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SECTION 1

1.0 General Information

1.1 Definition of Parties

The University of Maine System will hereinafter be referred to as the "University." Respondents to the document shall be referred to as "Respondent" or "Respondent(s)". The Respondent to whom the Agreement is awarded shall be referred to as the "Contractor." The University of Maine System and other components of the University shall be referred to as "Multi-Institution".

1.2 Purpose

The University, on behalf of The University of Southern Maine (USM), is seeking responses to provide Intermediary Agent Services to assist with prospective high school student marketing and recruitment to the International High School at USM as defined in this document.

This project has received Board of Trustee (BOT) approval for analysis and development:

The Board applauds USM's innovative concept of creating an International High School and encourages USM to continue with the planning and looks forward to considering approval of the concept at the earliest opportunity once work on the risk mitigation plan has been completed.

For the purposes of this proposal, an Intermediary Agent is defined as: A third party individual or entity who provides go-between services for the institution and the prospective students (or parents/guardians/other agents of the students) for the purpose of recruiting for the International High School program. Services are specified by the institution and may include, but are not limited to: pre-, during-, and post-enrollment. Services as defined may be paid either by the institution or by the student.

Services sought include but are not limited to:

- Promote International Early College Program at USM and recruit International Early College students, but not on an exclusive basis;
- Collaborate with USM to identify components of student application protocol including but not limited to:
 - facilitating writing sample
 - in person or live video interview
 - screening for language proficiency
- Compile detailed prospective student applications for USM admissions to review;
- Support student visa applicant and interview process at US visa issuing agency including, but not limited to:
 - Support student readiness in preparation for departure and transition both personally and academically;
 - Provide interim documentation to USM admissions at significant stages in preparation for student departure to US;
- Provide an initial orientation to United States for students;

- Organize transit from US port of entry to USM Gorham Campus;
- Provide placement and ongoing support for students seeking a homestay option, as needed;
- If available, offer optional health insurance that meets or exceeds USM's international student health insurance requirements;
- Communicate, and check in frequently with students enrolled in International Early College at USM.

The Contract term shall be for a period of two years. With mutual written agreement of the parties, this Contract may be extended for two additional one-year periods. Pricing and tuition will be determined on an annual basis based upon the academic year. The University will consider other contract terms at its discretion and in the best interest of the University.

Respondents should review **Section 2** of this document to see the full Scope of Services/Products required.

This document provides instructions for submitting responses, the procedure and criteria by which the Respondent(s) will be selected, and the contractual terms which will govern the relationship between the University and the awarded Respondent(s).

Though this document is primarily for **USM**, all campuses in the University of Maine System must be afforded the use of this solution, with all the same terms and conditions applicable to the various University locations.

1.3 Eligibility to Submit Responses

- 1.3.1 Public entities, private for-profit companies, and non-profit companies and institutions are invited to submit a response to this document.

1.4 Evaluation Criteria

Submission Requirements	Category	Points
Section 4 (4.1-4.2)	Organization Qualifications, Experience, and Financial Stability	30
Section 4 (4.3)	References	10
Section 4 (4.4)	Economic Impact Within State of Maine	5
Section 4 (4.5)	Cost Response	15
Sections 5	Business Requirements (Narrative)	25
Section 6	Contract for Services	15
	Total Points	100

Scoring Weights: The score will be based on a 100 point scale and will measure the degree to which each response meets the following criteria.

Section 4 (4.5 Only) – Cost Response

The total cost proposed for conducting all the functions specified in this document will be assigned a score according to a mathematical formula. The lowest cost response will be awarded the total points. Responses with higher cost response values will be awarded proportionately fewer points calculated in comparison with the lowest cost response.

Best and Final Offers: All Respondents are expected to provide their best value pricing with the submission of their response. Respondents **will not** be given another opportunity to modify pricing once submitted.

Section 8 – Contract for Services

Responses which indicate full acceptance of the terms and conditions will receive the total points noted in the table above. Responses with language adjustments will have point reductions based on University risk assessment.

1.5 Timeline of Key Events

Reference Section	Event Name	Event Due Date and Time
Section 1, 1.6	Optional Interested Parties Conference Call 207-581-5674 Code 9897#	December 28, 2015 11:00am EST
Section 1, 1.7	Deadline for Written Inquiries/Questions	December 28, 2015
Section 1, 1.7	Response to Written Inquiries/Questions	December 29, 2015
Section 1, 1.16	Deadline for Proposal Submission	December 31, 2015 End of Business Day
	Award Announcement (subject to change)	January 15, 2016
	Estimated Agreement Start Date (subject to change)	Week of January 29, 2016

1.6 Communication with the University

Optional Interested Parties Conference Call

Interested parties who are uncertain about whether they plan to respond or who are interested in responding but have questions or concerns about the content or the format of the submissions being requested by the University is invited to attend a conference call to discuss the issues at:

December 28, 2015
11:00am EST
207-581-5674 Code 9897#

Bidder Questions

Specific questions / inquiries must be submitted in writing via eMail using the **Response Contact Information** provided on the cover sheet of this document and in compliance with the deadlines stipulated in Section 1, 1.5

The University reserves the right to issue addenda as generally outlined in this solicitation including as a result of the discussion described in this section.

It is the responsibility of the Respondent to inquire about any requirement of this document that is not understood. Responses to inquiries, if they change or clarify the document in a substantial manner, will be forwarded by addenda to all parties that have received a copy of the document. Addenda will also be posted on our web site, www.maine.edu/strategic/upcoming_bids.php

It is the responsibility of all Respondents to check the web site before submitting a response to ensure that they have all pertinent documents. The University will not be bound by oral responses to inquiries or written responses other than addenda.

Inquiries must be made using the **Response Contact Information** provided on the cover sheet of this document.

Refer to table in **Section 1, 1.5 Timeline of Key Events** for deadline requirements.

1.7 Award

The award may be subject to Board of Trustee approval. While the University prefers a single solution that is scalable to meet the needs of both large and small institutions, it expects, given the nature of this work, to award Agreement(s) to one or multiple Respondents, which may include awards to Respondents for a geographical area, if such award is in the best interest of the University.

The University reserves the right to waive minor irregularities, which may include contacting the Respondent to resolve the irregularity. Scholarships, donations, or gifts to the University, will not be considered in the evaluation of responses. The University reserves the right to reject any or all responses, in whole or in part, and is not necessarily bound to accept the lowest cost response if that response is contrary to the best interests of the University. The University may cancel this request or reject any or all responses in whole or in part. Should the University determine in its sole discretion that only one Respondent is fully qualified, or that one Respondent is clearly more qualified than any other under consideration, an Agreement may be awarded to that Respondent without further action.

1.8 Award Protest

Respondents may appeal the award decision by submitting a written protest to the University of Maine System's Chief Procurement Officer within five (5) business days of the date of the award notice, with a copy of the protest to the successful Respondent. The protest must contain a statement of the basis for the challenge.

