

SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

**CONSULTING SERVICES FOR INCREASED OPERATIONAL
EFFICIENCY AND ACCESS TO SERVICES**

BETWEEN



COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

COOK COUNTY CLERK

AND

NCR STRATEGIES, INC.

CONTRACT NO. 2525-03201

PURCHASE ORDER NO. 70000361492

NON-FEDERALLY FUNDED CONTRACT

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

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Exhibit 7	Cook County Travel Policy
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AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the County of Cook, a public body corporate of the State of Illinois, on behalf of Office of the Chief Procurement Officer hereinafter referred to as "County" and NCR Services, Inc., doing business as a(an) Corporation of the State of Illinois hereinafter referred to as "Consultant", pursuant to authorization by the Cook County Chief Procurement Officer.

BACKGROUND

This Agreement is being entered into in accordance with Section 34-139, Sole Source Procurements, of the Cook County Procurement Code.

Consultant represents that it has the professional experience and expertise to provide the necessary services and further warrants that it is ready, willing and able to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and Consultant agree as follows:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 1) INCORPORATION OF BACKGROUND

The Background information set forth above is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth here.

ARTICLE 2) DEFINITIONS

a) Definitions

The following words and phrases have the following meanings for purposes of this Agreement:

"Additional Services" means those services which are within the general scope of Services of this Agreement, but beyond the description of services required under Article 3, and all services reasonably necessary to complete the Additional Services to the standards of performance required by this Agreement. Any Additional Services requested by the Using Agency require the approval of the Chief Procurement Officer in a written amendment to this Agreement before Consultant is obligated to perform those Additional Services and before the County becomes obligated to pay for those Additional Services.

"**Agreement**" means this Professional Services Agreement, including all exhibits attached to it and incorporated in it by reference, and all amendments, modifications or revisions made in accordance with its terms.

"**Chief Procurement Officer**" means the Chief Procurement Officer for the County of Cook and any representative duly authorized in writing to act on his behalf.

"**Services**" means, collectively, the services, duties and responsibilities described in Article 3 of this Agreement and any and all work necessary to complete them or carry them out fully and to the standard of performance required in this Agreement.

"**Subcontractor**" or "**Subconsultant**" means any person or entity with whom Consultant contracts to provide any part of the Services, of any tier, suppliers and materials providers, whether or not in privity with Consultant.

"**Using Agency**" shall mean the department of agency within Cook County including elected officials.

b) Interpretation

- i) The term "**include**" (in all its forms) means "include, without limitation" unless the context clearly states otherwise.
- ii) All references in this Agreement to Articles, Sections or Exhibits, unless otherwise expressed or indicated are to the Articles, Sections or Exhibits of this Agreement.
- iii) Words importing persons include firms, associations, partnerships, trusts, corporations and other legal entities, including public bodies, as well as natural persons.
- iv) Any headings preceding the text of the Articles and Sections of this Agreement, and any tables of contents or marginal notes appended to it are solely for convenience or reference and do not constitute a part of this Agreement, nor do they affect the meaning, construction or effect of this Agreement.
- v) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa. Words of the masculine gender include the correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders.
- vi) All references to a number of days mean calendar days, unless expressly indicated otherwise.

c) Incorporation of Exhibits

The following attached Exhibits are made a part of this Agreement:

Exhibit 1	Statement of Work
Exhibit 2	Schedule of Compensation
Exhibit 3	Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Commitment
Exhibit 4	Evidence of Insurance
Exhibit 5	Identification of Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant Form
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d) Order of Precedence

In the event there is a conflict between or among any of the documents specified in subsection (c) Incorporation of Exhibits, the terms of the Professional Services Agreement shall control. This Contract shall be interpreted and construed based upon the following Order of Precedence. Such order of precedence shall govern to resolve all cases of conflict, ambiguity or inconsistency between Exhibits:

Exhibit 1	Statement of Work
Exhibit 2	Schedule of Compensation
Exhibit 3	Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Commitment
Exhibit 4	Evidence of Insurance
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ARTICLE 3) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSULTANT

a) Scope of Services

This description of Services is intended to be general in nature and is neither a complete description of Consultant's Services nor a limitation on the Services that Consultant is to provide under this Agreement. Consultant must provide the Services in accordance with the standards of performance set forth in Section 3c. The Services that Consultant must provide include, but are not limited to, those described in Exhibit 1, Statement of Work, which is attached to this Agreement and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth here.

b) Deliverables

In carrying out its Services, Consultant must prepare or provide to the County various Deliverables. "**Deliverables**" include work product, such as written reviews, recommendations, reports and analyses, produced by Consultant for the County.

The County may reject Deliverables that do not include relevant information or data, or do not include all documents or other materials specified in this Agreement or reasonably necessary for the purpose for which the County made this Agreement or for which the County intends to use the Deliverables. If the County determines that Consultant has failed to comply with the foregoing standards, it has 30 days from the discovery to notify Consultant of its failure. If Consultant does not correct the failure, if it is possible to do so, within 30 days after receipt of notice from the County specifying the failure, then the County, by written notice, may treat the failure as a default of this Agreement under Article 9.

Partial or incomplete Deliverables may be accepted for review only when required for a specific and well-defined purpose and when consented to in advance by the County. Such Deliverables will not be considered as satisfying the requirements of this Agreement and partial or incomplete Deliverables in no way relieve Consultant of its commitments under this Agreement.

c) Standard of Performance

Consultant must perform all Services required of it under this Agreement with that degree of skill, care and diligence normally shown by a consultant performing services of a scope and purpose and magnitude comparable with the nature of the Services to be provided under this Agreement. Consultant acknowledges that it is entrusted with or has access to valuable and confidential information and records of the County and with respect to that information, Consultant agrees to be held to the standard of care of a fiduciary.

Consultant must assure that all Services that require the exercise of professional skills or judgment are accomplished by professionals qualified and competent in the applicable discipline and appropriately licensed, if required by law. Consultant must provide copies of any such licenses. Consultant remains responsible for the professional and technical accuracy of all Services or Deliverables furnished, whether by Consultant or its Subconsultants or others on its behalf. All Deliverables must be prepared in a form and content satisfactory to the Using Agency and delivered in a timely manner consistent with the requirements of this Agreement.

If Consultant fails to comply with the foregoing standards, Consultant must perform again, at its own expense, all Services required to be re-performed as a direct or indirect result of that failure. Any review, approval, acceptance or payment for any of the Services by the County does not relieve Consultant of its responsibility for the professional skill and care and technical accuracy of its Services and Deliverables. This provision in no way limits the County's rights against Consultant either under this Agreement, at law or in equity.

d) Personnel

i) Adequate Staffing

Consultant must, upon receiving a fully executed copy of this Agreement, assign and maintain during the term of this Agreement and any extension of it an adequate staff of competent personnel that is fully equipped, licensed as appropriate, available as needed, qualified and assigned exclusively to perform the Services. Consultant must include among its staff the Key Personnel and positions as identified below. The level of staffing may be revised from time to time by notice in writing from Consultant to the County and with written consent of the County, which consent the County will not withhold unreasonably. If the County fails to object to the revision within 14 days after receiving the notice, then the revision will be considered accepted by the County.

ii) Key Personnel

Consultant must not reassign or replace Key Personnel without the written consent of the County, which consent the County will not unreasonably withhold. "**Key Personnel**" means those job titles and the persons assigned to those positions in accordance with the provisions of this Section 3.d(ii). The Using Agency may at any time in writing notify Consultant that the County will no longer accept performance of Services under this Agreement by one or more Key Personnel listed. Upon that notice Consultant must immediately suspend the services of the key person or persons and must replace him or them in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. A list of Key Personnel is found in Exhibit 1, Scope of Services.

iii) Salaries and Wages

Consultant and Subconsultants must pay all salaries and wages due all employees performing Services under this Agreement unconditionally and at least once a month without deduction or rebate on any account, except only for those payroll deductions that are mandatory by law or are permitted under applicable law and regulations. If in the performance of this Agreement Consultant underpays any such salaries or wages, the Comptroller for the County may withhold, out of payments due to Consultant, an amount sufficient to pay to employees underpaid the difference between the salaries or wages required to be paid under this Agreement and the salaries or wages actually paid these employees for the total number of hours worked. The amounts withheld may be disbursed by the Comptroller for and on account of Consultant to the respective employees to whom they are due. The parties acknowledge that this Section 3.d(iii) is solely for the benefit of the County and that it does not grant any third party beneficiary rights.

e) Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises Commitment

In the performance of this Agreement, including the procurement and lease of materials or

equipment, Consultant must abide by the minority and women's business enterprise commitment requirements of the Cook County Ordinance, (Article IV, Section 34-267 through 272) except to the extent waived by the Compliance Director, which are set forth in Exhibit 3. Consultant's completed MBE/WBE Utilization Plan evidencing its compliance with this requirement are a part of this Agreement, in Form 1 of the MBE/WBE Utilization Plan, upon acceptance by the Compliance Director. Consultant must utilize minority and women's business enterprises at the greater of the amounts committed to by the Consultant for this Agreement in accordance with Form 1 of the MBE/WBE Utilization Plan.

f) Insurance

The Consultant, at its cost, shall secure and maintain at all times, unless specified otherwise, until completion of the term of this Contract the insurance specified below.

Nothing contained in these insurance requirements is to be construed as limiting the extent of the Consultant's responsibility for payment of damages resulting from its operations under this Contract.

The Consultant shall require all Subcontractors to provide the insurance required in this Contract, or Consultant may provide the coverages for Subcontractors. All Subcontractors are subject to the same insurance requirements as Consultant except paragraph (d) Excess/Umbrella Liability or unless specified otherwise.

The Cook County Department of Risk Management maintains the right to modify, delete, alter or change these requirements.

Coverages

(1) **Commercial General Liability Insurance**

The Commercial General Liability shall be on an occurrence form basis (ISO Form CG 0001 or equivalent) to cover bodily injury, personal injury and property damage.

Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000

The General Liability policy shall include the following coverages:

- (1) All premises and operations;
- (2) Contractual Liability;
- (3) Products/Completed Operations;
- (4) Severability of interest/separation of insureds clause

(2) **Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance**

When any vehicles are used in the performance of this contract, Consultant shall secure Automobile Liability Insurance for bodily injury and property damage arising from the Ownership, maintenance or use of owned, hired and non-owned vehicles with a limit no less than \$1,000,000 per accident.

(3) **Excess/Umbrella Liability**

Such policy shall be excess over Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability, and Employer's Liability with limits not less than the following amounts:

Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000

(4) **Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions)**

The Consultant shall secure insurance appropriate to the Consultant's profession covering all claims arising out of the performance or nonperformance of professional services for the County under this Contract. This insurance shall remain in force for the life of the Consultant's obligations under this Contract and shall have a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim.

If any such policy is written on a claims-made form:

- (1) The retroactive coverage date shall be no later than the effective date of this contract.
- (2) If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a retroactive date on or before this contract effective date, the Consultant must maintain "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of three (3) year after completion of services.

Additional Requirements

(1) **Additional Insured**

The required insurance policies, with the exception of Workers Compensation and Errors & Omissions, shall name Cook County, its officials, employees and agents as additional insureds with respect to operations performed on a primary and non-contributory basis. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Cook County shall be excess of the Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with it. The full policy limits and scope of protection shall apply to Cook County as an additional insured even if they exceed the minimum insurance requirements specified herein.

All insurance companies providing coverage shall be licensed or approved by the Department of Insurance, State of Illinois, and shall have a financial rating no lower than (A-) VII as listed in A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide, current edition or interim report. Companies with ratings lower than (A-) VII will be acceptable only upon consent of the Cook County Department of Risk Management. The insurance limits

required herein may be satisfied by a combination of primary, umbrella and/or excess liability insurance policies.

(2) Insurance Notices

The Consultant shall provide the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer with thirty (30) days advance written notice in the event any required insurance will be cancelled, materially reduced or non-renewed. The Consultant shall secure replacement coverage to comply with the stated insurance requirements and provide new certificates of insurance to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer.

Prior to the date on which the Consultant commences performance of its part of the work, the Consultant shall furnish to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer certificates of insurance maintained by Consultant. The receipt of any certificate of insurance does not constitute Contract by the County that the insurance requirements have been fully met or that the insurance policies indicated on the certificate of insurance are in compliance with insurance required above.

In no event shall any failure of the County to receive certificates of insurance required hereof or to demand receipt of such Certificates of Insurance be construed as a waiver of the Consultant's obligations to obtain insurance pursuant to these insurance requirements.

g) Indemnification

The Consultant covenants and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the County and its commissioners, officials, employees, agents and representatives, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, from and against any and all costs, expenses, attorney's fees, losses, damages and liabilities incurred or suffered directly or indirectly from or attributable to any claims arising out of or incident to the performance or nonperformance of the Contract by the Consultant, or the acts or omissions of the officers, agents, employees, Consultants, subconsultants, licensees or invitees of the Consultant. The Consultant expressly understands and agrees that any Performance Bond or insurance protection required of the Consultant, or otherwise provided by the Consultant, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify the County as hereinabove provided.

h) Confidentiality and Ownership of Documents

Consultant acknowledges and agrees that information regarding this Contract is confidential and shall not be disclosed, directly, indirectly or by implication, or be used by Consultant in any way, whether during the term of this Contract or at any time thereafter, except solely as required in the course of Consultant's performance hereunder. Consultant shall comply with the applicable privacy laws and regulations affecting County and will not disclose any of County's records, materials, or other data to any third party. Consultant shall not have the right to compile and distribute statistical analyses and reports utilizing data derived from information or data obtained from County without the prior written approval of County. In the event such approval is given, any such reports published and distributed by Consultant shall be furnished to County without charge.

All documents, data, studies, reports, work product or product created as a result of the

performance of the Contract (the “Documents”) shall be included in the Deliverables and shall be the property of the County of Cook. It shall be a breach of this Contract for the Consultant to reproduce or use any documents, data, studies, reports, work product or product obtained from the County of Cook or any Documents created hereby, whether such reproduction or use is for Consultant’s own purposes or for those of any third party. During the performance of the Contract Consultant shall be responsible of any loss or damage to the Documents while they are in Consultant’s possession, and any such loss or damage shall be restored at the expense of the Consultant. The County and its designees shall be afforded full access to the Documents and the work at all times.

i) Patents, Copyrights and Licenses

If applicable, Consultant shall furnish the Chief Procurement Officer with all licenses required for the County to utilize any software, including firmware or middleware, provided by Consultant as part of the Deliverables. Such licenses shall be clearly marked with a reference to the number of this County Contract. Consultant shall also furnish a copy of such licenses to the Chief Procurement Officer. Unless otherwise stated in these Contract documents, such licenses shall be perpetual and shall not limit the number of persons who may utilize the software on behalf of the County.

