 11-205.1 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (6) Been convicted of conspiracy to commit any act or omission that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in subsections (1)—(5) above;
- (7) Been found civilly liable under a state or federal antitrust statute for acts or omissions in connection with the submission of Bids/Proposals for a public or private contract;
- (8) Been found in a final adjudicated decision to have violated the Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland with regard to a public or private contract;
- (9) Been convicted of a violation of one or more of the following provisions of the Internal Revenue Code:
- (a) §7201, Attempt to Evade or Defeat Tax;
- (b) §7203, Willful Failure to File Return, Supply Information, or Pay Tax,
- (c) §7205, Fraudulent Withholding Exemption Certificate or Failure to Supply Information,
- (d) §7205, Fraud and False Statements, or
- (e) §7207, Fraudulent Returns, Statements, or Other Documents;
- (10) Been convicted of a violation of 18 U.S.C. §286, Conspiracy to Defraud the Government with Respect to Claims, 18 U.S.C. §287, False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Claims, or 18 U.S.C. §371, Conspiracy to Defraud the United States;
- (11) Been convicted of a violation of the Tax-General Article, Title 13, Subtitle 7 or Subtitle 10, Annotated Code of Maryland;

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities, including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has ever been suspended or debarred (including being issued a limited denial of participation) by any public entity, except as follows (list each debarment or suspension providing the dates of the suspension or debarment, the name of the public entity and the status of the proceedings, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, the grounds of the debarment or suspension, and the details of each person's involvement in any activity that formed the grounds of the debarment or suspension).


#### F. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT OF RELATED ENTITIES

#### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

- (1) The business was not established and it does not operate in a manner designed to evade the application of or defeat the purpose of debarment pursuant to Sections 16-101, et seq., of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and
- (2) The business is not a successor, assignee, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business, except as follows (you must indicate the reasons why the affirmations cannot be given without qualification):


#### G. SUBCONTRACT AFFIRMATION

#### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, has knowingly entered into a contract with a public body under which a person debarred or suspended under Title 16 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland will provide, directly or indirectly, supplies, services, architectural services, construction related services, leases of real property, or construction.

#### H. AFFIRMATION REGARDING COLLUSION

#### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business has:

- (1) Agreed, conspired, connived, or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in the compilation of the accompanying Bid/Proposal that is being submitted;
- (2) In any manner, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement of any kind to fix the Bid/Proposal price of the Bidder/Offeror or of any competitor, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the contract for which the accompanying Bid/Proposal is submitted.

#### I. CERTIFICATION OF TAX PAYMENT

#### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Except as validly contested, the business has paid, or has arranged for payment of, all taxes due the State of Maryland and has filed all required returns and reports with the Comptroller of the Treasury, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, as applicable, and will have paid all withholding taxes due the State of Maryland prior to final settlement.

#### J. CONTINGENT FEES

#### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The business has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency working for the business, to solicit or secure the Contract, and that the business has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency, any fee or any other consideration contingent on the making of the Contract.

#### K. CERTIFICATION REGARDING INVESTMENTS IN IRAN

- (1) The undersigned certifies that, in accordance with State Finance and Procurement Article, §17-705, Annotated Code of Maryland:
- (a) It is not identified on the list created by the Board of Public Works as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in State Finance and Procurement Article, §17-702, Annotated Code of Maryland; and
- (b) It is not engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in State Finance and Procurement Article, §17-702, Annotated Code of Maryland.

2. The undersigned is un	iable to make the above	certification regardi	ng its investment activiti	es in Iran due to
the following activities:				

L. CONFLICT MINERALS ORIGINATED IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES CONTRACTS)

#### I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The business has complied with the provisions of State Finance and Procurement Article, §14-413, Annotated Code of Maryland governing proper disclosure of certain information regarding conflict minerals originating in the Democratic Republic of Congo or its neighboring countries as required by federal law.

#### M. I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Any claims of environmental attributes made relating to a product or service included in the Bid or Proposal are consistent with the Federal Trade Commission's Guides for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims as provided in 16 CFR §260, that apply to claims about the environmental attributes of a product, package, or service in connection with the marketing, offering for sale, or sale of such item or service.