1.9 Confidentiality

The information contained in responses submitted for the University's consideration will be held in confidence until all evaluations are concluded and a Respondent selected (the successful Respondent). At that time the University will issue award notice letters to all participating Respondents and the successful Respondent's response may be made available to participating Respondents upon request. After the protest period has passed and the Agreement is fully executed, the winning response will be available for public inspection. Pricing and other information that is an integral part of the offer cannot be considered confidential after an award has been made. The University will honor requests for confidentiality for information of a proprietary nature to the extent allowed by law. Clearly mark any portion of your submitted materials which are entitled to "trade secret" exemption from disclosure under Maine's Freedom of Access Act. Failure to so identify as trade secret will authorize the University to conclude that no portions are so exempt; and that your entity will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the University in any and all legal actions that seek to compel the University to disclose under Maine's Freedom of Access Act some or all of your submitted materials and/or contract, if any, executed between the University and your entity.

The University must adhere to the provisions of the Maine Freedom of Access Act (FOAA), 1 MRSA §401 et seq. As a condition of submitting a response under this

section, a respondent must accept that, to the extent required by the Maine FOAA, responses to this solicitation, and any ensuing contractual documents, are considered public records and therefore are subject to freedom of access requests.

1.10 Costs of Preparation

Respondent assumes all costs of preparation of the response and any presentations necessary to the response process.

1.11 Debarment

Submission of a signed response in response to this solicitation is certification that your firm (or any subcontractor) is not currently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any State or Federal department or agency. Submission is also agreement that the University will be notified of any change in this status.

1.12 Response Understanding

By submitting a response, the Respondent agrees and assures that the specifications are adequate, and the Respondent accepts the terms and conditions herein. Any exceptions should be noted in your response.

1.13 Response Validity

Unless specified otherwise, all responses shall be valid for ninety (90) days from the due date of the response.

1.14 Non-Responsive Submissions

The University will not consider non-responsive submissions, i.e., those with material deficiencies, omissions, errors or inconsistencies or otherwise do not follow instructions. The University in its sole discretion will determine what is Non-Responsive.

1.15 Response Submission

A **SIGNED** virus-free electronic copy must be submitted as follows:

- The response must be received electronically to the E-Mail shown in the **Response Submission Information** section of the cover page of this document.

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1.16 Authorization

Any Agreement for services that will, or may, result in the expenditure by the University of \$50,000 or more must be approved in writing by the Office of Strategic Procurement, Chief Procurement Officer and it is not approved, valid or effective until such written approval is granted.

1.17 Multi-Institutional

The University of Maine System, Office of Strategic Procurement reserves the right to authorize other University Institutions to use the Agreement(s) resulting from this document, if it is deemed to be beneficial for the University to do so.

1.18 Contractor's Liability Insurance

Contractor's Liability Insurance: During the term of this agreement, the Contractor shall maintain the following insurance:

#	Insurance Type	Coverage Limit
1	Commercial General Liability, including Product's and Completed Operations (Written on an Occurrence-based form) (Bodily Injury and Property Damage)	\$1,000,000 per occurrence or more
2	Vehicle Liability (Including Hired & Non-Owned) (Bodily Injury and Property Damage)	\$1,000,000 per occurrence or more
3	Workers Compensation (In Compliance with Maine and Federal Law)	Required for all personnel
3	Professional Liability Insurance (Agents, Consultants, Brokers, Lawyers, Financial, Engineers, or Medical Services)	\$1,000,000 per occurrence or more
4	Marine General Liability (Any maritime or marine services)	\$1,000,000 per occurrence or more

Coverage limit requirements can be met with a single underlying insurance policy or through the combination of an underlying insurance policy plus an Umbrella insurance policy.

The University of Maine System shall be named as Additional Insured on the Commercial General Liability insurance.

Certificates of Insurance for all of the above insurance shall be filed with:

**University of Maine System
Risk Manager
Robinson Hall
46 University Drive
Augusta, Maine 04330**

Certificates shall be filed prior to the date of performance under this Agreement. Said certificates, in addition to proof of coverage, shall contain the standard statement pertaining to written notification in the event of cancellation, with a thirty (30) day notification period.

The University reserves the right to change the insurance requirement or to approve alternative insurances or limits, at the University's discretion.

Should perspective respondents have questions surrounding insurance requirements or suggestions for alternate coverage for the University to consider, please indicate so during the inquiry period prior to December 28, 2015 end of day. The University will respond by end of day, December 29th as stated in timeline.

1.19 Pricing:

All prices quoted shall remain firm through the evaluation process and award. Pricing variances throughout the contracted term including but not limited to, currency exchange rates, services shall be reviewed and agreed to by both parties in writing via contract amendment(s).

1.20 Cost Response Form Quantities

The quantities shown on the cost response form are approximate only. The Contractor shall cover the actual needs of the University throughout the term of the Agreement regardless of whether they are more or less than the quantities shown.

1.21 Agreement Documents

The Agreement entered into by the parties shall consist of the University of Maine System Contract for Services (attached to this document), the RFP, the selected Respondent's submission, including all appendices or attachments and clarifications, the specifications including all modifications thereof, and a Purchase Order or Letter of Agreement requiring signatures of the University and the Contractor, all of which shall be referred to collectively as the Agreement Documents.

In the event of a conflict of terms the follow precedence will apply:

1. University of Maine System Contract for Services
2. The University's RFP
3. Respondent's Submission
4. Contract Amendments (as required)
5. Purchase Order or Letter of Agreement

The winning Respondent must enter into a formal University of Maine System Contract for Services, which is attached to this response, **University of Maine System, Contract for Services**. Respondent's submission requirements for the Contract for Services are provided in **Section 8.0** of this document.

1.22 Employees

The Contractor shall employ only competent and satisfactory personnel and shall provide a sufficient number of employees to perform the required services efficiently and in a manner satisfactory to the University. If the Agreement Administrator or designee, notifies the Contractor in writing that any person employed on this Agreement is incompetent, disorderly, or otherwise unsatisfactory, such person shall not again be employed in the execution of this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Agreement Administrator.

1.23 Environment Compliance

In the event that the resulting Agreement involves the generation, transportation, handling, disposal, and/or other operations or activities in relation to toxic, hazardous, radioactive, or otherwise dangerous gases, vapors, fumes, acids, alkali's, chemicals, wastes or contaminants and/or other substance, material or condition, the Contractor agrees to indemnify save harmless and defend the University from and against all liabilities,

claims, damages, forfeitures, suits, and the costs and expenses incident thereto (including costs of defense, settlement and reasonable attorney's fees) which the University may hereafter incur as a result of death or bodily injuries or damage to any property, contamination of or adverse effects of the environment or any violation of state or federal regulations or laws (including without limitation the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act, the Hazardous Material Transportation Act or the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act, as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended) or order based on or arising in whole or in part from the Contractor's performance under the Agreement, provided, however the Contractor shall not indemnify the University for any liabilities, claims, damages, (as set forth above) caused by or arising out of the sole negligence of the University, or arising out of any area of responsibility not attributable to Contractor.