Consultant agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the County, its officers, agents, employees and affiliates from and defend, as permitted by Illinois law, at its own expense (including reasonable attorneys', accountants' and consultants' fees), any suit or proceeding brought against County based upon a claim that the ownership and/or use of equipment, hardware and software or any part thereof provided to the County or utilized in performing Consultant's services constitutes an infringement of any patent, copyright or license or any other property right.

In the event the use of any equipment, hardware or software or any part thereof is enjoined, Consultant with all reasonable speed and due diligence shall provide or otherwise secure for County, at the Consultant's election, one of the following: the right to continue use of the equipment, hardware or software; an equivalent system having the Specifications as provided in this Contract; or Consultant shall modify the system or its component parts so that they become non-infringing while performing in a substantially similar manner to the original system, meeting the requirements of this Contract.

j) Examination of Records and Audits

The Consultant agrees that the Cook County Auditor or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until expiration of three (3) years after the final payment under the Contract, have access and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, canceled checks, bank statements, purveyor's and other invoices, and records of the Consultant related to the Contract, or to Consultant's compliance with any term, condition or provision thereof. The Consultant shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining records sufficient to document the costs associated with performance under the terms of this Contract.

The Consultant further agrees that it shall include in all of its subcontracts hereunder a provision to the effect that the Subcontractor agrees that the Cook County Auditor or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until expiration of three (3) years after final payment under the subcontract, have access and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, canceled checks, bank statements, purveyor's and other invoices and records of such Subcontractor involving transactions relating to the subcontract, or to such Subcontractor compliance with any term, condition or provision thereunder or under the Contract.

In the event the Consultant receives payment under the Contract, reimbursement for which is later disallowed by the County, the Consultant shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to the County on request, or at the County's option, the County may credit the amount disallowed from the next payment due or to become due to the Consultant under any contract with the County.

To the extent this Contract pertains to Deliverables which may be reimbursable under the Medicaid or Medicare Programs, Consultant shall retain and make available upon request, for a period of four (4) years after furnishing services pursuant to this Agreement, the contract, books, documents and records which are necessary to certify the nature and extent of the costs of such services if requested by the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives.

If Consultant carries out any of its duties under the Agreement through a subcontract with a related organization involving a value of cost of \$10,000.00 or more over a 12 month period, Consultant will cause such subcontract to contain a clause to the effect that, until the expiration of four years after the furnishing of any service pursuant to said subcontract, the related organization will make available upon request of the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives, copies of said subcontract and any books, documents, records and other data of said related organization that are necessary to certify the nature and extent of such costs. This paragraph relating to the retention and production of documents is included because of possible application of Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act to this Agreement; if this Section should be found to be inapplicable, then this paragraph shall be deemed inoperative and without force and effect.

k) Subcontracting or Assignment of Contract or Contract Funds

Once awarded, this Contract shall not be subcontracted or assigned, in whole or in part, without the advance written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer, which approval shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of the Chief Procurement Officer. In no case, however, shall such approval relieve the Consultant from its obligations or change the terms of the Contract. The Consultant shall not transfer or assign any Contract funds or any interest therein due or to become due without the advance written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer. The unauthorized subcontracting or assignment of the Contract, in whole or in part, or the unauthorized transfer or assignment of any Contract funds, either in whole or in part, or any interest therein, which shall be due or are to become due the Consultant shall have no

effect on the County and are null and void.

Prior to the commencement of the Contract, the Consultant shall identify in writing to the Chief Procurement Officer the names of any and all Subcontractors it intends to use in the performance of the Contract by completing the Identification of Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant Form (“ISF”). The Chief Procurement Officer shall have the right to disapprove any Subcontractor. All Subcontractors shall be subject to the terms of this Contract. Consultant shall incorporate into all subcontracts all of the provisions of the Contract which affect such subcontract. Copies of subcontracts shall be provided to the Chief Procurement Officer upon request.

The Consultant must disclose the name and business address of each Subcontractor, attorney, lobbyist, accountant, consultant and any other person or entity whom the Consultant has retained or expects to retain in connection with the Matter, as well as the nature of the relationship, and the total amount of the fees paid or estimated to be paid. The Consultant is not required to disclose employees who are paid or estimated to be paid. The Consultant is not required to disclose employees who are paid solely through the Consultant’s regular payroll. “Lobbyist” means any person or entity who undertakes to influence any legislation or administrative action on behalf of any person or entity other than: (1) a not-for-profit entity, on an unpaid basis, or (2), himself.

“Lobbyist” also means any person or entity any part of whose duties as an employee of another includes undertaking to influence any legislative or administrative action. If the Consultant is uncertain whether a disclosure is required under this Section, the Consultant must either ask the County, whether disclosure is required or make the disclosure.

The County reserves the right to prohibit any person from entering any County facility for any reason. All Consultants and Subcontractor of the Consultant shall be accountable to the Chief Procurement Officer or his designee while on any County property and shall abide by all rules and regulations imposed by the County.

l) Professional Social Services

In accordance with 34-146, of the Cook County Procurement Code, all Consultants or providers providing services under a Professional Social Service Contracts or Professional Social Services Agreements, shall submit an annual performance report to the Using Agency, i.e., the agency for whom the Consultant or provider is providing the professional social services, that includes but is not limited to relevant statistics, an empirical analysis where applicable, and a written narrative describing the goals and objectives of the contract or agreement and programmatic outcomes. The annual performance report shall be provided and reported to the Cook County Board of Commissioners by the applicable Using Agency within forty-five days of receipt. Failure of the Consultant or provider to provide an annual performance report will be considered a breach of contract or agreement by the Consultant or provider, and may result in termination of the Contract or agreement.

For purposes of this Section, a Professional Social Service Contract or Professional Social

Service Agreement shall mean any contract or agreement with a social service provider, including other governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, or for profit business enterprises engaged in the field of and providing social services, juvenile justice, mental health treatment, alternative sentencing, offender rehabilitation, recidivism reduction, foster care, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence services, community transitioning services, intervention, or such other similar services which provide mental, social or physical treatment and services to individuals. Said Professional Social Service Contracts or Professional Social Service Agreements do not include CCHHS managed care contracts that CCHHS may enter into with health care providers.

ARTICLE 4) TERM OF PERFORMANCE

a) Term of Performance

This Agreement takes effect when approved by the Cook County Chief Procurement Officer and its term shall begin on July 22, 2025 ("**Effective Date**") and continue until July 21, 2028 or until this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, whichever occurs first.

b) Timeliness of Performance

- i) Consultant must provide the Services and Deliverables within the term and within the time limits required under this Agreement, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.a and Exhibit 1. Further, Consultant acknowledges that TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE and that the failure of Consultant to comply with the time limits described in this Section 4.b may result in economic or other losses to the County.
- ii) Neither Consultant nor Consultant's agents, employees nor Subcontractors are entitled to any damages from the County, nor is any party entitled to be reimbursed by the County, for damages, charges or other losses or expenses incurred by Consultant by reason of delays or hindrances in the performance of the Services, whether or not caused by the County.

c) Agreement Extension Option

The Chief Procurement Officer may at any time before this Agreement expires elect to renew this Agreement for one (1) additional one-year periods under the same terms and conditions as this original Agreement, except as provided otherwise in this Agreement, by notice in writing to Consultant. After notification by the Chief Procurement Officer, this Agreement must be modified to reflect the time extension in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.c.

ARTICLE 5) COMPENSATION

a) **Basis of Payment**

The County will pay Consultant according to the Schedule of Compensation in the attached Exhibit 2 for the successful completion of services.

b) **Method of Payment**

All invoices submitted by the Consultant shall be in accordance with the cost provisions contained in the Agreement and shall contain a detailed description of the Deliverables, including the quantity of the Deliverables, for which payment is requested. All invoices for services shall include itemized entries indicating the date or time period in which the services were provided, the amount of time spent performing the services, and a detailed description of the services provided during the period of the invoice. All Contracts for services that are procured as Sole Source must also contain a provision requiring the Contractor to submit itemized records indicating the dates that services were provided, a detailed description of the work performed on each such date, and the amount of time spent performing work on each such date. All invoices shall reflect the amounts invoiced by and the amounts paid to the Consultant as of the date of the invoice. Invoices for new charges shall not include “past due” amounts, if any, which amounts must be set forth on a separate invoice. Consultant shall not be entitled to invoice the County for any late fees or other penalties.

In accordance with Section 34-177 of the Cook County Procurement Code, the County shall have a right to set off and subtract from any invoice(s) or Contract price, a sum equal to any fines and penalties, including interest, for any tax or fee delinquency and any debt or obligation owed by the Consultant to the County.

The Consultant acknowledges its duty to ensure the accuracy of all invoices submitted to the County for payment. By submitting the invoices, the Consultant certifies that all itemized entries set forth in the invoices are true and correct. The Consultant acknowledges that by submitting the invoices, it certifies that it has delivered the Deliverables, i.e., the goods, supplies, services or equipment set forth in the Agreement to the Using Agency, or that it has properly performed the services set forth in the Agreement. The invoice must also reflect the dates and amount of time expended in the provision of services under the Agreement. The Consultant acknowledges that any inaccurate statements or negligent or intentional misrepresentations in the invoices shall result in the County exercising all remedies available to it in law and equity including, but not limited to, a delay in payment or non-payment to the Consultant, and reporting the matter to the Cook County Office of the Independent Inspector General.

When a Consultant receives any payment from the County for any supplies, equipment, goods, or services, it has provided to the County pursuant to its Agreement, the Consultant must make payment to its Subcontractors within 15 days after receipt of payment from the County, provided that such Subcontractor has satisfactorily provided the supplies,

equipment, goods or services in accordance with the Contract and provided the Consultant with all of the documents and information required of the Consultant. The Consultant may delay or postpone payment to a Subcontractor when the Subcontractor's supplies, equipment, goods, or services do not comply with the requirements of the Contract, the Consultant is acting in good faith, and not in retaliation for a Subcontractor exercising legal or contractual rights.

c) Funding

The source of funds for payments under this Agreement is identified in Exhibit 2, Schedule of Compensation. Payments under this Agreement must not exceed the dollar amount shown in Exhibit 2 without a written amendment in accordance with Section 10.c.

d) Non-Appropriation

If no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated and budgeted in any fiscal period of the County for payments to be made under this Agreement, then the County will notify Consultant in writing of that occurrence, and this Agreement will terminate on the earlier of the last day of the fiscal period for which sufficient appropriation was made or whenever the funds appropriated for payment under this Agreement are exhausted. Payments for Services completed to the date of notification will be made to Consultant. No payments will be made or due to Consultant and under this Agreement beyond those amounts appropriated and budgeted by the County to fund payments under this Agreement.

e) Taxes

Federal Excise Tax does not apply to materials purchased by the County by virtue of Exemption Certificate No. 36-75-0038K. Illinois Retailers' Occupation Tax, Use Tax and Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax do not apply to deliverables, materials or services purchased by the County by virtue of statute. The price or prices quoted herein shall include any and all other federal and/or state, direct and/or indirect taxes which apply to this Contract. The County's State of Illinois Sales Tax Exemption Identification No. is E-9998-2013-07.

f) Price Reduction

If at any time after the contract award, Consultant makes a general price reduction in the price of any of the Deliverables, the equivalent price reduction based on similar quantities and/or considerations shall apply to this Contract for the duration of the Contract period. For purposes of this Section 5.f., Price Reduction, a general price reduction shall include reductions in the effective price charged by Consultant by reason of rebates, financial incentives, discounts, value points or other benefits with respect to the purchase of the Deliverables. Such price reductions shall be effective at the same time and in the same manner as the reduction Consultant makes in the price of the Deliverables to its prospective customers generally.

g) Consultant Credits

To the extent the Consultant gives credits toward future purchases of goods or services, financial incentives, discounts, value points or other benefits based on the purchase of the materials or services provided for under this Contract, such credits belong to the County and not any specific Using Agency. Consultant shall reflect any such credits on its invoices and in the amounts it invoices the County.

ARTICLE 6) DISPUTES

Any dispute arising under the Contract between the County and Consultant shall be decided by the Chief Procurement Officer. The complaining party shall submit a written statement detailing the dispute and specifying the specific relevant Contract provision(s) to the Chief Procurement Officer. Upon request of the Chief Procurement Officer, the party complained against shall respond to the complaint in writing within five days of such request. The Chief Procurement Officer will reduce her decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Consultant. The decision of the Chief Procurement Officer will be final and binding. Dispute resolution as provided herein shall be a condition precedent to any other action at law or in equity. However, unless a notice is issued by the Chief Procurement Officer indicating that additional time is required to review a dispute, the parties may exercise their contractual remedies, if any, if no decision is made within sixty (60) days following notification to the Chief Procurement Officer of a dispute. No inference shall be drawn from the absence of a decision by the Chief Procurement Officer.

Notwithstanding a dispute, Consultant shall continue to discharge all its obligations, duties and responsibilities set forth in the Contract during any dispute resolution proceeding unless otherwise agreed to by the County in writing.

ARTICLE 7) COOPERATION WITH INSPECTOR GENERAL AND COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS

The Consultant, Subcontractor, licensees, grantees or persons or businesses who have a County contract, grant, license, or certification of eligibility for County contracts shall abide by all of the applicable provisions of the Office of the Independent Inspector General Ordinance (Section 2-281 et. seq. of the Cook County Code of Ordinances). Failure to cooperate as required may result in monetary and/or other penalties.

The Consultant shall observe and comply with the laws, ordinances, regulations and codes of the Federal, State, County and other local government agencies which may in any manner affect the performance of the Contract including, but not limited to, those County Ordinances set forth in the Certifications attached hereto and incorporated herein. Assurance of compliance with this requirement by the Consultant's employees, agents or Subcontractor shall be the responsibility of the Consultant.

The Consultant shall secure and pay for all federal, state and local licenses, permits and fees required hereunder.