#### N. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT this Affidavit is to be furnished to the Procurement Officer and may be distributed to units of: (1) the State of Maryland; (2) counties or other subdivisions of the State of Maryland; (3) other states; and (4) the federal government. I further acknowledge that this Affidavit is subject to applicable laws of the United States and the State of Maryland, both criminal and civil, and that nothing in this Affidavit or any contract resulting from the submission of this Bid/Proposal shall be construed to supersede, amend, modify or waive, on behalf of the State of Maryland, or any unit of the State of Maryland having jurisdiction, the exercise of any statutory right or remedy conferred by the Constitution and the laws of Maryland with respect to any misrepresentation made or any violation of the obligations, terms and covenants undertaken by the above business with respect to (1) this Affidavit, (2) the contract, and (3) other Affidavits comprising part of the contract.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date:	_
Ву:	(print name of Authorized Representative and Affiant)
	(signature of Authorized Representative and Affiant)

**SUBMIT THIS AFFIDAVIT WITH BID** 

# ATTACHMENT D – MERCURY AFFIDAVIT MERCURY AFFIDAVIT

<b>AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE</b> 1	THEREBY AFFIRM THAT:
l,	(name of affiant) am the
	(title) and the duly authorized representative
of	(name of the business). I
possess the legal authority to ma	ke this affidavit on behalf of myself and the business for which I am acting.
	MERCURY CONTENT INFORMATION:
[ ] The product(s) offered do not	contain mercury.
OR	
[ ] The product(s) offered <u>do</u> con	·
In an attachment to this	·
	or product component that contains mercury.
(2) Provide the amount of	of mercury that is contained in the product or product component.
Indicate the unit of measure beir	ng used.
	avit is to be furnished to the procurement officer and may be distributed to
• •	; (2) counties or other subdivisions of the State of Maryland; (3) other states;
· · ·	I further acknowledge that this Affidavit is subject to applicable laws of the
	aryland, both criminal and civil, and that nothing in this affidavit or any
	ission of this Bid/Proposal shall be construed to supersede, amend, modify,
	of Maryland, or any unit of the State of Maryland having jurisdiction, the remedy conferred by the Constitution and the laws of Maryland with respect
	or any violation of the obligations, terms and covenants undertaken by the
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	ECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.
F	Зу:
Date	Signature
Print Name:	

Authorized Representative and Affiant

# **SUBMIT THIS AFFIDAVIT WITH BID/PROPOSAL**

# MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE SMALL PROCUREMENT CONTRACT ATTACHMENT E – CONTRACT

AMX Audio and Video Products IFB # MDHBE31040423

betwee and	en the STATI		ng through the Maryland Health Benefit Exchang ("Contractor")		
	n Maryland	is		whose	principal
The pa	arties agree	e as follows:			
1.	Scope of	Contract.			
Requir	ements or S	cope of Work			
		Presentation Switcher Video Over Cat Rec; o 83 Poe Injector; one ( (1) AMX FGN1122A-C	oids from qualified bidders for one (1) AMX FG19 r, Scaler, Trans, AMP DSP; one (1) AMX FG1010-5 ne (1) AMX FG2265-06 MST-701 Touch Panel; on 1) AMX FGN7142 NMX-PRS-N7142, 6X2 Presenta D NMX-ENC-N1122A-C Compression Video Over MX-DEC-N1222A, Decoder; and, one (1) AMX FG:    Item Description	05 DXL-R le (1) AM tion Swit IP Encode 2265-06 N	X-4K60 X FG423- cher; one er; one (1) MST-701
			TRANS, AMP DSP		
	1	FG1010-505	AMX FG1010-505 DXL-RX-4K60 VIDEO OVER CA	AT REC	
	1	FG2265-06	AMX FG2265.06 MST-701 TOUCH PANEL		
	1	FG423-83	AMX FG423-83 POE INJECTOR		
	1	FGN7142	AMX FGN7142 NMX-PRS-N7 142, 6X2 PRESENT		
	1	FGN112A-CD	AMX FGN1122-ACD NMX-ENC-N1122A-C COMPONENT OVER IP ENCODER		VIDEO
	1	FGN1122A-SA	AMX FGN1222A-SA NMX-DEC-N1222A, DECODE	ER	
	1	FG2265-06	AMX FG2265-06 MST-701 TOUCH PANEL		
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references as Exhibit. If there is any conflict between this Contract and any exhibits incorporated by

reference, the terms of this Contract shall govern. If there is any conflict among the Exhibits, the following order of precedence shall determine the prevailing provision: Exhibit A – the scope of work or solicitation and Exhibit B – the Contractor's bid or proposal.

# 2. Changes

The Procurement Officer may, at any time, by written order, make changes in the work within the general scope of the Contract or the solicitation. No other order, statement, or conduct of the Procurement Officer or any other person shall be treated as a change or entitle the Contractor to an equitable adjustment under this section. Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, if any change under this section causes an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the work, whether or not changed by the order, an equitable adjustment in the Contract price shall be made and the Contract modified in writing accordingly. The Contractor must assert in writing its right to an adjustment under this section within thirty (30) days of receipt of written change order and shall include a written statement setting forth the nature and cost of such claim. No claim by the Contractor shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this Contract. Failure to agree to an adjustment under this section shall be a dispute under the Disputes clause. Nothing in this section shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the Contract as changed.