SECTION 2

2.0 Scope of Work

The Intermediary Agent will:

- Appropriately Market, represent and recruit for USM's International Early College and other academic programs to interested prospective agencies, prospective partners, and prospective international students
- Facilitate meetings, including document translation/translators if needed, with key overseas contacts in target country markets
- Communicate with USM at all points in the student recruitment process and adhere to USM's academic calendar, fee structure and non-discrimination policy
- Compile comprehensive international student profiles for review by USM Admissions and International High School Advisory Board
- Assist prospective students with USM and visa application process and entry into the United States for International Early College and other academic programs
- Provide in-country orientation to US and arrange travel directly to USM's Gorham Campus after completion of orientation
- Provide in-country support for enrolled international students at USM who entered through the intermediary agent services, including home-stay placement and support for interested students

SECTION 3

3.0 Response Submission Requirements

This section contains instructions for Respondents to use in preparing their responses. The Respondent's response must follow the outline used below, including the numbering of section and sub-section headings as they appear here. Failure to use the outline specified in this section or to respond to all questions and instructions throughout this document may result in the response being disqualified as non-responsive or receiving a reduced score. The University and its evaluation team for this document have sole discretion to determine whether a variance from the document specifications should result in either disqualification or reduction in scoring of a response. Re-phrasing of the content provided in this document will, at best, be considered minimally responsive. The University seeks detailed yet succinct responses that demonstrate the Respondent's experience and ability to perform the requirements specified throughout this document.

Responses to each requirement below should be in order and clearly marked with the section number to which they respond.

3.1 General Format Instructions

- 3.1.1 **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS** - Documents submitted as part of the electronic response are to be prepared on standard electronic formats of 8-1/2" x 11" and of PDF file type. Submissions requiring additional supporting information, such as, foldouts containing charts, spreadsheets, and oversize exhibits are permissible and be submitted as Appendices, clearly numbered and referencing the Section in which they provide supporting information.

For clarity, the Respondent's name should appear on every document page, including Appendices. Each Appendix must reference the section or subsection number to which it corresponds.

- 3.1.2 **RESPONSE COVER PAGE** - Respondents must complete and submit the response cover page provided in **Appendix A** of this document and provide it with the Respondent's response. The cover page must be the first page of the response. It is important that the cover page show the specific information requested, including Respondent address(es) and other details listed. The response cover page shall be dated and signed by a person authorized to enter into Agreements on behalf of the Respondent.
- 3.1.3 **RESPONDENTS RESPONSIBILITY** - It is the responsibility of the Respondent to provide all information requested in the document package at the time of submission. Failure to provide information requested in this document may, at the discretion of the University's evaluation review team, result in a lower rating for the incomplete sections and may result in the response being disqualified for consideration. Include any forms provided in the application package or reproduce those forms as closely as possible. All information should be presented in the same order and format as described in this document.

- 3.1.4 **BRIEF RESPONSE** - Respondents are asked to be brief and to respond to each question listed in the “**Requirements Sections**” of this document. Number each response in the response to correspond to the relevant question in this document.

- 3.1.5 **ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS PROHIBITED** - The Respondent may not provide additional attachments beyond those specified in the document for the purpose of extending their response. Any material exceeding the response limit will not be considered in rating the response and will not be returned. Respondents shall not include brochures or other promotional material with their response. Additional materials will not be considered part of the response and will not be evaluated.

3.2 Proposal Format Instructions

The response shall be submitted under the same cover at the same time, in the distinct sections noted below:

Requirements - Organization Qualifications and Experience

1. Label this Section 1 in the response.
2. Appendix A – University of Maine System Response Cover Page and table of contents.
3. Provide responses for each requirement for **RFP Section 4**:
 - a. 4.1 Organizational Qualifications and Experience
 - b. 4.2 Financial Stability
 - c. 4.3 References
 - d. 4.4 Economic Impact within the State of Maine

Requirements - Cost Response

1. Label this Section 2 in the response.
2. Provide responses for each requirement in **RFP Section 4**:
 - 4.5 Cost Response – Exhibit 1 referenced in Appendix B.

Requirements – Business Functional

1. Label this Section 3 in the response.
2. Provide responses for each requirement in **RFP Section 6**:
 - 6.0 Business Functional Requirements (Narrative)

Contract for Services

1. Label this Section 4 in the response.
2. Provide copy of the University of Maine, Contract for Services with the required responses as outlined in **RFP Section 8**.

Confidential Information

1. Label this Section 5 in the response.
2. Provide the documents as outlined in **RFP Section 9**.

Attachments

1. Label this Section 6 in this response.
2. Any remaining attachments required as part of the response.

SECTION 4 - REQUIREMENTS

4.0 Organizational Qualifications, Experience, Financial Stability, References & Costs

Respondents shall ensure that all information required herein is submitted with the response. All information provided should be verifiable by documentation requested by the University. Failure to provide all information, inaccuracy or misstatement may be sufficient cause for rejection of the response or rescission of an award. Respondents are encouraged to provide any additional information describing operational abilities.

Responses to each requirement below should be in order and clearly marked with the section number to which they respond.

4.1 Organizational Qualifications and Experience

- 4.1.1 Provide a statement describing your company to include name, number of employees, locations, number of years in business, number of years offering/supporting the proposed solution, and any and all acquisitions or mergers in the last five years. Is the company publicly or privately held?
- 4.1.2 If subcontractors are to be used, provide a list that specifies the name, address, phone number, contact person, and a brief description of the subcontractors' organizational capacity and qualifications.
- 4.1.3 Please provide information about contract cancellations or non-renewals your company has experienced over the last three years.
- 4.1.4 Describe your experience offering a solution for the business requirements identified in this document within higher education. Provide a client list that includes any and all higher education clients.
- 4.1.5 Provide a statement that explains why your company would be most qualified to provide products and services to the University of Maine System. What differentiates you from your competitors? In the response the Respondent must demonstrate that they are a recognized leader in the services and/or products covered in this document.
- 4.1.6 Describe your firm's understanding of the current higher education needs for providing the products / services described in **Section 2** of this document. Include in your response what challenges do higher education organizations face in this area how would your solution support our goals?
- 4.1.7 The Respondent shall provide résumés for each staff member responsible for design, implementation, project management, or other positions identified in the requirements of this document. Résumés shall include education, experience, license, and/or certifications of each individual.

4.2 Financial Stability

No financial statements are required to be submitted with your responses, however, prior to an award the University may request audited financial statements from your company, credit reports and letters from your bank and suppliers.

4.3 References

Provide at least three (3) current professional references who may be contacted for verification of the Respondent's professional qualifications to meet the requirements set forth herein. We will request that the references include one long-standing customer (minimum of 3 year engagement) and one new customer (one who has been engaged with Respondent for less than one year). We strongly prefer clients from higher education institutions similar in size and requirements to the University of Maine System, including those with multi-campus integrated solutions.

4.4 Economic Impact within the State of Maine

In addition to all other information requested within this document, each Respondent must dedicate a section of its response to describing the Respondent's economic impact upon and within the State of Maine.