ARTICLE 8) SPECIAL CONDITIONS

a) Warranties and Representations

In connection with signing and carrying out this Agreement, Consultant:

- i) warrants that Consultant is appropriately licensed under Illinois law to perform the Services required under this Agreement and will perform no Services for which a professional license is required by law and for which Consultant is not appropriately licensed;
- ii) warrants it is financially solvent; it and each of its employees, agents and Subcontractors of any tier are competent to perform the Services required under this Agreement; and Consultant is legally authorized to execute and perform or cause to be performed this Agreement under the terms and conditions stated in this Agreement;
- iii) warrants that it will not knowingly use the services of any ineligible consultant or Subcontractor for any purpose in the performance of its Services under this Agreement;
- iv) warrants that Consultant and its Subcontractors are not in default at the time this Agreement is signed, and has not been considered by the Chief Procurement Officer to have, within 5 years immediately preceding the date of this Agreement, been found to be in default on any contract awarded by the County;
- v) represents that it has carefully examined and analyzed the provisions and requirements of this Agreement; it understands the nature of the Services required; from its own analysis it has satisfied itself as to the nature of all things needed for the performance of this Agreement; this Agreement is feasible of performance in accordance with all of its provisions and requirements, and Consultant warrants it can and will perform, or cause to be performed, the Services in strict accordance with the provisions and requirements of this Agreement;
- vi) represents that Consultant and, to the best of its knowledge, its Subcontractors are not in violation of the provisions of the Illinois Criminal Code, 720 ILCS 5/33E as amended; and
- vii) acknowledges that any certification, affidavit or acknowledgment made under oath in connection with this Agreement is made under penalty of perjury and, if false, is also cause for termination under Sections 9.a and 9.c.

b) Ethics

- i) In addition to the foregoing warranties and representations, Consultant warrants:

- (1) no officer, agent or employee of the County is employed by Consultant or has a financial interest directly or indirectly in this Agreement or the compensation to be paid under this Agreement except as may be permitted in writing by the Board of Ethics.
- (2) no payment, gratuity or offer of employment will be made in connection with this Agreement by or on behalf of any Subcontractors to the prime Consultant or higher tier Subcontractors or anyone associated with them, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

c) Joint and Several Liability

If Consultant, or its successors or assigns, if any, is comprised of more than one individual or other legal entity (or a combination of them), then under this Agreement, each and without limitation every obligation or undertaking in this Agreement to be fulfilled or performed by Consultant is the joint and several obligation or undertaking of each such individual or other legal entity.

d) Business Documents

At the request of the County, Consultant must provide copies of its latest articles of incorporation, by-laws and resolutions, or partnership or joint venture agreement, as applicable.

e) Conflicts of Interest

- i) No member of the governing body of the County or other unit of government and no other officer, employee or agent of the County or other unit of government who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the Services to which this Agreement pertains is permitted to have any personal interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement. No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States or the Illinois General Assembly and no Commissioner of the Cook County Board or County employee is allowed to be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any financial benefit to arise from it.
- ii) Consultant covenants that it, and to the best of its knowledge, its Subcontractors if any (collectively, "**Consulting Parties**"), presently have no direct or indirect interest and will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any project or contract that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its Services under this Agreement.
- iii) Upon the request of the County, Consultant must disclose to the County its past client list and the names of any clients with whom it has an ongoing relationship. Consultant is not permitted to perform any Services for the County on applications or other documents submitted to the County by any of Consultant's past or present clients. If Consultant becomes aware of a conflict, it must immediately stop work on the assignment causing the conflict and notify the County.

- iv) Without limiting the foregoing, if the Consulting Parties assist the County in determining the advisability or feasibility of a project or in recommending, researching, preparing, drafting or issuing a request for proposals or bid specifications for a project, the Consulting Parties must not participate, directly or indirectly, as a prime, Subcontractor or joint venturer in that project or in the preparation of a proposal or bid for that project during the term of this Agreement or afterwards. The Consulting Parties may, however, assist the County in reviewing the proposals or bids for the project if none of the Consulting Parties have a relationship with the persons or entities that submitted the proposals or bids for that project.
- v) The Consultant further covenants that, in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any conflicting interest will be assigned to perform any Services or have access to any confidential information, as defined in Section 3.h of this Agreement. If the County, by the Chief Procurement Officer in his reasonable judgment, determines that any of Consultant's Services for others conflict with the Services Consultant is to render for the County under this Agreement, Consultant must terminate such other services immediately upon request of the County.
- vi) Furthermore, if any federal funds are to be used to compensate or reimburse Consultant under this Agreement, Consultant represents that it is and will remain in compliance with federal restrictions on lobbying set forth in Section 319 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal year 1990, 31 U.S.C. § 1352, and related rules and regulations set forth at 54 Fed. Reg. 52,309 ff. (1989), as amended. If federal funds are to be used, Consultant must execute a Certification Regarding Lobbying, which will be attached as an exhibit and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth here.

f) Non-Liability of Public Officials

Consultant and any assignee or Subcontractor of Consultant must not charge any official, employee or agent of the County personally with any liability or expenses of defense or hold any official, employee or agent of the County personally liable to them under any term or provision of this Agreement or because of the County's execution, attempted execution or any breach of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9) EVENTS OF DEFAULT, REMEDIES, TERMINATION, SUSPENSION AND RIGHT TO OFFSET

a) Events of Default Defined

The following constitute events of default:

- i) Any material misrepresentation, whether negligent or willful and whether in the

inducement or in the performance, made by Consultant to the County.

- ii) Consultant's material failure to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement including the following:
 - (a) Failure due to a reason or circumstances within Consultant's reasonable control to perform the Services with sufficient personnel and equipment or with sufficient material to ensure the performance of the Services;
 - (b) Failure to perform the Services in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Chief Procurement Officer or inability to perform the Services satisfactorily as a result of insolvency, filing for bankruptcy or assignment for the benefit of creditors;
 - (c) Failure to promptly re-perform within a reasonable time Services that were rejected as erroneous or unsatisfactory;
 - (d) Discontinuance of the Services for reasons within Consultant's reasonable control; and
 - (e) Failure to comply with any other material term of this Agreement, including the provisions concerning insurance and nondiscrimination.
- iii) Any change in ownership or control of Consultant without the prior written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer, which approval the Chief Procurement Officer will not unreasonably withhold.
- iv) Consultant's default under any other agreement it may presently have or may enter into with the County during the life of this Agreement. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that in the event of a default under this Agreement the County may also declare a default under any such other Agreements.
- v) Failure to comply with Article 7 in the performance of the Agreement.
- vi) Consultant's repeated or continued violations of County ordinances unrelated to performance under the Agreement that in the opinion of the Chief Procurement Officer indicate a willful or reckless disregard for County laws and regulations.

b) Remedies

The occurrence of any event of default permits the County, at the County's sole option, to declare Consultant in default. The Chief Procurement Officer may in his sole discretion give Consultant an opportunity to cure the default within a certain period of time, which period of time must not exceed 30 days, unless extended by the Chief Procurement Officer. Whether to declare Consultant in default is within the sole discretion of the Chief

Procurement Officer and neither that decision nor the factual basis for it is subject to review or challenge under the Disputes provision of this Agreement.

The Chief Procurement Officer will give Consultant written notice of the default, either in the form of a cure notice ("**Cure Notice**"), or, if no opportunity to cure will be granted, a default notice ("**Default Notice**"). If the Chief Procurement Officer gives a Default Notice, he will also indicate any present intent he may have to terminate this Agreement, and the decision to terminate (but not the decision not to terminate) is final and effective upon giving the notice. The Chief Procurement Officer may give a Default Notice if Consultant fails to affect a cure within the cure period given in a Cure Notice. When a Default Notice with intent to terminate is given as provided in this Section 9.b and Article 11, Consultant must discontinue any Services, unless otherwise directed in the notice, and deliver all materials accumulated in the performance of this Agreement, whether completed or in the process, to the County. After giving a Default Notice, the County may invoke any or all of the following remedies:

- i) The right to take over and complete the Services, or any part of them, at Consultant's expense and as agent for Consultant, either directly or through others, and bill Consultant for the cost of the Services, and Consultant must pay the difference between the total amount of this bill and the amount the County would have paid Consultant under the terms and conditions of this Agreement for the Services that were assumed by the County as agent for the Consultant under this Section 9.b;
- ii) The right to terminate this Agreement as to any or all of the Services yet to be performed effective at a time specified by the County;
- iii) The right of specific performance, an injunction or any other appropriate equitable remedy;
- iv) The right to money damages;
- v) The right to withhold all or any part of Consultant's compensation under this Agreement;
- vi) The right to consider Consultant non-responsible in future contracts to be awarded by the County.

If the Chief Procurement Officer considers it to be in the County's best interests, he may elect not to declare default or to terminate this Agreement. The parties acknowledge that this provision is solely for the benefit of the County and that if the County permits Consultant to continue to provide the Services despite one or more events of default, Consultant is in no way relieved of any of its responsibilities, duties or obligations under this Agreement, nor does the County waive or relinquish any of its rights.

The remedies under the terms of this Agreement are not intended to be exclusive of any other remedies provided, but each and every such remedy is cumulative and is in addition to any other remedies, existing now or later, at law, in equity or by statute. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any event of default impairs any such right or power, nor is it a waiver of any event of default nor acquiescence in it, and every such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as the County considers expedient.

c) Early Termination

In addition to termination under Sections 9.a and 9.b of this Agreement, the County may terminate this Agreement, or all or any portion of the Services to be performed under it, at any time by a notice in writing from the County to Consultant. The County will give notice to Consultant in accordance with the provisions of Article 11. The effective date of termination will be the date the notice is received by Consultant or the date stated in the notice, whichever is later. If the County elects to terminate this Agreement in full, all Services to be provided under it must cease and all materials that may have been accumulated in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in the process, must be delivered to the County effective 10 days after the date the notice is considered received as provided under Article 11 of this Agreement (if no date is given) or upon the effective date stated in the notice.

After the notice is received, Consultant must restrict its activities, and those of its Subcontractors, to winding down any reports, analyses, or other activities previously begun. No costs incurred after the effective date of the termination are allowed. Payment for any Services actually and satisfactorily performed before the effective date of the termination is on the same basis as set forth in Article 5, but if any compensation is described or provided for on the basis of a period longer than 10 days, then the compensation must be prorated accordingly. No amount of compensation, however, is permitted for anticipated profits on unperformed Services. The County and Consultant must attempt to agree on the amount of compensation to be paid to Consultant, but if not agreed on, the dispute must be settled in accordance with Article 6 of this Agreement. The payment so made to Consultant is in full settlement for all Services satisfactorily performed under this Agreement.

Consultant must include in its contracts with Subcontractors an early termination provision in form and substance equivalent to this early termination provision to prevent claims against the County arising from termination of subcontracts after the early termination. Consultant will not be entitled to make any early termination claims against the County resulting from any Subcontractor's claims against Consultant or the County to the extent inconsistent with this provision.

If the County's election to terminate this Agreement for default under Sections 9.a and 9.b is determined in a court of competent jurisdiction to have been wrongful, then in that case the termination is to be considered to be an early termination under this Section 9.c.

d) Suspension

The County may at any time request that Consultant suspend its Services, or any part of them, by giving 15 days prior written notice to Consultant or upon informal oral, or even no notice, in the event of emergency. No costs incurred after the effective date of such suspension are allowed. Consultant must promptly resume its performance of the Services under the same terms and conditions as stated in this Agreement upon written notice by the Chief Procurement Officer and such equitable extension of time as may be mutually agreed upon by the Chief Procurement Officer and Consultant when necessary for continuation or completion of Services. Any additional costs or expenses actually incurred by Consultant as a result of recommencing the Services must be treated in accordance with the compensation provisions under Article 5 of this Agreement.

No suspension of this Agreement is permitted in the aggregate to exceed a period of 45 days within any one year of this Agreement. If the total number of days of suspension exceeds 45 days, Consultant by written notice may treat the suspension as an early termination of this Agreement under Section 9.c.

e) Right to Offset

In connection with performance under this Agreement, the County may offset any excess costs incurred:

- i) if the County terminates this Agreement for default or any other reason resulting from Consultant's performance or non-performance;
- ii) if the County exercises any of its remedies under Section 9.b of this Agreement;
or
- iii) if the County has any credits due or has made any overpayments under this Agreement.

The County may offset these excess costs by use of any payment due for Services completed before the County terminated this Agreement or before the County exercised any remedies. If the amount offset is insufficient to cover those excess costs, Consultant is liable for and must promptly remit to the County the balance upon written demand for it. This right to offset is in addition to and not a limitation of any other remedies available to the County.

f) Delays

Consultant agrees that no charges or claims for damages shall be made by Consultant for any delays or hindrances from any cause whatsoever during the progress of any portion of this Contract.

g) Prepaid Fees

In the event this Contract is terminated by either party, for cause or otherwise, and the County has prepaid for any Deliverables, Consultant shall refund to the County, on a prorated basis to the effective date of termination, all amounts prepaid for Deliverables not actually provided as of the effective date of the termination. The refund shall be made within fourteen (14) days of the effective date of termination.

ARTICLE 10) GENERAL CONDITIONS

a) Entire Agreement

i) General

This Agreement, and the exhibits attached to it and incorporated in it, constitute the entire agreement between the parties and no other warranties, inducements, considerations, promises or interpretations are implied or impressed upon this Agreement that are not expressly addressed in this Agreement.

ii) No Collateral Agreements

Consultant acknowledges that, except only for those representations, statements or promises expressly contained in this Agreement and any exhibits attached to it and incorporated by reference in it, no representation, statement or promise, oral or in writing, of any kind whatsoever, by the County, its officials, agents or employees, has induced Consultant to enter into this Agreement or has been relied upon by Consultant, including any with reference to:

- (a) the meaning, correctness, suitability or completeness of any provisions or requirements of this Agreement;
- (b) the nature of the Services to be performed;
- (c) the nature, quantity, quality or volume of any materials, equipment, labor and other facilities needed for the performance of this Agreement;
- (d) the general conditions which may in any way affect this Agreement or its performance;
- (e) the compensation provisions of this Agreement; or
- (f) any other matters, whether similar to or different from those referred to in (a) through (e) immediately above, affecting or having any connection with this Agreement, its negotiation, any discussions of its performance or those employed or connected or concerned with it.

iii) **No Omissions**

Consultant acknowledges that Consultant was given an opportunity to review all documents forming this Agreement before signing this Agreement in order that it might request inclusion in this Agreement of any statement, representation, promise or provision that it desired or on that it wished to place reliance. Consultant did so review those documents, and either every such statement, representation, promise or provision has been included in this Agreement or else, if omitted, Consultant relinquishes the benefit of any such omitted statement, representation, promise or provision and is willing to perform this Agreement in its entirety without claiming reliance on it or making any other claim on account of its omission.

b) **Counterparts**

This Agreement is comprised of several identical counterparts, each to be fully signed by the parties and each to be considered an original having identical legal effect.

c) **Contract Amendments**

The parties may during the term of the Contract make amendments to the Contract but only as provided in this section. Such amendments shall only be made by mutual agreement in writing.

In the case of Contracts not approved by the Board, the Chief Procurement Officer may amend a contract provided that the total cost of all such amendments does not increase the total amount of the Contract beyond \$200,000. Such action may only be made with the advance written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer. If the amendment increases the total award amount beyond \$200,000, then Board approval will be required.

No Using Agency or employee thereof has authority to make any amendments to this Contract. Any amendments to this Contract made without the express written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer is void and unenforceable.