While the Procurement Officer may, at any time, by written change order, make unilateral changes in the work within the general scope of the Contract as provided in Section 2.2 above, the Contract may be modified by mutual agreement of the parties, provided: (a) the modification is made in writing; (b) all parties sign the modification; and (c) all required approvals are obtained.

Contracts awarded in violation of the MHBE Procurement Policies and Procedures are voidable at the election of MHBE.

- **3. Term of Contract**. The Contract shall be for one time purchase.
- 4. Compensation and Method of Payment.
- **a. Compensation**. The total compensation for services to be rendered by the Contractor shall not exceed \$15,000.
- **b. Method of Payment**. The Department shall pay the Contractor no later than thirty (30) days after the Department receives a proper invoice from the Contractor. Charges for late payment of invoices, other than as prescribed by Title 15, Subtitle 1, State Finance and Procurement Article, Maryland Code, are prohibited.
- c. Tax Identification Number. The Contractor's Federal Tax Identification Number is
  \_\_\_\_\_\_. The Contractor's Social Security Number is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Individual
  Contractor Only). Contractor's Federal Tax Identification Number (or Social Security Number Individual
  Contractor Only) shall appear on all invoices submitted by the Contractor to the Department for payment.
- **d. Invoicing.** All invoices for services shall be signed by the Contractor and submitted to the Procurement Officer. All invoices shall be submitted no later than the 15th of the month for the preceding calendar month. All invoices shall include the following information:
  - Contractor name;
  - Remittance address;

- Federal taxpayer identification number (or if sole proprietorship, the individual's social security number);
- Invoice period;
- Invoice date;
- Invoice number
- Department Contract number;
- Department Purchase Order number(s);
- Goods or services provided; and
- Amount due.

Invoices submitted without the required information cannot be processed for payment until the Contractor provides the required information.

- **5.** Procurement Officer. The Department designates \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to serve as Procurement Officer for this Contract. All contact between the Department and the Contractor regarding all matters relative to this Contract shall be coordinated through the Procurement Officer.
- **6. Disputes.** As used herein, a "claim" means a written demand or assertion by one of the parties seeking, as a legal right, the payment of money, adjustment, or interpretation of contract terms, or other relief, arising under or relating to this Contract. A voucher, invoice, or request for payment that is not in dispute when submitted is not a claim. However, if the submission subsequently is not acted upon in a reasonable time, or is disputed as to liability or amount, it may be converted to claim for the purpose of this clause.

Within thirty (30) days of when the Contractor knows or should have known of the basis for a claim relating to the Contract, it shall file a written notice of claim on its letterhead to the Procurement Officer. Contemporaneously with, or within thirty (30) days after filing the notice of claim, the Contractor shall submit the written claim to the Procurement Officer. The claim shall be in writing and shall contain: (a) An explanation of the claim, including reference to all contract provisions upon which it is based; (b) The amount of the claim; (c) The facts upon which the claim is based; (d) All pertinent data and correspondence that the Contractor relies upon to substantiate the claim; and (e) a certification by a senior official, officer, or general partner of the Contractor or the subcontractor, as applicable, that, to the best of the person's knowledge and belief, the claim is made in good faith, supporting data are accurate and complete, and the amount requested accurately reflects the contract adjustment for person believes the MHBE is liable. The Procurement Officer shall issue a final, written decision on the claim as expeditiously as possible. Any final decision of the Procurement Officer may award a Contract claim only for those expenses incurred not more than thirty (30) days before the contractor initially filed its notice of claim.

If the final decision of the Procurement Officer grants the claim in part and denies the claim in part, the MHBE shall pay the Contractor the undisputed amount. Payment of the partial claim will not be construed as an admission of liability by the MHBE and does not preclude the MHBE from recovering the amount paid if a subsequent determination modifies the final decision.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the final decision of the Procurement Officer, the Contractor may file an appeal to the Executive Director of the MHBE for claims for monetary amounts less than \$50,000, and to the Board of Trustees for either claims for monetary amounts over \$50,000 or greater or for claims involving non- monetary relief. If submitted to the Executive Director, a final decision resolving the appeal will be issued by the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall issue a final decision resolving the appeal of claims for monetary amounts less than \$50,000. The Board of Trustees shall issue a final decision resolving appeals of claims for \$50,000 or more and those for non-monetary relief. The Contractor's timely

appeal to the Executive Director or the Board of Trustees shall be a strict condition precedent to the Contractor pursuing any legal rights which it alleges or which may exist in any other forum.

Pending resolution of a claim, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract in accordance with the Procurement Officer's decision.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the MHBE's right to withhold payments from the Contractor, assess liquidated damages against the Contractor, direct the Contractor to perform pursuant to the terms of the Contract or any written change order, or to exercise any other rights allowed by Contract or at law.