For the purposes of this document, the term "economic impact" shall be defined as any activity that is directly performed by or related to the Respondent and has a direct and positive impact on the Maine economy and public revenues within the State of Maine. Examples may include, but are not limited to, employment of Maine residents, subcontracting/partnering with Maine businesses, payment of State and Local taxes (such as corporate, sales, or property taxes), and the payment of State licensing fees for the Respondent's business operations.

To complete the "Economic Impact" section of the Respondent's response, the Respondent shall include no more than one page of typed text, describing the Respondent's current, recent, or projected economic impact with the State of Maine, as defined above. The Respondent may include all details and information that it finds to be most relevant for this section.

4.5 Cost Response

4.5.1 General Instructions:

- The Respondent must submit a cost response that covers the entire period of the Agreement, including any optional renewal periods.
- The cost response shall include the costs necessary for the Respondent to fully comply with the Agreement terms and conditions and requirements.
- Failure to provide the requested information and to follow the required cost response format provided in Appendix B may result in the exclusion of the Response from consideration, at the discretion of the University.

- No costs related to the preparation of the Response for this document or to the negotiation of the Agreement with the University may be included in the Response. Only costs to be incurred after the Agreement effective date that are specifically related to the implementation or operation of contracted services may be included.
- The Respondent must include Any and all fee charged to student/family abroad for facilitation of services leading to submission of a completed application and assistance with the necessary pre-departure steps
- The Respondent must include the Per student charge to USM upon acceptance and enrollment of applicant submitted for consideration.

4.5.2 Cost Response Form Instructions – Appendix B

- The Respondent **MUST** fill out **Exhibit 1** referenced in **Appendix B**, following the instructions detailed in Appendix B. For a copy of the excel version of Exhibit 1, email the contact provided in **Section 1.6**.

SECTION 5 - REQUIREMENTS

5.0 Business Functional Requirements (Matrix Section)

Section 5 is intentionally left blank

SECTION 6 - REQUIREMENTS

6.0 Business Functional Requirements (Narrative Section)

All responses to the requirements should reflect delivered, or out-of-the-box, functionality. Respondents **MUST** indicate if system modification, additional products or Respondents, costs or if any other accommodation would be necessary to meet a requirement.

6.1 General Requirements

- 6.1.1 Describe how, if at all, does your company share best practices among client universities?
- 6.1.2 Provide standard pricing structures and student contracts for the past 3 academic years (Northern Hemisphere)
- 6.1.3 Provide representation of your accreditation, CSIET (Council on Standards for International Educational Travel <http://www.csiet.org/>)
- 6.1.4 Describe your ability to provide in person support services as needed and the types of support available
- 6.1.5 If your company offers optional international student health insurance, provide a copy of the policy and current pricing that will be offered.
- 6.1.6 Provide a sample communication plan and frequency of check ins with students enrolled in International Early College programs
- 6.1.7 Prepare a portfolio of your student placement performance including:
 - Successful program completion rates
 - Average student GPA for term of study in the US
 - Geographic placement in US data
 - Biographic/geographic (HS) placement data
 - Postsecondary progression data

SECTION 7 - REQUIREMENTS

7.0 Technical Requirements

Responses to each requirement below should be in order and clearly marked with the section number to which they respond.

7.1 Technical Requirements – Accessibility

- 7.1.1 The University is required to procuring Information Technology products and services, such as software, hardware, web services, etc., that provide substantially equivalent access to persons with disabilities. The University relies on the accessibility guidelines of “Section 508 of the United States Rehabilitation Act of 1973” and the “Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0” published by www.w3.org to assess accessibility of the bid for products/services.

If the solution includes any end-user-facing human interface, such as an end-user device software component, web pages or site, video or audio playback, file upload system, mobile device components, etc., Respondents will submit as part of their bid either, or both, of the following assessments covering all Information Technology-related products, services or components that users, managers, installers, system administrators, etc., are expected to interact with:

1) Current and accurate "Voluntary Product Accessibility Template", or VPAT, (see <http://www.itic.org/public-policy/accessibility>), to document products and/or services' conformance and deviations from Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

2) Detailed description of the accessibility features in the bid products and/or services that shows and explains compliance with and deviations from the guidelines of the "Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0" published by www.w3.org.

7.2 Technical Requirements – Security

- 7.2.1 Include a statement that notes your acceptance to the conditions stated in **University of Maine System, Contract for Services, Rider C. Standards for Safeguarding Information**, as part of the agreement.

SECTION 8

8.0 Contract for Services Requirements

- 8.1 The winning Respondent must enter into a formal University of Maine System Contract for Services, which is attached to this response, **University of Maine System, Contract for Services**. By submitting a response to a Request for Proposal, bid, or other offer to do business with the University of Maine System, your entity understands and agrees that the attached University of Maine System, Contract for Services is the required agreement format.

The Respondent is encouraged to accept the format and terms and conditions as part of their submission. Responses which indicate full acceptance of the terms and conditions will receive the total points noted in the table above. Responses with language adjustments will have point reductions based on University risk assessment. To signify acceptance of the terms and conditions, Riders, the RFP and the Respondent's response, including all appendices or attachments, are incorporated in the final Agreement, the Respondent will sign the attached document and provide it as part of their response.

Any Respondent that requires adjustments to the terms and conditions other than what is part of the Respondent's submission (Riders A, A1, B1, B2, D, and F), will be required to provide the response as outlined in Section 8, 8.1.1 directly below.

- 8.1.1 Provide a **red-line version** to reflect language adjustments to the University of Maine System, Contract for Services, "Agreement".

For a copy of the word version of the Agreement email the contact provided in **Section 1.6**.

SECTION 9

9.0 Confidential Information

- 9.1 Certificate of Insurance – Provide on a standard Acord form (or the equivalent) evidencing the Respondent's general liability, professional liability and any other relevant liability insurance policies that might be associated with this contract. See 1.18
- 9.2 IRS Form W-9, or Form W-8 if you are a foreign entity.

SECTION 10

10.0 List of Appendices and Related Documents

This section lists documents which are included.

10.1 Appendix A – University of Maine System Response Cover Page

10.2 Appendix B – Cost Response Form

10.3 University of Maine System, Contract for Services

10.4 Letter(s) of reference from previous client(s).

Appendix A – University of Maine System Response Cover Page

RFP # <<Insert RFP Number>>
<<Insert RFP Title>>

Organization Name:	
Chief Executive – Name/Title:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
Email:	
Headquarters Street Address:	
Headquarters City/State/Zip:	
Lead Point of Contact for Quote – Name/Title:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
Email:	
Street Address:	
City/State/Zip:	

- This quote and the pricing structure contained herein will remain firm for a period of 90 days from the date and time of the quote deadline date.
- No personnel currently employed by the University or any other University agency participated, either directly or indirectly, in any activities relating to the preparation of the Respondent's response.
- No attempt has been made or will be made by the Respondent to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a quote.
- The undersigned is authorized to enter into contractual obligations on behalf of the above-named organization.

To the best of my knowledge all information provided in the enclosed quote, both programmatic and financial, is complete and accurate at the time of submission.