Consultant is hereby notified that, except for amendments which are made in accordance with this Section 10.c. Contract Amendments, no Using Agency or employee thereof has authority to make any amendment to this Contract.

d) Governing Law and Jurisdiction

This Contract shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Illinois. The Consultant irrevocably agrees that, subject to the County's sole and absolute election to the contrary, any action or proceeding in any way, manner or respect arising out of the Contract, or arising from any dispute or controversy arising in connection with or related to the Contract, shall be litigated only in courts within the Circuit Court of Cook County, State of Illinois, and the Consultant consents and submits to the jurisdiction thereof. In accordance with these provisions, Consultant waives any right it may have to transfer or change the venue of any litigation brought against it by the County pursuant to this Contract.

e) Severability

If any provision of this Agreement is held or considered to be or is in fact invalid, illegal, inoperative or unenforceable as applied in any particular case in any jurisdiction or in all cases because it conflicts with any other provision or provisions of this Agreement or of any constitution, statute, ordinance, rule of law or public policy, or for any other reason, those circumstances do not have the effect of rendering the provision in question invalid, illegal, inoperative or unenforceable in any other case or circumstances, or of rendering any other provision or provisions in this Agreement invalid, illegal, inoperative or unenforceable to any extent whatsoever. The invalidity, illegality, inoperativeness or unenforceability of any one or more phrases, sentences, clauses or sections in this Agreement does not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement or any part of it.

f) Assigns

All of the terms and conditions of this Agreement are binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns.

g) Cooperation

Consultant must at all times cooperate fully with the County and act in the County's best interests. If this Agreement is terminated for any reason, or if it is to expire on its own terms, Consultant must make every effort to assure an orderly transition to another provider of the Services, if any, orderly demobilization of its own operations in connection with the Services, uninterrupted provision of Services during any transition period and must otherwise comply with the reasonable requests and requirements of the Using Agency in connection with the termination or expiration.

h) Waiver

Nothing in this Agreement authorizes the waiver of a requirement or condition contrary to law or ordinance or that would result in or promote the violation of any federal, state or local law or ordinance.

Whenever under this Agreement the County by a proper authority waives Consultant's performance in any respect or waives a requirement or condition to either the County's or Consultant's performance, the waiver so granted, whether express or implied, only applies to the particular instance and is not a waiver forever or for subsequent instances of the performance, requirement or condition. No such waiver is a modification of this Agreement regardless of the number of times the County may have waived the performance, requirement or condition. Such waivers must be provided to Consultant in writing.

i) Independent Consultant

This Agreement is not intended to and will not constitute, create, give rise to, or otherwise recognize a joint venture, partnership, corporation or other formal business association or organization of any kind between Consultant and the County. The rights and the obligations of the parties are only those expressly set forth in this Agreement. Consultant must perform under this Agreement as an independent Consultant and not as a representative, employee, agent, or partner of the County.

This Agreement is between the County and an independent Consultant and, if Consultant is an individual, nothing provided for under this Agreement constitutes or implies an employer-employee relationship such that:

- i) The County will not be liable under or by reason of this Agreement for the payment of any compensation award or damages in connection with the Consultant performing the Services required under this Agreement.
- ii) Consultant is not entitled to membership in the County Pension Fund, Group Medical Insurance Program, Group Dental Program, Group Vision Care, Group Life Insurance Program, Deferred Income Program, vacation, sick leave, extended sick leave, or any other benefits ordinarily provided to individuals employed and paid through the regular payrolls of the County.
- iv) The County is not required to deduct or withhold any taxes, FICA or other deductions from any compensation provided to the Consultant.

j) Governmental Joint Purchasing Agreement

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Illinois Governmental Joint Purchasing Act (30 ILCS 525) and the Joint Purchase Agreement approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners (April 9, 1965), other units of government may purchase goods or services under this contract.

In the event that other agencies participate in a joint procurement, the County reserves the right to renegotiate the price to accommodate the larger volume.

k) Comparable Government Procurement

As permitted by the County of Cook, other government entities, if authorized by law, may wish to purchase the goods, supplies, services or equipment under the same terms and conditions contained in this Contract (i.e., comparable government procurement). Each entity wishing to reference this Contract must have prior authorization from the County of Cook and the Consultant. If such participation is authorized, all purchase orders will be issued directly from and shipped directly to the entity requiring the goods, supplies, equipment or services supplies/services. The County shall not be held responsible for any orders placed, deliveries made or payment for the goods, supplies, equipment or services supplies/services ordered by these entities. Each entity reserves the right to determine the amount of goods, supplies, equipment or services it wishes to purchase under this Contract.

l) Force Majeure

Neither Consultant nor County shall be liable for failing to fulfill any obligation under this Contract if such failure is caused by an event beyond such party's reasonable control and which is not caused by such party's fault or negligence. Such events shall be limited to acts of God, acts of war, fires, lightning, floods, epidemics, or riots.

m) ~~Federal Clauses~~ INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

ARTICLE 11) NOTICES

All notices required pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing and addressed to the parties at their respective addresses set forth below. All such notices shall be deemed duly given if hand delivered or if deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, registered or certified, return receipt requested. Notice as provided herein does not waive service of summons or process.

If to the County: Cook County Clerk
69 W. Washington, Suite 500
Chicago, Illinois 60602
Attention: James Gleffe

and

Cook County Chief Procurement Officer
161 N. Clark Street, Suite 2300
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(Include County Contract Number on all notices)

If to Consultant: NCR Strategies, Inc.
201 N. Westshore Drive, Unit 603
Chicago, Illinois 60601
Attention: Nora Cay Ryan, President & Owner

Changes in these addresses must be in writing and delivered in accordance with the provisions of this Article 11. Notices delivered by mail are considered received three days after mailing in accordance with this Article 11. Notices delivered personally are considered effective upon receipt. Refusal to accept delivery has the same effect as receipt.

ARTICLE 12) AUTHORITY

Execution of this Agreement by Consultant is authorized by a resolution of its Board of Directors, if a corporation, or similar governing document, and the signature(s) of each person signing on behalf of Consultant have been made with complete and full authority to commit Consultant to all terms and conditions of this Agreement, including each and every representation, certification and warranty contained in it, including the representations, certifications and warranties collectively incorporated by reference in it.

EXHIBIT 1

Statement of Work

STATEMENT OF WORK

The Cook County Clerk's Office ("Clerk's Office") strives to provide high quality and efficient services to the residents of Cook County. These services include safeguarding vital records, recording land records, overseeing the redemption of delinquent property taxes, calculating tax rates based on levies submitted by taxing bodies, administering elections in an effective and trustworthy manner, and serving as the Clerk of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. In all of these areas, there are opportunities to directly interact and serve the public. The Clerk and her Transition Team are considering modifications to existing operations, workflows, policies and procedures that would increase efficiency, access to services, transparency and improve the overall customer experience for those that the Clerk's Office serves. A part of this mission involves increasing communications with the public to ensure that they understand the breadth and scope of the services the Clerk's Office provides. The Clerk's Office has engaged consultant Nora Cay Ryan ("Consultant") for this project to assist the Clerk's Office in accomplishing these goals. In doing so, Consultant will be responsible for evaluating current operations, workflows, existing policies, and procedures and making recommendations to ensure that the Clerk's Office can increase efficiency and productivity in a manner that is consistent with the Clerk's values and her vision for the Clerk's Office. Consultant will also work with the Clerk's Communications team to implement a communications strategy that will ensure that Cook County residents understand the types of services that the Clerk's Office provides and how they can obtain those services in a manner that is efficient, effective and convenient.

The Consultant

Consultant has extensive experience with project management, communications and the administration of public bodies. Most recently, Consultant served as the assistant to the president and chief of external affairs for the Chicago Federation of Labor ("CFL"), the third largest central labor council of the national AFL-CIO. Previously, she served as the CFL's chief of staff and the director of communications prior to that. In her role of assistant to the president and chief of external affairs, Consultant attended and convened high-stakes meetings with CFL-affiliated unions, C-suite executives, community partners, and other stakeholders on behalf of the CFL President and Secretary-Treasurer. Additionally, she worked closely with top officials at government and civic organizations across the city and the state, including the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, which oversees McCormick Place; the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning; Choose Chicago, Chicago's tourism bureau; Chicago Sports Commission; and Special Olympics Illinois, among others. In October 2024, she was appointed to the Regional Transportation Authority, representing the city of Chicago.

Consultant often led special projects for the CFL. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she established a mass vaccination program aimed at providing the COVID vaccine to essential union workers. Over the course of six clinics, the CFL vaccinated nearly 5,000 workers across dozens of industries. Prior to the Thanksgiving holiday 2020, she organized a food distribution event for 2,100 union families who lost their job due to the pandemic.

Consultant was named an Edgar Fellow in 2023. She was one of 40 emerging leaders from public and private sectors throughout the state of Illinois selected to participate in this five-day

intensive executive leadership training program, led by former Governor Jim Edgar. Consultant grew up in the Chicago suburbs and attended Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. on an Evans Scholarship. She holds a bachelor's degree in communications. Her unique background along with her deep understanding of union workforces give her the capacity to meet the particular requirements of this project.

The Project

The project will involve reviewing current office operations, receiving input from the Clerk's Executive Staff and Transition Team, and recommending and implementing policy and operational changes in an effort to increase efficiency, productivity, inclusivity and access to critical services provided by the Clerk. Relevant tasks include:

- Examine the Election Process to ensure that all elections are administered fairly and in a manner that safeguards the rights of eligible voters in Suburban Cook County;
- Work with the Communications team to broaden the scope of their messaging to ensure that Cook County residents understand the depth and breadth of services provided by the Cook County Clerk's Office;
- Explore opportunities to modernize and make upgrades to the office that would improve the customer experience and increase access to services, including, but not limited to, office technology, staffing and infrastructure;
- Examine the workflows, policies and procedures for all County Clerk operations, including a review of workflows and processes relating to Vital Records, Elections, Property Tax Records, Recording Operations, Ethics and Board Proceedings;
- Work with internal and external stakeholders to identify policy initiatives that align with the Clerk's vision for the office and work with Clerk's Office staff to implement these initiatives;
- Work with the Clerk's Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs teams to discuss potential legislative changes and strategies to implement those changes in an effort to implement the Clerk's vision for the Clerk's Office;
- Communicate with the Clerk's Transition Team about potential policy changes, modernization efforts, and efficiencies being proposed and any potential obstacles in implementing those changes;
- Work directly with the Clerk, her Transition Team and her Executive Staff in the Clerk's first 100 days in office and beyond to ensure that any measures being implemented are consistent with the Clerk's policy agenda and vision for the office.

Deliverables

Consultant will deliver to the Clerk's Office a detailed report reflecting the results of major tasks performed on behalf of the Clerk's Office. This will include an outline of the task, and relevant observations, any respective gaps in existing processes and procedures reviewed, and any recommendations that are to be made regarding the subject matter under review. Consultant will develop a project plan to implement any process changes or new policy initiatives that are agreed upon by the Consultant and the Clerk. The project plan will include an estimate of the time needed to implement each respective change or new initiative.

Proposed Payment Structure and Term

This contract term will last for three (3) years, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year by mutual agreement of the parties. Any travel expenses or other reimbursements will not be paid unless approved in writing by the Clerk's Office in advance of the expense being incurred. Consultant will submit invoices to the Clerk's Office on a monthly basis prior to the end of each calendar month to ensure that Consultant is paid in a timely manner.

EXHIBIT 2

Schedule of Compensation

Proposed Payment Structure and Term

This contract term will last for three (3) years, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year by mutual agreement of the parties. Consultant will be paid a flat fee of \$10,000.00 per month for the duration of the contract (“Consulting Fee”). The Consulting Fee does not include any relevant travel expenses or other reimbursements. Any travel expenses or other reimbursements will not be paid unless approved in writing by the Clerk’s Office in advance of the expense being incurred. Consultant will submit invoices to the Clerk’s Office on a monthly basis prior to the end of each calendar month to ensure that Consultant is paid in a timely manner.

EXHIBIT 3

Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Commitment



MEMORANDUM

TO: Raffi Sarrafian, Chief Procurement Officer
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: JEANETTA CARDINE
Jeanetta Cardine, Deputy Director
Compliance Center of Excellence
Center of Business Enterprise Development

Date: July 10, 2025

RE: Contract No: 2525-03201
Contractor: NCR Strategies, Inc.
Process Improvement & Consulting
Cook County Clerk's Office
RFP – Professional Services
Contract Value: \$199,000.00
Contract Term: Three (3) years with one (1), one (1) year renewal option
Participation Goal: 0% Overall M/WBE

The Center of Business Enterprise Development is in receipt of the above-referenced contract and has determined a 0% MWBE participation goal was recommended and does not require the Center of Business Enterprise Development to review for MBE/WBE compliance with the Minority- and Women- owned Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) Ordinance

JC/ab

CC: Mark Reed, OCPO
David Crawl, County Clerk
James Gleffe, County Clerk

MBE/WBE UTILIZATION PLAN - FORM 1

BIDDER/PROPOSER HEREBY STATES that all MBE/WBE firms included in this Plan are certified MBEs/WBEs by at least one of the entities listed in the General Conditions – Section 19.

I. BIDDER/PROPOSER MBE/WBE STATUS: (check the appropriate line)

Bidder/Proposer is a certified MBE or WBE firm. (If so, attach copy of current Letter of Certification)

Bidder/Proposer is a Joint Venture and one or more Joint Venture partners are certified MBEs or WBEs. (If so, attach copies of Letter(s) of Certification, a copy of Joint Venture Agreement clearly describing the role of the MBE/WBE firm(s) and its ownership interest in the Joint Venture and a completed Joint Venture Affidavit – available online at www.cookcountyil.gov/contractcompliance)

Bidder/Proposer is not a certified MBE or WBE firm, nor a Joint Venture with MBE/WBE partners, but will utilize MBE and WBE firms either directly or indirectly in the performance of the Contract. (If so, complete Sections II below and the Letter(s) of Intent – Form 2).

II.

Direct Participation of MBE/WBE Firms

Indirect Participation of MBE/WBE Firms

NOTE: Where goals have not been achieved through direct participation, Bidder/Proposer shall include documentation outlining efforts to achieve Direct Participation at the time of Bid/Proposal submission. Indirect Participation will only be considered after all efforts to achieve Direct Participation have been exhausted. Only after written documentation of Good Faith Efforts is received will Indirect Participation be considered.

MBEs/WBEs that will perform as subcontractors/suppliers/consultants include the following:

MBE/WBE Firm: N/A

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Dollar Amount Participation: \$ _____

Percent Amount of Participation: _____%

*Letter of Intent attached? Yes _____ No _____

*Current Letter of Certification attached? Yes _____ No _____

MBE/WBE Firm: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Dollar Amount Participation: \$ _____

Percent Amount of Participation: _____%

*Letter of Intent attached? Yes _____ No _____

*Current Letter of Certification attached? Yes _____ No _____

Attach additional sheets as needed.

*** Letter(s) of Intent and current Letters of Certification must be submitted at the time of bid.**

MBE/WBE LETTER OF INTENT - FORM 2

M/WBE Firm: _____

Certifying Agency: _____

Contact Person: _____

Certification Expiration Date: _____

Address: _____

Ethnicity: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Bid/Proposal/Contract #: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

FEIN #: _____

Email: _____

Participation: Direct Indirect

Will the M/WBE firm be subcontracting any of the goods or services of this contract to another firm?