- 7. Termination for Cause. If the Contractor fails to fulfill its obligations under this Contract properly and on time, or otherwise violates any provision of the Contract, the State may terminate the Contract by written notice to the Contractor. The notice shall specify the acts or omissions relied upon as cause for termination. All finished or unfinished work provided by the Contractor shall, at the State's option, become the State's property. The State shall pay the Contractor fair and equitable compensation for satisfactory performance prior to receipt of notice of termination, less the amount of damages caused by the Contractor's breach. If the damages are more than the compensation payable to the Contractor, the Contractor will remain liable after termination and the State can affirmatively collect damages. Termination hereunder, including the termination of the rights and obligations of the parties, shall be governed by the provisions of COMAR 21.07.01.11B.
- **8. Termination for Convenience**. The performance of work under this Contract may be terminated by the State in accordance with this clause in whole, or from time to time in part, whenever the State shall determine that such termination is in the best interest of the State. The State will pay all reasonable costs associated with this Contract that the Contractor has incurred up to the date of termination, and all reasonable costs associated with termination of the Contract; provided, however, the Contractor shall not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits that have not been earned up to the date of termination. Termination hereunder, including the determination of the rights and obligations of the parties, shall be governed by the provisions of COMAR 21.07.01.12A(2).
- **9. Termination for Non-appropriation**. If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation in any fiscal year succeeding the first fiscal year, this Contract shall be terminated automatically as of the beginning of the fiscal year for which funds are not available. The Contractor may not recover anticipatory profits or costs incurred after termination.
- **10. Commercial Nondiscrimination**. As a condition of entering into this Contract, Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with the State's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy, as described at Md. Code Ann., State Finance and Procurement Article, Title 19. As part of such compliance, Contractor may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, sexual identity, or on the basis of disability or other unlawful forms of discrimination in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or commercial treatment of subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall Contractor retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. Contractor shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that this clause does not prohibit or limit lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the marketplace. Contractor understands that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this Contract and may result in termination of this Contract, disqualification of Contractor from participating in State contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party.

The Contractor shall include the above Commercial Nondiscrimination clause, or similar clause approved by the Department, in all subcontracts.

As a condition of entering into this Contract, upon the request of the Commission on Civil Rights, and only after the filing of a complaint against Contractor under Md. Code Ann., State Finance and Procurement Article, Title 19, as amended from time to time, Contractor agrees to provide within sixty (60) days after the request a complete list of the names of all subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers that Contractor has used in the past four (4) years on any of its contracts that were undertaken within the State of Maryland, including the total dollar amount paid by Contractor on each subcontract or supply contract. Contractor further agrees to cooperate in any investigation conducted by the State pursuant to the State's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as set forth at Md. Code Ann., State Finance and Procurement Article, Title 19, and to provide any documents relevant to any investigation that are requested by the State. Contractor understands that violation of this clause is a material breach of this Contract and may result in contract termination, disqualification by the State from participating in State contracts, and other sanctions.

**11. Maryland Law Prevails.** The laws of Maryland shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of this Contract. The Maryland Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act

(Commercial Law Article, Title 22 of the Annotated Code of Maryland) does not apply to this Contract or any software license acquired hereunder.

**12. Anti-Bribery.** The Contractor certifies that, to the Contractor's best knowledge, neither the Contractor; nor (if the Contractor is a corporation or partnership) any of its officers, directors, partners, or controlling stockholders; nor any employee of the Contractor who is directly involved in the business's contracting activities, has been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe under the laws of any state or of the United States.

## 13. Federal Funds Requirements and Restrictions

This Contract may contain federal funds from one or more of the following sources: an Establishment Grant under a Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of State-Operated Health Insurance Exchanges (CFDA number 93.525) and Medicaid Funds, CFDA number 93.778. Execution of this Contract indicates Contractor's agreement with all federal funding terms and conditions that apply to contractors receiving federal funds from the above referenced sources, including but not limited to those required by 45 C.F.R. § 75.335 and appendix II to Part 75 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Appendix II of Part 75 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, attached to the IFB as Attachment E, is hereby incorporated into this Contract by reference.

#### 14. Miscellaneous

Any provision of this Contract which contemplates performance or observance subsequent to any termination or expiration of this contract shall survive termination or expiration of this contract and continue in full force and effect.

If any term contained in this contract is held or finally determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, in whole or in part, such term shall be severed from this contract, and the remaining terms contained herein shall continue in full force and effect, and shall in no way be affected, prejudiced, or disturbed thereby.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, the parties have executed this Contract as of the date herein above set forth.

CONTRACTOR		STATE OF MARYLAND MARYLANDHEALTHBENEFIT EXCHANGE
	(Seal)	
Ву:		By:
(Printed Name and Title)		(Printed Name and Title)
Date		Date

Attachments: Exhibit A: Scope of Work or Solicitation

Exhibit B: Bid or Proposal