Authorized Signature

Date

Name and Title (Typed)

Appendix B - Cost Response Form

**University of Maine System
COST RESPONSE FORM**

**RFP # <<Insert RFP Number>>
<<Insert RFP Title>>**

Respondent's Organization Name:

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Identify all costs by year, to be charged for performing the services necessary to accomplish the objectives of the Agreement.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
CONTRACT FOR SERVICES**

This Contract for Services Master Agreement (“Agreement” or “Master Agreement”) entered into this ____ day of _____, _____, by and between the **University of Maine System**, hereinafter referred to as the "**University**", and _____, hereinafter referred to as "**Contractor**".

WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of the payments and agreements hereinafter mentioned, to be made and performed by the University, the Contractor hereby agrees with the University to provide the products and services described in this agreement, and the following Riders, hereby incorporated into this Agreement and made part of it by reference:

Rider A - Specifications of Work to be Performed

Rider A-1 – Pricing

Rider B-1 – Insurance Requirements

Rider B-2 – Substitute Form W-9 - Taxpayer Identification Number Request & Certification

Rider C – University of Maine System Standards for Safeguarding Information

Contract Amendments as required

Request for <<insert Bid or Proposal>> #<<insert #>> Issue Date <<insert date>> Titled <<insert title>>

Contractor’s Bid in Response to Request for <<insert Bid or Proposal>> #<<insert #>> Proposal Submission Date <<insert date>> Titled <<insert title>>

WHEREAS, the University desires to enter into a contract for professional services, and the Contractor represents itself as competent and qualified to accomplish the specific requirements of this Contract to the satisfaction of the University;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

This Agreement, along with any documents identified, which are incorporated by reference, constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties, and there are no other or further written or oral understandings or agreements with respect thereto.

1. **Specifications of Work:** The Contractor agrees to perform the Specifications of Work as described in **Rider A**, hereby incorporated by reference.
2. **Term:** This Contract shall commence on _____ and shall terminate on _____, unless terminated earlier as provided in this Contract with option for <<enter renewals as appropriate>> upon the parities’ mutual agreement.
3. **Payment:**
 - A. Payment shall be made upon submittal of an electronic invoice to the University by the Contractor on a net 30 basis unless discount terms are offered. In the event there is

- a discrepancy with the invoice, payment terms shall be effective starting on the date the discrepancy is resolved, for only that portion of the invoice that is disputed. Invoices must include a purchase order number.
- B. **“Additional Services”** The University will have the option to purchase additional services under this Agreement.
- C. **“Multi-Institution Capabilities”** University will have the option to include products and services under this Agreement to additional University institutions, this includes any additional University institutions formed during the term of this agreement, all facilities utilized by an institution including those managed and/or owned by a third party, and additional entities, such as, the University College a division of University of Maine at Augusta.
4. **Termination:** The << **Agreement** may be terminated by the University in whole, or in part, whenever for any reason the University shall determine that such termination is in the best interest of the University. Any such termination shall be effected by delivery to the Contractor of a Notice of Termination specifying the extent to which performance of the Agreement is terminated and the date on which such termination becomes effective. The University shall pay all allowable costs incurred up to the effective date of termination. However, the Contractor shall not be reimbursed for any costs incurred after the effective date of termination.
5. **Obligations Upon Termination:** Any materials produced in performance of this agreement are the property of the University and shall be turned over to the University upon request. The University shall pay the Contractor for all services performed to the effective date of termination subject to offset of sums owed by the Contractor to the University.
6. **Non-Appropriation:** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if the University is not appropriated sufficient funds to pay for the work to be performed under this Agreement or if funds are de-appropriated, then the University is not obligated to make payment under this Agreement.
7. **Conflict of Interest:** No officer or employee of the University shall participate in any decision relating to this contract which affects his or her personal interest in any entity in which he or she directly or indirectly has interest. No employee of the University shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or proceeds thereof.
8. **Modification:** This Contract may be modified or amended only in a writing signed by both parties.
9. **Assignment:** This Contract, or any part thereof, may not be assigned, transferred or subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the University.
10. **Applicable Law:** This Contract shall be governed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Maine.
11. **Administration:** _____ shall be the University's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the administration of the terms and conditions of this Contract and to whom all notices must be sent.

12. **Non-Discrimination**: In the execution of the contract, the Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, transgender status or gender expression, national origin or citizenship status, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status and shall provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. The university encourages the employment of qualified individuals with disabilities.
13. **Indemnification**: The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders relating to the services provided under this Contract. Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold the University, its Trustees, officers, employees, and agents, harmless from and against any and all loss, liability, claims, damages, actions, lawsuits, judgments and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, that the University may become liable to pay or defend arising from or attributable to any acts or omissions of the Contractor, its agents, employees or subcontractors, in performing its obligations under this Contract, including, without limitation, for violation of proprietary rights, copyrights, or rights of privacy, arising out of a publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use or disposition of any data furnished under the Contract or based on any libelous or other unlawful matter contained in such data.
14. **Contract Validity**: In the event one or more clauses of this Contract are declared invalid, void, unenforceable or illegal, that shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Contract.
15. **Independent Contractor**: Contractor is an independent contractor of the University, not a partner, agent or joint venture of the University and neither Party shall hold itself out contrary to these terms by advertising or otherwise, nor shall either party be bound by any representation, act or omission whatsoever of the other. For U.S. entities, Contractor, its employees and subcontractors if any, is/are independent contractors for whom no Federal or State Income Tax will be deducted by the University, and for whom no retirement benefits, social security benefits, group health or life insurance, vacation and sick leave, Worker's Compensation and similar benefits available to University's employees will accrue. The parties further understand that annual information returns as required by the Internal Revenue Code and Maine Income Tax Law will be filed by the University with copies sent to Contractor. Contractor will be responsible for compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations involving but not limited to, employment, labor, Workers Compensation, hours of work, working conditions, payment of wages, and payment of taxes, such as unemployment, social security and other payroll taxes, including other applicable contributions from such persons when required by law.
16. **Intellectual Property**: Any information and/or materials, finished or unfinished, produced in performance of this Contract, and all of the rights pertaining thereto, are the property of the University and shall be turned over to the University upon request.
17. **Entire Contract**: This Contract sets forth the entire agreement between the parties on the subject matter hereof and replaces and supersedes all prior agreements on the subject, whether oral or written, express or implied. This Contract is the entire agreement between the University (including University's employees and other End Users) and Contractor. In the event that Contractor enters into terms of use agreements or other agreements, policies or understandings, whether on Contractor's purchase order, website, electronic, click-through, verbal or in writing, with University's employees or other End Users, such agreements shall be null, void and without effect, and the terms of this Contract shall apply.