No Yes – Please attach explanation. Proposed Subcontractor(s): _____

The undersigned M/WBE is prepared to provide the following Commodities/Services for the above named Project/ Contract: (If more space is needed to fully describe M/WBE Firm's proposed scope of work and/or payment schedule, attach additional sheets)

Indicate the **Dollar Amount**, **Percentage**, and the **Terms of Payment** for the above-described Commodities/ Services:

THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES AGREE that this Letter of Intent will become a binding Subcontract Agreement for the above work, conditioned upon (1) the Bidder/Proposer's receipt of a signed contract from the County of Cook; (2) Undersigned Subcontractor remaining compliant with all relevant credentials, codes, ordinances and statutes required by Contractor, Cook County, and the State to participate as a MBE/WBE firm for the above work. The Undersigned Parties do also certify that they did not affix their signatures to this document until all areas under Description of Service/ Supply and Fee/Cost were completed.

Signature (M/WBE)

Signature (Prime-Bidder/Proposer)

Nora Cay Ryan

Print Name

Print Name

NCR Strategies, Inc.

Firm Name

Firm Name

June 11, 2025

Date

Date

Subscribed and sworn before me

Subscribed and sworn before me

this ____ day of _____, 20____.

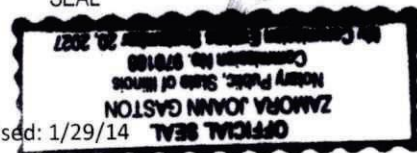
this 11 day of June, 2025.

Notary Public _____

Notary Public Jamona Gaston

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I. POLICY AND GOALS

- A. It is the policy of the County of Cook to prevent discrimination in the award of or participation in County Contracts and to eliminate arbitrary barriers for participation in such Contracts by local businesses certified as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE) as both prime and sub-contractors. In furtherance of this policy, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance (the "Ordinance") which establishes annual goals for MBE and WBE participation as outlined below:

Contract Type	Goals	
	MBE	WBE
Goods and Services	25%	10%
Construction	24%	10%
Professional Services	35% Overall	

- B. **The County shall set contract-specific goals, based on the availability of MBEs and WBEs that are certified to provide commodities or services specified in this solicitation document. The MBE/WBE participation goals for this Agreement is zero percent (0%).** A Bid, Quotation, or Proposal shall be rejected if the County determines that it fails to comply with this General Condition in any way, including but not limited to: (i) failing to state an enforceable commitment to achieve for this contract the identified MBE/WBE Contract goals; or (ii) failing to include a Petition for Reduction/Waiver, which states that the goals for MBE/WBE participation are not attainable despite the Bidder or Proposer Good Faith Efforts, and explains why. If a Bid, Quotation, or Proposal is rejected, then a new Bid, Quotation, or Proposal may be solicited if the public interest is served thereby.
- C. To the extent that a Bid, Quotation, or Proposal includes a Petition for Reduction/Waiver that is approved by the Office of Contract Compliance, the Contract specific MBE and WBE participation goals may be achieved by the proposed Bidder or Proposer's status as an MBE or WBE; by the Bidder or Proposer's enforceable joint-venture agreement with one or more MBEs and/or WBEs; by the Bidder or Proposer entering into one or more enforceable subcontracting agreements with one or more MBE and WBE; by the Bidder or Proposer establishing and carrying out an enforceable mentor/protégé agreement with one or more MBE and WBE; by the Bidder or Proposer actively engaging the Indirect Participation of one or more MBE and WBE in other aspects of its business; or by any combination of the foregoing, so long as the Utilization Plan evidences a commitment to meet the MBE and WBE Contract goals set forth in (B) above, as approved by the Office of Contract Compliance.
- D. A single Person, as defined in the Procurement Code, may not be utilized as both an MBE and a WBE on the same Contract, whether as a Consultant, Subcontractor or supplier.
- E. Unless specifically waived in the Bid or Proposal Documents, this Exhibit; the Ordinance; and the policies and procedures promulgated thereunder shall govern. If there is a conflict

between this Exhibit and the Ordinance or the policies and procedures, the Ordinance shall control.

- F. A Consultant's failure to carry out its commitment regarding MBE and WBE participation in the course of the Contract's performance may constitute a material breach of the Contract. If such breach is not appropriately cured, it may result in withholding of payments under the Contract, contractual penalties, disqualification and any other remedy provided for in Division 4 of the Procurement Code at law or in equity.

II. REQUIRED BID OR PROPOSAL SUBMITTALS

A Bidder or Proposer shall document its commitment to meeting the Contract specific MBE and WBE participation goals by submitting a Utilization Plan with the Bid or Proposal. The Utilization Plan shall include (1) one or more Letter(s) of Intent from the relevant MBE and WBE firms; and (2) current Letters of Certification as an MBE or WBE. Alternatively, the Bidder or Proposer shall submit (1) a written Petition for Reduction/Waiver with the Bid, Quotation or Proposal, which documents its preceding Good Faith Efforts and an explanation of its inability to meet the goals for MBE and WBE participation. The Utilization Plan shall be submitted at the time that the bid or proposal is due. **Failure to include a Utilization Plan will render the submission not Responsive and shall be cause for the CPO to reject the Bid or Proposal.**

A. MBE/WBE Utilization Plan

Each Bid or Proposal shall include a complete Utilization Plan, as set forth on Form 1 of the M/WBE Compliance Forms. The Utilization Plan shall include the name(s), mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the principal contact person of the relevant MBE and WBE firms. If the Bidder or Proposer submits a Bid or Proposal, and any of their subconsultants, suppliers or consultants, are certified MBE or WBE firms, they shall be identified as an MBE or WBE within the Utilization Plan.

1. Letter(s) of Intent

Except as set forth below, a Bid or Proposal shall include, as part of the Utilization Plan, one or more Letter(s) of Intent, as set forth on Form 2 of the M/WBE Compliance Forms, executed by each MBE and WBE and the Bidder or Proposer. The Letter(s) of Intent will be used to confirm that each MBE and WBE shall perform work as a Subcontractor, supplier, joint venture, or consultant on the Contract. Each Letter of Intent shall indicate whether and the degree to which the MBE or WBE will provide goods or services directly or indirectly during the term of the Contract. The box for direct participation shall be marked if the proposed MBE or WBE will provide goods or services directly related to the scope of the Contract. The box for Indirect participation shall be marked if the proposed MBE or WBE will not be directly involved in the Contract but will be utilized by the Bidder or Proposer for other services not related to the Contract. Indirect Participation shall not be counted toward the participation goal. Each Letter of Intent shall accurately detail the work to be performed by the relevant MBE or WBE firm, the agreed dollar amount, the percentage of work, and the terms of payment.

Failure to include Letter(s) of Intent will render the submission not Responsive and shall be cause for the CPO to reject the Bid or Proposal.

All Bids and Proposals must conform to the commitments made in the corresponding Letter(s) of Intent, as may be amended through change orders.

The Contract Compliance Director may at any time request supplemental information regarding Letter(s) of Intent, and such information shall be furnished if the corresponding Bid or Proposal is to be deemed responsive.

2. Letter(s) of Certification

Only current Letter(s) of Certification from one of the following entities may be accepted as proof of certification for MBE/WBE status, provided that Cook County's requirements for certification are met:

- County of Cook
- City of Chicago

Persons that are currently certified by the City of Chicago in any area other than Construction/Public Works shall also complete and submit a MBE/WBE Reciprocal Certification Affidavit along with a current letter of certification from the City of Chicago. This Affidavit form can be downloaded from www.cookcountyil.gov/contractcompliance.

The Contract Compliance Director may reject the certification of any MBE or WBE on the ground that it does not meet the requirements of the Ordinance, or the policies and rules promulgated thereunder.

3. Joint Venture Affidavit

In the event a Bid or Proposal achieves MBE and/or WBE participation through a Joint Venture, the Bid or Proposal shall include the required Joint Venture Affidavit, which can be downloaded from www.cookcountyil.gov/contractcompliance. The Joint Venture Affidavit shall be submitted with the Bid or Proposal, along with current Letter(s) of Certification.

B. Petition for Reduction/Waiver

In the event a Bid or Proposal does not meet the Contract specific goals for MBE and WBE participation, the Bid or Proposal shall include a Petition for Reduction/Waiver, as set forth on Form 3. The Petition for Reduction/Waiver shall be supported by sufficient evidence and documentation to demonstrate the Bidder or Proposer's Good Faith Efforts in attempting to achieve the applicable MBE and WBE goals, and its inability to do so despite its Good Faith Efforts.

Failure to include Petition for Reduction/Waiver will render the submission not Responsive and shall be cause for the CPO to reject the Bid or Proposal.

III. REDUCTION/WAIVER OF MBE/WBE GOALS

A. Granting or Denying a Reduction/Waiver Request.

1. The adequacy of the Good Faith Efforts to utilize MBE and WBE firms in a Bid or Proposal will be evaluated by the CCD under such conditions as are set forth in the Ordinance, the policies and rules promulgated thereunder, and in the “Petition for Reduction/Waiver of MBE/WBE Participation Goals” – Form 3 of the M/WBE Compliance Forms.
2. With respect to a Petition for Reduction/Waiver, the sufficiency or insufficiency of a Bidder or Proposer’s Good Faith Efforts shall be evaluated by the CCD as of the date upon which the corresponding Bid or Proposal was due.
3. The Contract Compliance Director or his or her duly authorized Waiver Committee may grant or deny the Petition for Reduction/Waiver based upon factors including but not limited to: (a) whether sufficient qualified MBE and WBE firms are unavailable despite good faith efforts on the part of the Bidder or Proposer; (b) the degree to which specifications and the reasonable and necessary requirements for performing the Contract make it impossible or economically infeasible to divide the Contract into sufficiently small tasks or quantities so as to enable the Bidder or Proposer to utilize MBE and WBE firms in accordance with the applicable goals; (c) the degree to which the prices or prices required by any potential MBE or WBE are more than 10% above competitive levels; and (d) such other factors as are determined relevant by the Contract Compliance Director or the duly authorized Waiver Committee.
4. If the Contract Compliance Director or the duly authorized Waiver Committee determines that the Bidder or Proposer has not demonstrated sufficient Good Faith Efforts to meet the applicable MBE and WBE goals, the Contract Compliance Director or the duly authorized Waiver Committee may deny a Petition for Reduction/Waiver, declare the Bid or Proposal non-responsive, and recommend rejection of the Bid, Quotation, or Proposal.

IV. CHANGES IN CONSULTANT'S UTILIZATION PLAN

- A. A Consultant, during its performance of the Contract, may not change the original MBE or WBE commitments specified in the relevant Utilization Plan, including but not limited to, terminating a MBE or WBE Contract, reducing the scope of the work to be performed by a MBE/WBE, or decreasing the price to a MBE/WBE, except as otherwise provided by the Ordinance and according to the policies and procedures promulgated thereunder.

- B. Where a Person listed under the Contract was previously considered to be a MBE or WBE but is later found not to be, or work is found not to be creditable toward the MBE or WBE goals as stated in the Utilization Plan, the Consultant shall seek to discharge the disqualified enterprise, upon proper written notification to the Contract Compliance Director, and make every effort to identify and engage a qualified MBE or WBE as its replacement. Failure to obtain an MBE or WBE replacement within 30 business days of the Contract Compliance Director's written approval of the removal of a purported MBE or WBE may result in the termination of the Contract or the imposition of such remedy authorized by the Ordinance, unless a written Petition for Reduction/Waiver is granted allowing the Consultant to award the work to a Person that is not certified as an MBE or WBE.

V. NON-COMPLIANCE

If the CCD determines that the Consultant has failed to comply with its contractual commitments or any portion of the Ordinance, the policies and procedures promulgated thereunder, or this Exhibit, the Contract Compliance Director shall notify the Consultant of such determination and may take any and all appropriate actions as set forth in the Ordinance or the policies and procedures promulgated thereunder which includes but is not limited to disqualification, penalties, withholding of payments or other remedies in law or equity.

VI. REPORTING/RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

The Consultant shall comply with the reporting and record-keeping requirements in the manner and time established by the Ordinance, the policies and procedure promulgated thereunder, and the Contract Compliance Director. Failure to comply with such reporting and record-keeping requirements may result in a declaration of Contract default. Upon award of a Contract, a Consultant shall acquire and utilize all Cook County reporting and record-keeping forms and methods which are made available by the Office of Contract Compliance. MBE and WBE firms shall be required to verify payments made by and received from the prime Consultant.

VII. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Compliance with MBE and WBE requirements will not diminish or supplant other legal Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights requirements that relate to Consultant and Subcontractor obligations.

Any questions regarding this section should be directed to:

Contract Compliance Director
Cook County
161 N. Clark Street, Suite 2300
Chicago, Illinois 60602
(312) 603-5502

Contract No. 2525-03201
Consulting Services for Increased Operational Efficiency and Access to Services

EXHIBIT 4

Evidence of Insurance

Contract No. 2525-03201
Consulting Services for Increased Operational Efficiency and Access to Services

EXHIBIT 5

Identification of Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant Form

**Cook County
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
Identification of Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant Form**

OCPO ONLY:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disqualification
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check Complete

The Bidder/Proposer/Respondent ("the Contractor") will fully complete and execute and submit an Identification of Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant Form ("ISF") with each Bid, Request for Proposal, and Request for Qualification. **The Contractor must complete the ISF for each Subcontractor, Supplier or Subconsultant which shall be used on the Contract.** In the event that there are any changes in the utilization of Subcontractors, Suppliers or Subconsultants, the Contractor must file an updated ISF.

Bid/RFP/RFQ No.: 2525-03201	Date: June 4, 2025
Total Bid or Proposal Amount: \$199,000.00	Contract Title: Consulting Services For Increased Operational Effi
Contractor: NCR Strategies Inc.	Subcontractor/Supplier/ Subconsultant to be N/A added or substitute:
Authorized Contact for Contractor: Nora Cay Ryan	Authorized Contact for Subcontractor/Supplier/ Subconsultant:
Email Address (Contractor): ncr@ncrstrategy.com	Email Address (Subcontractor):
Company Address 201 N Westshore Dr Unit 603 (Contractor):	Company Address (Subcontractor):
City, State and Zip (Contractor): Chicago, IL 60601	City, State and Zip (Subcontractor):
Telephone and Fax (Contractor): 847-826-2061	Telephone and Fax (Subcontractor):
Estimated Start and Completion Dates July 2025-July 2028 (Contractor):	Estimated Start and Completion Dates (Subcontractor):

Note: Upon request, a copy of all written subcontractor agreements must be provided to the OCPO.