18. **Licensing:** Contractor shall secure in its name and at its expense all federal, state, and local licenses and permits required for operation under this Contract. Contractor shall provide proof of such licensure or permit to the University prior to commencing work under this Contract.
19. **Record Keeping, Audit and Inspection of Records:** The Contractor shall maintain books, records and other compilations of data pertaining to the requirements of the Contract to the extent and in such detail as shall properly substantiate claims for payment under the Contract. All such records shall be kept for a period of seven years or for such longer period as specified herein. All retention periods start on the first day after the final payment of the Contract. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action involving the records is commenced prior to the expiration of the applicable retention period, all records shall be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues resulting therefrom, or until the end of the applicable retention period, whichever is later. The University, the grantor agency (if any), or any of their authorized representatives shall have the right at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, to examine and copy the books, records and other compilations of data of the Contractor pertaining to this Contract. Such access shall include on-site audits.
20. **Publicity, Publication, Reproduction and use of Contract's Products or Materials:** Unless otherwise provided by law or the University, title and possession of all data, reports, programs, software, equipment, furnishings and any other documentation or product paid for with University funds shall vest with the University. The Contractor shall at all times obtain the prior written approval of the University before it, any of its officers, agents, employees or subcontractors, either during or after termination of the Contract, makes any statement bearing on the work performed or data collected under this Contract to the press or issues any material for publication through any medium of communication. If the Contractor or any of its subcontractors publishes a work dealing with any aspect of performance under the Contract, or of the results and accomplishments attained in such performance, the University shall have a royalty free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use and to authorize others to use the publication.
21. **Confidentiality:** The contractor shall comply with all laws and regulations relating to confidentiality and privacy including but not limited to any rules or regulations of the University.
22. **Force Majeure:** Neither party shall be liable to the other or be deemed to be in breach of this Contract for any failure or delay in rendering performance arising out of causes beyond its reasonable control and without its fault or negligence. Such causes may include, but are not limited to, acts of God or of a public enemy, fires, flood, epidemics, strikes, embargoes or unusually severe weather. Dates or time of performance shall be extended to the extent of delays excused by this section provided that the party whose performance is affected notifies the other promptly of the existence and nature of such delay.
23. **Notices:** Unless otherwise specified in an attachment hereto, any notice hereunder shall be in writing and addressed to the persons and addresses below.

To the University:

University of Maine System
16 Central Street
Bangor, Maine 04401

Attn: <<Enter Name Here>>

To Contractor:

<<BID INSTRUCTIONS – Bidder to supply information noted below for submission with their proposal/bid. >>

Company Name:

Contact Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

24. **Invoices:** Unless otherwise specified in an attachment hereto, invoices and questions regarding invoices will be directed to:

Accounts Payable Shared Services
5765 Service Bldg.
Orono, ME 04469

Phone: [207-581-2692](tel:207-581-2692)

Fax: [207-581-2698](tel:207-581-2698)

Email: UMAP@maine.edu

25. **Order of Precedence:** In the event of any conflict among the documents in this agreement, the following order of precedence shall apply:

- A. **Terms and conditions of this Agreement**
- B. **Rider A** - Specifications of Work to be Performed
- C. **Rider A-1** – Pricing
- D. **Rider B-1** – Insurance Requirements
- E. **Rider B-2** – Substitute Form W-9 - Taxpayer Identification Number Request & Certification
- F. **Rider C** – University of Maine System Standards for Safeguarding Information
- G. **Contract Amendments** as required
- H. **Request for <<insert Bid or Proposal>> #<<insert #>> Issue Date <<insert date>> Titled <<insert title>>**
- I. **Contractor’s Bid in Response to Request for <<insert Bid or Proposal>> #<<insert #>> Proposal Submission Date <<insert date>> Titled <<insert title>>**

26. **Multi-Institution Capabilities** University will have the option to include products and services under this Agreement to additional University institutions, this includes any additional University institutions formed during the term of this agreement, all facilities utilized by an institution including those managed and/or owned by a third party, and additional entities, such as, the University College a division of University of Maine at Augusta.

27. Smoking Policy

The University must comply with the "Workplace Smoking Act of 1985" and M.R.S.A. title 22, § 1541 et seq "Smoking Prohibited in Public Places." In addition, University Institutions may have specific Smoking Prohibitions. The Respondent shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcements of these restrictions.

28. Signatures

FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM:

BY: _____
(signature)

Name: _____
(print or type)

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Date: _____

FOR THE CONTRACTOR:

LEGAL NAME: _____

BY: _____
(signature)

Name: _____
(print or type)

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Date: _____

Tax ID #: _____

Per University policy, "Any contract or agreement for services that will, or may, result in the expenditure by the University of \$50,000 or more must be approved in writing by the Chief Procurement Officer, or designee, and it is not approved, valid or effective until such written approval is granted."

BY: _____

Title: _____
Chief Procurement Officer or designee

Date: _____

RIDER A SPECIFICATIONS OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

The Contractor agrees to the **Specifications of Work to be Performed** as follows:

INTENT AND PURPOSE

<<ENTER INTENT AND PURPOSE DESCRIPTION>>

PRODUCT SCOPE OF WORK:

<< BID INSTRUCTIONS - Bidder to provide product/service scope of work description as part of their proposal/bid submission. >>

Additional Scope: The Contractor shall permit product and services not covered herein to be added by mutual agreement, without voiding the provisions of the existing contract. The Contractor, for additional consideration, shall furnish additional such products and services to the University.

PRICING: Refer to RIDER A-1. Pricing will be valid for the term of the Agreement.

PERFORMANCE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Employees:** The Contractor shall employ only competent and satisfactory personnel and shall provide a sufficient number of employees to perform the required services efficiently and in a manner satisfactory to the University. If the University Contract Administrator notifies the Contractor in writing that any person employed on this Contract is incompetent, disorderly, or otherwise unsatisfactory, such person shall not again be utilized in the execution of this Contract without the prior written consent of the Contract Administrator.

2. **Business and Performance Reviews:** Recognizing that successful performance of this contract is dependent on favorable response, the Contractor shall meet at least quarterly with the Contract Administrator or designee for a business and performance review to evaluate operations and make necessary adjustments. These meetings will normally be conducted electronically but shall be face-to-face on demand. As part of these reviews,

the University reserves the right to review equipment specifications quarterly and update equipment specifications accordingly. Contractor shall provide a single point of contact (i.e., relationship manager) and shall notify University in writing and in advance whenever there is a change to that single point of contact.

3. **Campus Visits:** The Contractor agrees to maintain good relations with the University. The Contractor shall make campus visits “as needed” on three days’ notice. The Contractor will coordinate campus visits with the University Services Information and Technology Department to ensure proper communication and sharing of information related to customer projects.
4. **Toll-Free Access:** The Contractor shall provide to the University, toll-free telephone access to technical support. The University prefers a unique toll-free telephone number just for the University. The Contractor shall provide an escalated support feature to ensure that unresolved support issues can be elevated to upper level management.
5. **Accessibility:** If the solution includes any end-user-facing human interface, such as an end-user device software component or web site form, file upload system, etc. the Contractor hereby warrants that the products or services to be provided under this agreement comply with the accessibility guidelines of “Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973” as amended as of the date of this agreement, and the [“Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) 2.0” published by www.w3.org.](http://www.w3.org)

If the solution includes any end-user-facing human interface, such as an end-user device software component, web pages or site, video or audio playback, file upload system, mobile device components, etc., the Contractor agrees to promptly respond to and resolve any complaint regarding accessibility of its products or services which is brought to its attention and vendor further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the University of Maine campuses and system or any university entity using the Contractor's products or services from any claim arising out of its failure to comply with the aforesaid requirements.

The University, at its discretion, may at any time test the vendor’s products or services covered by this agreement to ensure compliance with Section 508 and WCAG 2.0. Testing that results in findings of non-compliance, shall result in a 25% reduction in the total cost of the products and/or services covered by this agreement if the non-compliance is not corrected within 30 days of being reported to the vendor in writing. All withheld amounts will be paid to the vendor upon correction of the non-compliance and acceptance by the University. Said acceptance not to be unreasonably withheld.

Failure to comply with these requirements shall constitute a breach and be grounds for termination of this agreement and a pro-rated refund of fees paid from the University for the remainder of original contract period.

6. **Standards for Safeguarding Information:** The Contractor is expected to comply with these standards as outlined in *Rider C - University of Maine System Standards for Safeguarding Information*. Should the Contractor fail to comply with the standards and is unable to reasonably cure its noncompliance within 60 days, the University may terminate this agreement. The University will be entitled to receive a prorated refund measured from the effective date of the termination.

7. **Environment Compliance:** In the event this Agreement involves the generation, transportation, handling, disposal, and/or other operations or activities in relation to toxic, hazardous, radioactive, or otherwise dangerous gases, vapors, fumes, acids, alkali's, chemicals, wastes or contaminants and/or other substance, material or condition, the Contractor agrees to indemnify save harmless and defend the University from and against all liabilities, claims, damages, forfeitures, suits, and the costs and expenses incident thereto (including costs of defense, settlement and reasonable attorney's fees) which the University may hereafter incur as a result of death or bodily injuries or damage to any property, contamination of or adverse effects of the environment or any violation of state or federal regulations or laws (including without limitation the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act, the Hazardous Material Transportation Act or the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act, as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended) or order based on or arising in whole or in part from the Contractor's performance under this Agreement, provided, however the Contractor shall not indemnify the University for any liabilities, claims, damages, (as set forth above) caused by or arising out of the sole negligence of the University, or arising out of any are of responsibility not attributable to Contractor.

**RIDER A-1
PRICING**

<< BID INSTRUCTIONS - Details in Exhibit 1 will be inserted here during Agreement negotiations. No action needed for Bidder as part of their proposal/bid submission. >>

**RIDER B-1
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

<< BID INSTRUCTIONS - Bidder to provide their Contractor's Liability Insurance (CIA) Form here as part of their proposal/bid submission. The text below will be removed and the CIA form will be inserted as an image under Rider B-1>>

Contractor's Liability Insurance: During the term of this agreement, the Contractor shall maintain the following insurance:

#	Insurance Type	Coverage Limit
1	Commercial General Liability, including Product's and Completed Operations (Written on an Occurrence-based form) (Bodily Injury and Property Damage)	\$1,000,000 per occurrence or more
2	Vehicle Liability (Including Hired & Non-Owned) (Bodily Injury and Property Damage)	\$1,000,000 per occurrence or more
3	Workers Compensation (In Compliance with Maine and Federal Law)	Required for all personnel
3	Professional Liability Insurance (Agents, Consultants, Brokers, Lawyers, Financial, Engineers, or Medical Services)	\$1,000,000 per occurrence or more
4	Marine General Liability (Any maritime or marine services)	\$1,000,000 per occurrence or more

Coverage limit requirements can be met with a single underlying insurance policy or through the combination of an underlying insurance policy plus an Umbrella insurance policy.

The University of Maine System shall be named as Additional Insured on the Commercial General Liability insurance.

Certificates of Insurance for all of the above insurance shall be filed with:

**University of Maine System
Risk Manager
Robinson Hall
46 University Drive
Augusta, Maine 04330**

Certificates shall be filed prior to the date of performance under this Agreement. Said certificates, in addition to proof of coverage, shall contain the standard statement pertaining to written notification in the event of cancellation, with a thirty (30) day notification period.

The University reserves the right to change the insurance requirement or to approve alternative insurances or limits, at the University's discretion.

RIDER B-2
Substitute Form W-9 - Taxpayer Identification Number Request & Certification

Please complete the following information. We are required by law to obtain this information from you when making a reportable payment to you. If you do not provide us with this information, your payments may be subject to federal income tax backup withholding. Use this form only if you are a U.S. person (including US. resident alien.). If you are a foreign person, use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part 1 Tax Status:

Print Name: _____
Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.): _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____

Complete One:

[] Individual/Sole Proprietor Business Name, if different from above _____
Social Security Number ____ - ____ - ____
- or - Business EIN ____ - _____

[] Partnership EIN ____ - _____

[] Corporation EIN ____ - _____

Please answer questions below if you are a corporation:

- 1. Corporation providing legal services? Y N
2. Corporation providing medical services? Y N

[] Limited Liability Company EIN ____ - _____

[] Tax-Exempt or Not-for-Profit under § 501(C)(3) EIN ____ - _____

[] Government Entity EIN ____ - _____

[] Estate or Trust EIN ____ - _____

[] All other Entities EIN ____ - _____

Part 2 Exemption: If exempt from Form 1099 reporting, check here: []
and circle your qualifying exemption reason below

- 1. An organization exempt from tax under IRC section 501(a)
2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
6. Other: _____

Part 3 Certification:

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding,
and
3. I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return.

Signature of U.S. person: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form with the attached contract. Thank you for your cooperation.

RIDER C
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
STANDARDS FOR SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

This Attachment addresses the Contractor's responsibility for safeguarding Compliant Data and Business Sensitive Information consistent with the University of Maine System's Information Security Policy and Standards. (infosecurity.maine.edu)

Compliant Data is defined as data that the University needs to protect in accordance with statute, contract, law or agreement. Examples include Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA), Maine Notice of Risk to Personal Data Act, and the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI-DSS).

Business Sensitive Information is defined as data which is not subject to statutory or contractual obligations but where the compromise or exposure of the information could result in damage or loss to the University.

1. Standards for Safeguarding Information: The Contractor agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate security measures to protect all systems that transmit, store or process Compliant Data and Business Sensitive Information or personally identifiable information from Compliant Data and Business Sensitive Information furnished by the University, or collected by the Contractor on behalf of the University, against loss of data, unauthorized use or disclosure, and take measures to adequately protect against unauthorized access and malware in the course of this engagement.
 - A. Compliant Data and Business Sensitive Information may include, but is not limited to names, addresses, phone numbers, financial information, bank account and credit card numbers, other employee and student personal information (including their academic record, etc.), Driver's License and Social Security numbers, in both paper and electronic format.
 - B. If information pertaining to student educational records is accessed, transferred, stored or processed by Contractor; Contractor shall protect such data in accordance with FERPA.
 - C. If information pertaining to protected health information is accessed, used, collected, transferred, stored or processed by Contractor; Contractor shall protect such data in accordance with HIPAA and Contractor shall sign and adhere to a Business Associate Agreement.
 - D. If Contractor engages in electronic commerce on behalf of the University or cardholder data relating to University activities is accessed, transferred, stored or processed by Contractor; Contractor shall protect such data in accordance with current PCI-DSS guidelines.
 - E. If information pertaining to protected "Customer Financial Information" is accessed, transferred, stored or processed by Contractor; Contractor shall protect such data in accordance with GLBA.
2. Prohibition of Unauthorized Use or Disclosure of Information: Contractor agrees to hold all information in strict confidence. Contractor shall not use or disclose information received from,

or created or received by, Contractor on behalf of the University except as permitted or required by this Agreement, as required by law, or as otherwise authorized in writing by the University.