<u>Description of Services or Supplies</u>	<u>Total Price of Subcontract for Services or Supplies</u>
N/A	

The subcontract documents will incorporate all requirements of the Contract awarded to the Contractor as applicable. The subcontract will in no way hinder the Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant from maintaining its progress on any other contract on which it is either a Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant or principal contractor. This disclosure is made with the understanding that the Contractor is not under any circumstances relieved of its abilities and obligations, and is responsible for the organization, performance, and quality of work. **This form does not approve any proposed changes, revisions or modifications to the contract approved MBE/WBE Utilization Plan. Any changes to the contract's approved MBE/WBE/Utilization Plan must be submitted to the Office of the Contract Compliance.**

NCR Strategies Inc

Contractor

Nora Cay Ryan

Name

President

Title

Nora Cay Ryan

June 11, 2025

Prime Contractor Signature

Date

EXHIBIT 6

Electronic Payables Program (“E-Payables”)

**OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY COMPTROLLER
ELECTRONIC PAYABLES PROGRAM (“E-PAYABLES”)**

FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

**This document describes the Office of the Cook County Comptroller’s Electronic Payables Program (“E-Payables”).
If you wish to participate in E-Payables, please contact the Cook County Comptroller’s Office, Accounts Payable, 118 N. Clark
Street, Room 500, Chicago, IL 60602.**

DESCRIPTION

To increase payment efficiency and timeliness, we have introduced E-Payables program, a new payment initiative to our accounts payable model. This new initiative utilizes a Visa purchasing card and operates through the Visa payment network. This is County’s preferred method of payment and your participation in our Visa purchasing card program will provide mutual benefits both to your organization and ours.

As a vendor, you may experience the following benefits by accepting this new payment type:

- Improved cash flow and accelerated payment
- Reduced paperwork and a more streamlined accounts receivable process
- Elimination of stop payment issues
- Reduced payment delays
- Reduced costs for handling paper checks
- Payments settled directly to your merchant account

There are two options within this initiative:

1. Dedicated Credit Card – “PULL” Settlement

For this option, you will have an assigned dedicated credit card to be used for each payment. You will provide a point of contact within your organization who will keep credit card information on file. Each time a payment is made, you will receive a remittance advice via email detailing the invoices being paid. Each time you receive a remittance advice, you will process payments in the same manner you process credit card transactions today.

2. One-Time Use Credit Card – “SUGA” Settlement

For this option, you will provide a point of contact within your organization who will receive an email notification authorizing you to process payments in the same manner you process credit card transactions today. Each time payment is made, you will receive a remittance advice, via email, detailing the invoices being paid. Also, each time you receive a remittance advice, you will receive a new, unique credit card number. This option is ideal for suppliers who are unable to keep credit card account information on file.

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Contract No. 2525-03201
Consulting Services for Increased Operational Efficiency and Access to Services

EXHIBIT 7

Cook County Travel Policy



COOK COUNTY BUREAU OF FINANCE

POLICY TITLE: EMPLOYEE AND OFFICIAL BUSINESS AND TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Applicable Forms may be found at:
<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/travel-and-business-expenses-policy-and-procedures>

Effective: July 15, 2023

Supersedes: FY2017

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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Overview

Applicable law provides that Employees and Officials are entitled to reimbursement for certain business and travel expenses.¹ This policy sets forth the business and travel expense reimbursement policy for the County of Cook (“County”), and it establishes guidelines for the reimbursement of authorized and Necessary Business Expenses incurred on behalf of the County. The County will not reimburse Employees and Officials for expenditures that do not comply with the provisions of this policy.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the payment of authorized and Necessary Business Expenses that cannot be obtained using the methods provided in the Cook County Procurement Code, and to enable Employees and Officials to successfully execute their Local and Non-local travel requirements at the lowest reasonable costs, resulting in the best value for the County. The Chief Financial Officer (or designee) may be contacted for clarification as needed.

C. Intent

This policy is intended to be interpreted consistent with and subject to applicable law and other related County policies. *See* Related Policies below. It supersedes all previous policies and/or memoranda that may have been issued from time to time on subjects covered in this policy or other policies that may contain provisions related to reimbursement for business and travel expenses. This policy is not intended for tuition reimbursement. *See* Related Policies. This policy is not intended to supersede or limit the County from enforcing programs or provisions in any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

D. Severability

If any section or provision of this document should be held invalid by operation of law, none of the remainder shall be affected.

¹ See Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, 820 ILCS 115/9.5.



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E. **Jurisdiction**

The Cook County Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Director of Budget and Management Services (“Budget”) and the Comptroller are authorized to develop and issue policies and procedures for business and travel expense reimbursement.

F. **Areas Affected**

This policy and the procedures associated with this policy applies to all elected and appointed Officials and Employees in departments, offices, institutions or agencies of the County, including but not limited to the offices and departments under the jurisdiction of the County Board President, the Board of Commissioners, Cook County Health and Hospitals System (“CCH”), Cook County State’s Attorney, Cook County Sheriff, Cook County Public Defender, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Cook County Treasurer, Cook County Clerk, Cook County Assessor, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Board of Review, the Office of the Independent Inspector General, the Cook County Land Bank Authority (“Land Bank Authority”), and the Public Administrator (hereinafter, “Agencies” or “Agency”) who incur Necessary Business Expenses while conducting official business on behalf of the County.

G. **Nondiscrimination**

Cook County prohibits the discriminatory application, implementation, or enforcement of any provision of this policy based on race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, military discharge status, source of income, gender identity or housing status, or any other protected category established by law, statute, or ordinance.

H. **Definitions**

For purposes of this policy, the following terms shall be given the following meanings as set forth below:

Affidavit for Lost Receipts means the form submitted by the Employee or Official to request reimbursement of eligible Necessary Business Expenses when itemized receipts or other proof of expense and payment is not available due to being lost or stolen.



COOK COUNTY BUREAU OF FINANCE

POLICY TITLE: EMPLOYEE AND OFFICIAL BUSINESS AND TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

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Agency or Agencies means offices and departments under the jurisdiction of the County Board President, the Board of Commissioners, Cook County Health and Hospitals System, Cook County State’s Attorney, Cook County Sheriff, Cook County Public Defender, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Cook County Treasurer, Cook County Clerk, Cook County Assessor, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Board of Review, the Office of the Independent Inspector General, the Cook County Land Bank Authority, and the Public Administrator.

Alternative Worksite means an employee’s work location other than the County employee’s Official Worksite. This definition may include an Employee or Official’s residence when telecommuting or may include the location of a field assignment or 3rd party meeting in certain circumstances.

Appropriate Authorizing Party (or designee) means the Employee or Official authorized to commit County resources and to preapprove expenses for purposes of reimbursement and to approve reimbursements under this policy, per section (J)(1)(c) below.

Appropriated Funds or Funding means money allocated by legislation passed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners and signed by the President of the Board of Commissioners, whether from an annual appropriation, multi-year appropriation, appropriated user fee, mandatory appropriation, or reimbursements from such appropriations, etc.

Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement Form means the reimbursement form submitted by the Employee or Official to the Appropriate Approving Party for authorization of expense reimbursement.

Common carrier means Non-local travel by airplane, train (i.e., Amtrak, or similar), bus (i.e., Greyhound, or similar).

Commuting means travel between the Official’s or Employee’s residence and the Official’s or Employee’s Official Worksite.

County means Cook County.

County vehicle means travel by pool fleet or similar.

Employee means an individual employed by an Agency.



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Local travel means travel within a 60-mile radius from the Official’s or Employee’s Official Worksite, for official County business.

Necessary Business Expenses mean authorized out-of-pocket expenses or losses that are incurred by the Official or Employee in the discharge of employment or official duties, that inure to the primary benefit of the County and can’t be procured under the County’s Procurement Code or Direct Pay Policy. The County will not be responsible for losses or expenses incurred due to an Employee’s or Official’s own negligence, losses due to normal wear, or losses due to theft unless the theft was due to the County’s negligence.

Non-local travel means travel in excess of a 60-mile radius from the Official’s or Employee’s Official Worksite, for official County business.

Personal leased vehicle means travel by a leased vehicle, or similar, that is not a vehicle that is leased by the County as part of the County’s fleet.

Personally owned or Personal vehicle means travel by a vehicle that is personally owned by the Employee, Official, or similar.

Official Worksite means the worksite to which the Official or Employee is typically assigned.

Pre-Authorization Form means the form submitted by the Requester seeking reimbursement for a Necessary Business Expense.

Public transportation means local travel by CTA, Pace, Metra, or similar.

Rental Car means travel by vehicle hired from a car rental agency for a short period of time during Non-local official County business.

Requester means the Employee or Official seeking reimbursement.

Ride share or ride sharing means travel by Taxi, Shuttle, Lyft, Uber, Divvy, Zip Car, or similar.

Transportation Expense Voucher means a mileage reimbursement voucher for authorized use of personally owned vehicles in the conduct of official County business.



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I. Responsibilities of Employees, Management, and County Officials

Employees and Officials requesting Necessary Business Expense reimbursements are responsible for ensuring that the reimbursement request is truthful and accurate, complies with all applicable policies, is properly authorized before the expense is incurred, and is supported by the required receipts and documentation. Strict conformance with this policy is required to ensure eligibility for reimbursement when incurring expenses on behalf of the County and/or requesting expense reimbursements. Fraudulent or improper submissions for reimbursement may lead to disciplinary action or ethics fines/penalties. In addition, using or attempting to use this expense reimbursement policy when an Employee or Official should be using the Procurement Code process to purchase items or services on behalf of the County may lead to the expense being ineligible for reimbursement.

Moreover, any Employee or Official who receives an unauthorized or an erroneously issued reimbursement payment from the County, must immediately return such payment within thirty (30) days from the time the Employee or Official has become aware of the unauthorized or erroneous reimbursement or notice from the Comptroller’s Office or the Budget Office. Failure to comply with this provision will result in disciplinary or other appropriate action depending on the Employee(s) or Officials(s) involved and the specific circumstances. In the event repayment is made by an Employee or Official through payroll deduction, the Comptroller’s Office will handle in accordance with its procedures for payroll deductions.

Strict adherence to the County’s Code of Ethical Conduct and Office of the Independent Inspector General Ordinance is required. Expenditures that do not comply with the County’s Ethics Ordinance or Office of the Independent Inspector General Ordinance and this policy shall be denied and may be referred to the Board of Ethics or Inspector General for investigation. For example, expenditures made in connection with “prohibited political activity,” as defined in section 2-562 of the Cook County Code, shall not be reimbursed.

Each Appropriate Authorizing Party is responsible for ensuring that all expenditures made on behalf of the County comply with all applicable policies. Additionally, each Appropriate Authorizing Party is accountable for the appropriate use of County funds and must verify that all Necessary Business Expenses are budgeted and charged to the proper account(s). In addition, before approving any expense reimbursement, the Authorizing Party must ensure that the requesting Employee or Official received pre-authorization to incur the expense where required, the expense is legitimate, properly documented, and, if proper procedures are not followed, not approving the reimbursement request. Failure to adhere to these



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obligations may result in appropriate corrective action, including but not limited to disciplinary action, depending on the Employees(s) or Official(s) involved and the specific circumstances.

The Chief Financial Officer has designated the Director of Budget and Management Services to monitor County practices to ensure compliance with, and answer questions concerning, the information presented in this policy.

J. Policy and Procedures

- 1. General. The County has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure County resources are used responsibly and that Employees and Officials do not incur inappropriate or excessive expenses or gain financially from the County. Necessary Business Expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with IRS guidelines and with the provisions of this policy, provided there is sufficient funding for this purpose in the Department’s budget and doing so would not circumvent the Cook County Procurement Code. A Necessary Business Expense must have a clear and legitimate business purpose. All out of country travel-related expenditures will conform to the IRS guidelines and the U.S. General Services Administration whenever possible. See, <https://www.gsa.gov/travel-resources>. Where compliance with IRS and the U.S. General Services Administration guidelines cannot be met, approval of such expense must be documented by the Appropriate Authorizing Party. Excessive costs or unjustifiable costs are not acceptable and will not be reimbursed.
 - (a) *Appropriated Funding*. Expenditures shall be charged to the appropriate account of the department incurring the expense, as designated in the department’s annual appropriation.
 - (b) *Grant requirements*. Expenditures connected to and/or funded by a grant (or contract) shall be made in accordance with the grantor’s requirements, and reimbursement will be made at the rate specified by the grant (or contract), or if no specified rate, at the County’s rate defined by this policy.
 - (c) *Appropriate Authorizing Party*. Necessary Business Expenses using the Pre-Authorization Form must be submitted for pre-authorization to the Requester’s:



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- (1) Department Head, if requested by an Employee within the Department Head’s Department except where the Bureau Chief has indicated by internal memo or policy that Bureau Chief approval is required;
- (2) Bureau Chief, if requested by a Department Head;
- (3) Chief of Staff, if requested by a Bureau Chief;
- (4) Employing Official, if requested by a Chief of Staff or
- (5) Where there is no person in a higher-level position within the Requester’s organizational chart to authorize the expense, such as an Official, the reimbursement request shall be referred to the Agency’s Chief of Staff, where applicable or the Budget Director if the Agency does not employ a Chief of Staff for pre-authorization.

Individuals are strictly prohibited from authorizing their own requests to incur and be reimbursed for a Necessary Business Expense. The Appropriate Authorizing Party must confirm there is available funding in the Agency’s appropriated annual budget prior to approving the Pre-Authorization Form.

- (d) *Tax Exempt Status.* Expenditures must exclude sales tax to the extent permitted under law. Tax exempt certificates may be requested in advance of expenditures through the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer by emailing taxexemptrequest@cookcountyil.gov. Use of vendors who will not accept tax exempt certificates are prohibited absent exigent circumstances.

II. INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

The following expenses are **not** Necessary Business Expenses and shall **not** be reimbursed under this policy:



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- A. Expenditures made in connection with “prohibited political activity,” as defined in section 2-562 of the Cook County Code or that violate the Ethics Code, 2-560 et. seq.;
- B. Expenses incurred without proper pre-authorization unless otherwise approved in writing by the Appropriate Authorizing Party;
- C. Expenses incurred in excess of the allowable limits in this policy unless otherwise approved in writing by the Appropriate Authorizing Party as set forth herein;
- D. Expenses for leasing or purchasing items for workspace/office, such as furniture, technology equipment, computer hardware or software, cell phones, electronic services or support, or decorative items. To the extent that items, furniture, technology equipment, computer hardware or software, and/or equipment are needed because of or based on an ADA reasonable accommodation request, please refer to the Agency Reasonable Accommodation Policy for Employees and Applicants with Disabilities.
- E. Expenses incurred in connection with normal commuting between home and work, including but not limited to mileage, parking, and toll expenses;
- F. Expenses for personal meals or other food or drink items while remaining local and not traveling out of the County on official business;
- G. Traffic citations, parking tickets, and other fines, fees, penalties, or costs related to parking or moving violations;
- H. Lost or stolen cash or personal property;
- I. Monthly payments for leasing personal vehicles, except payments for vehicles leased by an Official for both business and personal use (with reimbursement amount limited to the portion



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expended for business use) in accordance with Cook County Ordinance Section 34-40 and approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party;

- J. Personal calls;
- K. Personal items, including but not limited to toiletries, luggage, clothing, medications, appliances, and decorative items;
- L. Personal entertainment items, including but not limited to, magazines, books, movie rentals, and event tickets (sporting, theater, musical, etc), and/or recreational activities;
- M. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or controlled substances;
- N. Food, except as permitted pursuant to Sections III.A. and III.B. below;
- O. Supplies for office events;
- P. Sponsorships or donations;
- Q. Kitchen textiles (e.g. napkins, cups, utensils, etc.);
- R. Appliances (e.g. microwaves, refrigerators, toasters);
- S. Sporting goods;
- T. Flowers, gift cards, and gifts, or similar types of costs;
- U. Credit card or other late fees due to the Employee’s or Official’s actions;
- V. Charges related to modifications to travel arrangements, including but not limited to itinerary changes or cancellations, unless such change or cancellation is based on an exigent circumstance



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not within the Employee’s or Official’s own making and for which the Employee or Official is unable to receive a reimbursement or credit against the travel arrangement;

- W. Convenience fees, including but not limited to, early check-in, late check-out, and TSA pre-check;
- X. Hotel incidentals, such as, but not limited to, room upgrades, room service, health club fees, in-room entertainment fees, and laundry fees;
- Y. Flight insurance or other supplemental travel insurance;
- Z. Guest travel costs and expenses;
- AA. International travel, without written pre-authorization from the Appropriate Authorizing Party and the Budget Director, as applicable;
- BB. Personal portions of a trip combined with business travel, including but not limited to extended stays and travel to/from other destination(s);
- CC. Upgrades, including but not limited to, special “club” floors or access, seat or cabin upgrades, premium fuel, premium rides, valet parking; and,
- DD. Other expenses of a purely personal nature and not listed as reimbursable in these guidelines.

III. ELIGIBLE REIMBURSABLE NECESSARY BUSINESS EXPENSES

The following expenses are considered Necessary Business Expenses that are eligible for reimbursement contingent on compliance with this policy.

A. Food Supplies

Appropriated Funds shall not be used to purchase food, except in the following limited circumstances.

- 1. Ceremonial Events: The use of Appropriated Funds to provide light refreshments, such as snacks and beverages, at County sponsored, public facing ceremonial events when it has been determined that such food would materially enhance the event in furtherance of the objectives of the event is permissible.



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2. Budget Hearings and Board Meetings: The use of Appropriated Funds by the Secretary to the Board to provide food for Officials and Employees actively participating in budget hearings or board meetings, to facilitate the efficient and timely resolution of such hearings before the Board of Commissioners, is permissible.
3. Community Events: The use of Appropriated Funds to provide light refreshments, such as snacks and beverages, at County sponsored community engagement events when it has been determined that such food would materially enhance public participation in furtherance of the objectives of the event is permissible.
4. Employee Morale Events. The use of Appropriated Funds to provide light refreshments, such as snacks and beverages or to provide lunch, for Officials and/or Employees scheduled to boost Employee morale or in recognition of Employees when it has been determined by the hosting Agency that such food would materially enhance participation and boost morale in furtherance of the objectives of the event is permissible. Employee morale events may be hosted occasionally and the cost of any such event is limited to \$20 per person.
5. Trainings: The use of Appropriated Funds to provide light refreshments, such as snacks and beverages for training events, or meals at full-day or after hour training events hosted by an Agency is permissible.

B. Registration Fees

Registration fees for non-County government conferences, meetings, seminars, training sessions, professional development, continuing education related to professional licensing requirements or similar events may be reimbursed. Reimbursements may include the cost of any food included in the registration fee. Every effort should be made to take advantage of early registration or group rate discounts. Employees and Officials must execute their registration in accordance with Section IV. below.

C. Professional Licensing Fees and Certifications

Licensing, registration or certification fees that are related to and required by federal, state or local statutes and ordinances that are required as a condition of being hired and holding an employee’s position may be



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reimbursed. Employees and Officials must execute reimbursements for such requests in accordance with Section IV. below.

D. Travel Expenses

In order for an Employee or Official to be eligible for reimbursement for travel expenses, all travel for official County business should be prudently planned so that the County’s best interests are served at the most reasonable cost considering travel time and work requirements. Employees and Officials should make best efforts to execute their Local and Non-local travel requirements at the lowest reasonable costs to the County by purchasing ticket(s) in advance, searching for lowest prices, requesting the government rate where available or utilizing a travel agent, etc.

- I. Types of Travel that are Eligible for Reimbursement. The County recognizes the following activities as appropriate travel purposes for official County business:
 - (a) Delivery of legislative testimony or address legislative agenda;
 - (b) As a stipulation or condition of grant funding or otherwise required for County or federal certification;
 - (c) Presentation on behalf of the County at a conference, meeting, seminar, training session, or similar;
 - (d) Financial or tax audit;
 - (e) Site visit or operational evaluation related to Agency improvement efforts;
 - (f) Court proceeding or case preparation, where the Employee is appearing on behalf of the County or the Employee needs to engage in witness preparation, investigation or take depositions.
 - (g) Law enforcement, building and zoning, revenue, ethics, environmental, medical examiner or other investigation approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party; and



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- (h) Attendance at a conference, meeting, seminar, training session, or similar, provided that the topic is of critical interest to the County; representation at the event is in the best interest of the County; and the topic is related to an Employee's or Official's professional development. Agencies should attempt to limit the number of attendees by event.
- 2. Modes of Local Travel. Authorized modes of transportation for Local Travel include: (1) public transportation; (2) County vehicles; (3) taxi, ride sharing; and (4) Personally owned or Leased vehicles (approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party).
- 3. Modes of Non-local Travel. Authorized modes of transportation for Non-local travel include County vehicles, Personally owned or Leased vehicles if approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party, Rental Car, and Common Carriers.
- 4. General rule for travel. Travel expenses are eligible for reimbursement provided that the least expensive mode of transportation is used, considering travel time, cost, and work requirements unless otherwise approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party. Please note that employees who receive a stipend are not eligible for mileage reimbursement.
- 5. Eligible Local Transportation Reimbursable Expenses: Local travel that is performed for official County business may be permissible if authorized by the Appropriate Approving Party.
 - (a) *Travel by County vehicle*. When the Employee or Official uses a County vehicle, only fuel, parking, and toll expenses are eligible for reimbursement.
 - (b) *Travel by taxi or ride share*. When the Employee or Official uses a taxi or ride sharing company, the total metered fare (including surcharges and fees) is eligible for reimbursement. Tipping on taxis or ride sharing may not exceed \$2.00, or 20% of the metered fare, whichever amount is greater.
 - (c) *Travel by Personal vehicle*. When the Employee or Official uses a Personal vehicle per the approval of the Appropriate Authorizing Party, only mileage, parking, and toll expenses are eligible for reimbursement. Mileage reimbursement for County business is limited to the current standard IRS deduction rate for business related



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transportation currently in effect and authorized by the Bureau of Finance. The mileage must be supported by detailed mileage logs including date(s) of travel, number of miles driven, locations traveled to and from, and business purpose. All mileage requested to be reimbursed will be calculated using the County’s Transportation Expense Voucher System (TEVS) to prepare a mileage reimbursement voucher which can be found at (<https://apps.cookcountyil.gov/voucher/public/>). The voucher shall be submitted along with the Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement Form to the Appropriate Authorizing Party.

- i. Normal commuting to and from the Employee’s or Official’s Personal residence and their Official Worksite or an Agency pre-approved Alternative Worksite is not eligible for mileage reimbursement. However, if the mileage to an Alternative Worksite is greater than the normal commute to and from the Official Worksite, then the Employee or Official is entitled to reimbursement for mileage in excess of their normal commute.
- ii. When approved Local Travel is required during the workday, the Employee or Official is entitled to reimbursement for the mileage to and from the Official Worksite or Alternative Worksite and the site(s) visited. Only the most direct route mileage (mileage from residence to first location and last location to residence is deemed commuting mileage and shall not be reimbursed in the mileage calculator) from the Official Worksite where applicable to the site(s) visited and back to the Official Worksite will be reimbursed.
- iii. The IRS per-mile rate is generally established annually (but may be subject to a mid-year increase) and covers the total cost of operating a personally owned vehicle for Local Travel, including such items as gasoline, oil, maintenance, repairs, etc.
- iv. The Employee or Official must carry liability and property damage insurance for business use of their Personal or Personally leased vehicle and submit a copy of these insurance policies to the appropriate personnel within



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their department. The Employee or Official’s personal insurance is primary in the event of an accident.

6. Eligible Non-Local Transportation Reimbursable Expenses: Non-Local Travel that is performed for official County business may be permissible if authorized by the Appropriate Approving Party.

(a) *Travel by Personal vehicle*. When the Employee or Official uses a Personal vehicle per the approval of the Appropriate Authorizing Party, only mileage, parking, and toll expenses are eligible for reimbursement. Mileage reimbursement for County business is limited to the current standard IRS deduction rate for business related transportation currently in effect and authorized by the Bureau of Finance. The mileage must be supported by detailed mileage logs including date(s) of travel, number of miles driven, locations traveled to and from, and business purpose. All mileage requested to be reimbursed will be calculated using the mileage calculator in the Transportation Expense Voucher System (TEVS), which shall be submitted along with the Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement Form to the Appropriate Authorizing Party.

- i. The IRS per-mile rate is generally established annually (but may be subject to a mid-year increase) and covers the total cost of operating a personally owned vehicle for Non-local Travel, including such items as gasoline, oil, maintenance, repairs, etc.
- ii. The mileage reimbursement per trip may not exceed the cost of the lowest available non-stop, roundtrip airfare to/from the destination.
- iii. The Employee or Official must carry liability and property damage insurance for business use of their Personal or Personally leased vehicle.

(b) *Travel by Rental Car*. Travel by Rental Car is limited to Non-local travel requiring an overnight stay and must be supported by an itemized receipt which lists the date, time, location of the rental, rental rate, and vehicle class. The choice of vehicle class must be reasonable based on the circumstances. When the Employee or Official uses a rental car, only daily



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rental rates, taxes, surcharges, car rental insurance, fuel, parking, and toll expenses are eligible for reimbursement.

- (c) *Travel by Common Carrier.* Travel by common carrier is limited to Non-local travel requiring an overnight stay and must be supported by itemized receipts which list the traveler’s name, the date, time, point of origin and destination, fare class purchased, and any other related costs for each leg of the trip. When the Employee or Official uses a common carrier, only the fare, taxes, surcharges, and any standard baggage fees are eligible for reimbursement. The fare reimbursement will be based on the most economical fare available that meets the requirements of the Employee’s or Official’s agenda.
- (d) *International travel.* All international travel is subject to pre-authorization by the Appropriate Authorizing Party and Budget Director. Employee’s and Official’s shall convert all foreign expenses to U.S. currency at the exchange rate applicable when the expense was paid and reflect the expenses incurred in U.S. dollars on the Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement Form. Official documentation of the exchange rate(s) applied to the expenses incurred, published at <https://www1.oanda.com/currency/converter/> must accompany all receipts.
- (e) *Meal and incidental expense reimbursement.* Meal and incidental expense reimbursements are limited to Non-local travel requiring an overnight stay and must be supported by itemized receipts which list the date, time, location of the purchase, and detail every individual item included on the bill. Examples of reimbursable incidental expenses may include necessary internet connection fees or cellular phone charges related to official business. Employee’s and Official’s will receive the lesser of the actual costs or the current federal travel allowance for meals and incidental expenses, including taxes and gratuity, which is capped at no more than 20% of cost of meal, published by the General Services Administration at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>. Gratuity for baggage handling is reimbursable so long as the cost is reasonable and does not exceed \$5.00 per handling. Reimbursement for meals and incidental



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expenses shall be limited to the expenses incurred during the time spent traveling for County business. 75% of the expenses submitted for reimbursement on the first and last days of travel, and 100% of the expenses on the other days.

(f) *Lodging reimbursement.* Lodging reimbursement is limited to Non-local travel requiring an overnight stay and must be supported by itemized receipts which list the traveler’s name, the date, time, location of the lodging, and detail every individual item included in the bill. Travelers will receive the lesser of the actual costs or the current federal travel allowance for lodging published by the General Services Administration at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates> unless the increased rate is approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party.

(g) *Reimbursement for taxi or ride share.* When the Employee or Official uses a taxi or ride sharing company, the total metered fare (including surcharges and fees) is eligible for reimbursement. Tipping on taxis or ride sharing may not exceed \$2.00, or 20% of the ride - whichever amount is greater.

E. **Business needs that cannot be obtained using the methods provided in the Cook County Procurement Code.** On occasion, necessary business needs are unable to be met using the methods provided in the Cook County Procurement Code. The Official or Employee incurring these expenses must demonstrate it is a Necessary Business Expense with a clear and legitimate business purpose. For technology-related necessary business expenses, the Official and Employee incurring the expense must also demonstrate compliance with the Bureau of Technology’s Concurrence Process or other similarly applicable policy.

F. **Miscellaneous.** Any other Necessary Business Expense or loss incurred within the Official’s or Employee’s scope of employment or related to telecommuting and directly related to services



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performed for the employer as permitted under Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, 820 ILCS 115 et. seq.

IV. PROCESS FOR REQUESTING PRE-AUTHORIZATION FOR ELIGIBLE NECESSARY BUSINESS EXPENSES AND SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT

A. **General:** Being reimbursed for a Necessary Business Expense reimbursement is contingent on compliance with the provisions of this policy; obtaining the appropriate pre-authorization; and completion and timely submission of the appropriate forms with supporting documentation, including but not limited to original receipts. Receipts must be legible; electronic copies including clear photographs of receipts will be accepted as originals. Where supporting documentation does not exist or is missing or lost, the Employee or Official shall submit the Affidavit for Lost Receipts form regarding any such receipts.

B. **Pre-Authorization to Incur a Necessary Business Expense:** Employees and Officials are required to obtain pre-approval before incurring any Necessary Business Expense by submitting the Pre-Authorization Form to the Appropriate Authorizing Party, and in the case of international travel, the Pre-Authorization Form must also be submitted to the Budget Director. Employees and Officials shall request authorization to incur a Necessary Business Expense using the Pre-Authorization Form at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance of having to incur the expenditure or loss so the Appropriate Authorizing Party has an opportunity to assess and potentially approve the request in accordance with this policy. If the pre-authorization or the thirty (30) day period is not practicable, the Requester must provide a justification on the Pre-Authorization Form and/or Reimbursement Form for deviating from the 30 day requirement.