3. Return or Destruction of Compliant or Business Sensitive Information:

A. Except as provided in Section 3(B), upon termination, cancellation, or expiration of the Agreement, for any reason, Contractor shall cease and desist all uses and disclosures of Compliant Data or Business Sensitive Information and shall immediately return or destroy (if the University gives written permission to destroy) in a reasonable manner all such information received from the University, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of the University, provided, however, that Contractor shall reasonably cooperate with the University to ensure that no original information records are destroyed. This provision shall apply to information that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Contractor. Contractor shall retain no copies of University information, including any compilations derived from and allowing identification of any individual's confidential information. Except as provided in Section 3(B), Contractor shall return (or destroy) information within 30 days after termination, cancellation, or expiration of this Agreement.

B. In the event that Contractor determines that returning or destroying any such information is infeasible, Contractor shall provide to University notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon mutual agreement of the Parties that return or destruction of such information is infeasible, Contractor shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such information and limit further uses and disclosures of such information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Contractor maintains such information.

C. Contractor shall wipe or securely delete Compliant Data or Business Sensitive Information and personally identifiable information furnished by the University from storage media when no longer needed. Measures taken shall be commensurate with the standard for "clearing" as specified in the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication SP800-88: Guidelines for Media Sanitization, prior to disposal or reuse.

4. Term and Termination:

A. This Attachment shall take effect upon execution and shall be in effect commensurate with the term of the Agreement

5. Subcontractors and Agents: If Contractor provides any Compliant Data or Business Sensitive Information received from the University, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of the University, to a subcontractor or agent, the Contractor shall require such subcontractor or agent to agree to the same restrictions and conditions as are imposed on Contractor by this Agreement.

6. Contractor shall control access to University data: All Contractor employees shall be adequately screened, commensurate with the sensitivity of their jobs. Contractor agrees to limit employee access to data on a need-to-know basis. Contractor shall impose a disciplinary process for employees not following privacy procedures. Contractor shall have a process to remove access to University data immediately upon termination or re-assignment of an employee by the Contractor.

7. Unless otherwise stated in the agreement, all Compliant Data or Business Sensitive Information is the property of the University and shall be turned over to the University upon request.
8. Contractor shall not amend or replace University-owned hardware, software or data without prior authorization of the University.
9. If mobile devices are used in the performance of this Agreement to access University Compliant Data or Business Sensitive Information, Contractor shall install and activate authentication and encryption capabilities on each mobile device in use.
10. Reporting of Unauthorized Disclosures or Misuse of Information: Contractor shall report to the University any use or disclosure of Compliant Data or Business Sensitive Information not authorized by this Agreement or in writing by the University. Contractor shall make the report to the University not more than one (1) business day after Contractor learns of such use or disclosure. Contractor's report shall identify; (i) the nature of the unauthorized use or disclosure, (ii) the information used or disclosed, (iii) who made the unauthorized use or received the unauthorized disclosure, (iv) what Contractor has done or shall do to mitigate the effects of the unauthorized use or disclosure, and (v) what corrective action Contractor has taken or shall take to prevent future similar unauthorized use or disclosure. Contractor shall provide such other information, including a written report, as reasonably requested by the University. Contractor shall keep University informed on the progress of each step of the incident response. Contractor shall indemnify and hold University harmless from all liabilities, costs and damages arising out of or in any manner connected with the security breach or unauthorized use or disclosure by Contractor of any University Compliant Data or Business Sensitive Information. Contractor shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a security breach or use or disclosure of Compliant Data or Business Sensitive Information by Contractor in violation of the requirements of this Agreement. In addition to the rights of the Parties established by this Agreement, if the University reasonably determines in good faith that Contractor has materially breached any of its obligations, the University, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to:
 - Inspect the data that has not been safeguarded and thus has resulted in the material breach, and/or
 - Require Contractor to submit a plan of monitoring and reporting, as the University may determine necessary to maintain compliance with this Agreement; and/or Terminate the Agreement immediately.
11. Survival: The respective rights and obligations of Contractor under Section 12 of the Agreement or Section 3 of this Attachment shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
12. Contractor Hosted Data: If Contractor hosts University Compliant Data or Business Sensitive Data, in or on Contractor facilities, the following clauses apply.
 - A. Contractor computers that host University Compliant Data or Business Sensitive Information shall be housed in secure areas that have adequate walls and entry control such as a card controlled entry or staffed reception desk. Only authorized personnel shall be allowed to enter and visitor entry will be strictly controlled.
 - B. Contractor shall design and apply physical protection against damage from fire, flood, earthquake, explosion, civil unrest, and other forms of natural or man-made disasters. Contractor shall protect hosted systems with Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) devices sufficient to meet business continuity requirements.
 - C. Contractor shall backup systems or media stored at a separate location with incremental back-ups at least daily and full back-ups at least weekly. Incremental and full back-ups

- shall be retained for 15 days and 45 days respectively. Contractor shall test restore procedures not less than once per year.
- D. Contractor shall provide for reasonable and adequate protection on its network and system to include firewall and intrusion detection/prevention.
 - E. Contractor shall use strong encryption and certificate-based authentication on any server hosting on-line and e-commerce transactions with the University to ensure the confidentiality and non-repudiation of the transaction while crossing networks.
 - F. The installation or modification of software on systems containing University Compliant Data or Business Sensitive Information shall be subject to formal change management procedures and segregation of duties requirements.
 - G. Contractor who hosts University Compliant Data or Business Sensitive Information shall engage an independent third-party auditor to evaluate the information security controls not less than every two (2) years. Such evaluations shall be made available to the University upon request.
 - H. Contractor shall require strong passwords for any user accessing personally identifiable information or data covered under law, regulation, or standard such as HIPAA, FERPA, or PCI. Strong passwords shall be at least eight characters long; contain at least one upper and one lower case alphabetic characters; and contain at least one numeric or special character.
13. If the Contractor provides system development, Compliant Data or Business Sensitive Information shall not be used in the development or test environments. Records that contain these types of data elements may be used if that data is first de-identified, masked or altered so that the original value is not recoverable. For programs that process University data, initial implementation as well as applied updates and modifications must be produced from specifically authorized and trusted program source libraries and personnel. Contractor shall provide documentation of a risk assessment of new system development or changes to a system.