1. Eligible Necessary Business Expenses other than travel.

The Pre-Authorization Form must be completed by the Requester and sent to the Appropriate Approving Party supported by:

- i. the details of the expense(s) to be incurred, including the amount and when and where the purchase or expense will be made;
- ii. the reason and purpose of the purchase or expense; and



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iii. why the item is not being purchased using the methods provided in the Cook County Procurement Code.

2. Travel Expenses.

(a) To request Local or Non-local travel authorization, the Pre-Authorization Form must be completed by the Requester and sent to the Appropriate Approving Party supported by an agenda and estimate of travel costs. The Documentation regarding anticipated meal and lodging costs shall be included along with the current federal travel allowance for lodging and per diem meal rates published by the General Services Administration at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>.

(b) For regularly re-occurring Local or Non-local travel that would be considered a Necessary Business Expense, the Appropriate Approving Party has the discretion to establish a process to pre-approve such travel.

C. **Appropriate Authorizing Party.** To authorize incurring Necessary Business Expenses, the Pre-Authorization Form must be reviewed and approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party. By signing the Pre-Authorization Form, the Appropriate Authorizing Party certifies:

1. the expenditure is a Necessary Business Expense as provided by this policy, including the appropriateness of the expenditure and the reasonableness of the amount;
2. the Requester has submitted a completed and accurate Pre-Authorization Form with required supporting documentation; and
3. Appropriate Funding is available to pay for the expense.

In addition, if the Appropriate Authorizing Party determines that the requested expenditure is not necessary or should be requested through the Procurement Code process, then the Employee or Official shall not incur the expense on the County's behalf and will not be entitled to reimbursement under this policy.



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D. Submission of Reimbursement Requests, Review and Approval.

1. All requests seeking reimbursement, with the appropriate supporting documentation and Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement Form, must be submitted to the Appropriate Authorizing Party within 60 calendar days of the later of (1) incurring the expense or (2) the business purpose, travel, or event has occurred. By signing the Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement Form, the Requester attests to its truthfulness and assumes personal responsibility for its accuracy.
2. Submission of the Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement Form to the Appropriate Authorizing Party shall also include:
 - (a) A copy of the approved Pre-Authorization Form;
 - (b) Copies of itemized receipts for all expenses; and
 - (c) If a receipt is lost or does not exist, the Requester needs to complete the Affidavit for Lost Receipts Form to attest to the incurring of such expense and why no documentation is being submitted to support the particular expense reimbursement request.
3. Within 21 calendar days of receipt of the Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement request, the approved request by the Appropriate Authorizing Party and the supporting documentation shall be sent by the Appropriate Authorizing Party to the department's assigned Budget Analyst in Budget. By approving the reimbursement request and forwarding to the Budget Analyst, the Appropriate Authorizing Party certifies the appropriateness of the expenditure and the reasonableness of the amount; the availability of Appropriated Funds; compliance with applicable reimbursement policies; and completeness of supporting documentation.
4. Review of all requests for reimbursement shall be timely made by Budget. Upon review, Budget will approve the request, return the request to the Appropriate Approving Party for correction or supplementation (i.e., credit card statement and Affidavit for Lost Receipts Form, in the event of lost receipts), or deny the request as not being in compliance with



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this Policy. If approved, Budget will submit the reimbursement request to the Comptroller’s Office for payment and copy the Appropriate Authorizing Party regarding the payment request. Failure to timely correct or supplement a request for reimbursement as required by Budget shall result in denial of reimbursement.

5. Timing and method of reimbursement payment. Employees or Officials will receive authorized reimbursements as part of their next regular paycheck during the pay period following the expense having been incurred, and the reimbursement request being processed, provided compliance with this Policy and the procedures established herein. Advanced payments to the requestor are strictly prohibited under this policy.

E. Resources

General information concerning this Policy may be obtained by contacting the Chief Financial Officer (or designee).

F. Related Policies

- The Cook County Procurement Code
- The County’s Vehicle Collision Policy
- The County’s Fuel Use Policy
- The County’s AVL GPS Policy
- The County’s Vehicle Policy
- Applicable Agency Reasonable Accommodation Policy for Employees and Applicants with Disabilities
- Applicable Agency Telecommuting Policy
- Applicable Agency Tuition Reimbursement Policy
- The County’s Ethics Ordinance

G. Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with the provisions of this policy may result in denial of reimbursement and/or subject an Employee or Official to discipline, up to and including discharge, in accordance with the personnel rules and/or collective bargaining agreement, if applicable, and ethics fines or penalties.

EXHIBIT 8

Economic Disclosure Statement

**COOK COUNTY
ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AND EXECUTION DOCUMENT
INDEX**

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SECTION 1
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF
ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND EXECUTION DOCUMENT

This Economic Disclosure Statement and Execution Document ("EDS") is to be completed and executed by every Bidder on a County contract, every Proposer responding to a Request for Proposals, and every Respondent responding to a Request for Qualifications, and others as required by the Chief Procurement Officer. The execution of the EDS shall serve as the execution of a contract awarded by the County. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to request that the Bidder or Proposer, or Respondent provide an updated EDS on an annual basis.

Definitions. Terms used in this EDS and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions, Request for Proposals, Request for Qualifications, as applicable.

Affiliate means a person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls is Controlled by, or is under common Control with the Person specified.

Applicant means a person who executes this EDS.

Bidder means any person who submits a Bid.

Code means the Code of Ordinances, Cook County, Illinois available on municode.com.

Contract shall include any written document to make Procurements by or on behalf of Cook County.

Contractor or *Contracting Party* means a person that enters into a Contract with the County.

Control means the unfettered authority to directly or indirectly manage governance, administration, work, and all other aspects of a business.

EDS means this complete Economic Disclosure Statement and Execution Document, including all sections listed in the Index and any attachments.

Joint Venture means an association of two or more Persons proposing to perform a for-profit business enterprise. Joint Ventures must have an agreement in writing specifying the terms and conditions of the relationship between the partners and their relationship and respective responsibility for the Contract

Lobby or *lobbying* means to, for compensation, attempt to influence a County official or County employee with respect to any County matter.

Lobbyist means any person who lobbies.

Person or *Persons* means any individual, corporation, partnership, Joint Venture, trust, association, Limited Liability Company, sole proprietorship or other legal entity.

Prohibited Acts means any of the actions or occurrences which form the basis for disqualification under the Code, or under the Certifications hereinafter set forth.

Proposal means a response to an RFP.

Proposer means a person submitting a Proposal.

Response means response to an RFQ.

Respondent means a person responding to an RFQ.

RFP means a Request for Proposals issued pursuant to this Procurement Code.

RFQ means a Request for Qualifications issued to obtain the qualifications of interested parties.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF
ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND EXECUTION DOCUMENT**

Section 1: Instructions. Section 1 sets forth the instructions for completing and executing this EDS.

Section 2: Certifications. Section 2 sets forth certifications that are required for contracting parties under the Code and other applicable laws. Execution of this EDS constitutes a warranty that all the statements and certifications contained, and all the facts stated, in the Certifications are true, correct and complete as of the date of execution.

Section 3: Economic and Other Disclosures Statement. Section 3 is the County's required Economic and Other Disclosures Statement form. Execution of this EDS constitutes a warranty that all the information provided in the EDS is true, correct and complete as of the date of execution, and binds the Applicant to the warranties, representations, agreements and acknowledgements contained therein.

Required Updates. The Applicant is required to keep all information provided in this EDS current and accurate. In the event of any change in the information provided, including but not limited to any change which would render inaccurate or incomplete any certification or statement made in this EDS, the Applicant shall supplement this EDS up to the time the County takes action, by filing an amended EDS or such other documentation as is required.

Additional Information. The County's Governmental Ethics and Campaign Financing Ordinances impose certain duties and obligations on persons or entities seeking County contracts, work, business, or transactions, and the Applicant is expected to comply fully with these ordinances. For further information please contact the Director of Ethics at (312) 603-4304 (69 W. Washington St. Suite 3040, Chicago, IL 60602) or visit the web-site at cookcountylil.gov/ethics-board-of.

Authorized Signers of Contract and EDS Execution Page. If the Applicant is a corporation, the President and Secretary must execute the EDS. In the event that this EDS is executed by someone other than the President, attach hereto a certified copy of that section of the Corporate By-Laws or other authorization by the Corporation, satisfactory to the County that permits the person to execute EDS for said corporation. If the corporation is not registered in the State of Illinois, a copy of the Certificate of Good Standing from the state of incorporation must be submitted with this Signature Page.

If the Applicant is a partnership or joint venture, all partners or joint venturers must execute the EDS, unless one partner or joint venture has been authorized to sign for the partnership or joint venture, in which case, the partnership agreement, resolution or evidence of such authority satisfactory to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer must be submitted with this Signature Page.

If the Applicant is a member-managed LLC all members must execute the EDS, unless otherwise provided in the operating agreement, resolution or other corporate documents. If the Applicant is a manager-managed LLC, the manager(s) must execute the EDS. The Applicant must attach either a certified copy of the operating agreement, resolution or other authorization, satisfactory to the County, demonstrating such person has the authority to execute the EDS on behalf of the LLC. If the LLC is not registered in the State of Illinois, a copy of a current Certificate of Good Standing from the state of incorporation must be submitted with this Signature Page.

If the Applicant is a Sole Proprietorship, the sole proprietor must execute the EDS.

A "Partnership" "Joint Venture" or "Sole Proprietorship" operating under an Assumed Name must be registered with the Illinois county in which it is located, as provided in 805 ILCS 405 (2012), and documentation evidencing registration must be submitted with the EDS.

Effective October 1, 2016 all foreign corporations and LLCs must be registered with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office unless a statutory exemption applies to the applicant. Applicants who are exempt from registering must provide a written statement explaining why they are exempt from registering as a foreign entity with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office.

SECTION 2

CERTIFICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATIONS ARE MADE PURSUANT TO STATE LAW AND THE CODE. THE APPLICANT IS CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY READ THESE CERTIFICATIONS PRIOR TO SIGNING THE SIGNATURE PAGE. SIGNING THE SIGNATURE PAGE SHALL CONSTITUTE A WARRANTY BY THE APPLICANT THAT ALL THE STATEMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION SET FORTH WITHIN THESE CERTIFICATIONS ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT AS OF THE DATE THE SIGNATURE PAGE IS SIGNED. THE APPLICANT IS NOTIFIED THAT IF THE COUNTY LEARNS THAT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATIONS WERE FALSELY MADE, THAT ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO WITH THE APPLICANT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO TERMINATION.

A. PERSONS AND ENTITIES SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION

No person or business entity shall be awarded a contract or sub-contract, for a period of five (5) years from the date of conviction or entry of a plea or admission of guilt, civil or criminal, if that person or business entity:

- 1) Has been convicted of an act committed, within the State of Illinois, of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of a unit of state, federal or local government or school district in the State of Illinois in that officer's or employee's official capacity;
- 2) Has been convicted by federal, state or local government of an act of bid-rigging or attempting to rig bids as defined in the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and Clayton Act. Act. 15 U.S.C. Section 1 *et seq.*;
- 3) Has been convicted of bid-rigging or attempting to rig bids under the laws of federal, state or local government;
- 4) Has been convicted of an act committed, within the State, of price-fixing or attempting to fix prices as defined by the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and the Clayton Act. 15 U.S.C. Section 1, *et seq.*;
- 5) Has been convicted of price-fixing or attempting to fix prices under the laws the State;
- 6) Has been convicted of defrauding or attempting to defraud any unit of state or local government or school district within the State of Illinois;
- 7) Has made an admission of guilt of such conduct as set forth in subsections (1) through (6) above which admission is a matter of record, whether or not such person or business entity was subject to prosecution for the offense or offenses admitted to; or
- 8) Has entered a plea of *nolo contendere* to charge of bribery, price-fixing, bid-rigging, or fraud, as set forth in subparagraphs (1) through (6) above.

In the case of bribery or attempting to bribe, a business entity may not be awarded a contract if an official, agent or employee of such business entity committed the Prohibited Act on behalf of the business entity and pursuant to the direction or authorization of an officer, director or other responsible official of the business entity, and such Prohibited Act occurred within three years prior to the award of the contract. In addition, a business entity shall be disqualified if an owner, partner or shareholder controlling, directly or indirectly, 20% or more of the business entity, or an officer of the business entity has performed any Prohibited Act within five years prior to the award of the Contract.

THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT: The Applicant has read the provisions of Section A, Persons and Entities Subject to Disqualification, that the Applicant has not committed any Prohibited Act set forth in Section A, and that award of the Contract to the Applicant would not violate the provisions of such Section or of the Code.

B. BID-RIGGING OR BID ROTATING

THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT: *In accordance with 720 ILCS 5/33 E-11, neither the Applicant nor any Affiliated Entity is barred from award of this Contract as a result of a conviction for the violation of State laws prohibiting bid-rigging or bid rotating.*

C. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE ACT

THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT: The Applicant will provide a drug free workplace, as required by (30 ILCS 580/3).

D. DELINQUENCY IN PAYMENT OF TAXES

THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT: *The Applicant is not an owner or a party responsible for the payment of any tax or fee administered by Cook County, such as bar award of a contract or subcontract pursuant to the Code, Chapter 34, Section 34-171.*

E. HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE

No person who is a party to a contract with Cook County ("County") shall engage in unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment against any individual in the terms or conditions of employment, credit, public accommodations, housing, or provision of County facilities, services or programs (Code Chapter 42, Section 42-30 *et seq.*).

F. ILLINOIS HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT: *It is in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/2-105), and agrees to abide by the requirements of the Act as part of its contractual obligations.*

G. INSPECTOR GENERAL (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-174 and Section 34-250)

The Applicant has not willfully failed to cooperate in an investigation by the Cook County Independent Inspector General or to report to the Independent Inspector General any and all information concerning conduct which they know to involve corruption, or other criminal activity, by another county employee or official, which concerns his or her office of employment or County related transaction.

The Applicant has reported directly and without any undue delay any suspected or known fraudulent activity in the County's Procurement process to the Office of the Cook County Inspector General.

H. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-585)

THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT: It has read and shall comply with the Cook County's Ordinance concerning campaign contributions, which is codified at Chapter 2, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 585, and can be read in its entirety at www.municode.com.

I. GIFT BAN, (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-574)

THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT: It has read and shall comply with the Cook County's Ordinance concerning receiving and soliciting gifts and favors, which is codified at Chapter 2, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 574, and can be read in its entirety at www.municode.com.

J. LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE PREFERENCE (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-160;

Unless expressly waived by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Code requires that a living wage must be paid to individuals employed by a Contractor which has a County Contract and by all subcontractors of such Contractor under a County Contract, throughout the duration of such County Contract. The amount of such living wage is annually by the Chief Financial Officer of the County, and shall be posted on the Chief Procurement Officer's website.

The term "Contract" as used in Section 4, I, of this EDS, specifically excludes contracts with the following:

- 1) Not-For Profit Organizations (defined as a corporation having tax exempt status under Section 501(C)(3) of the United State Internal Revenue Code and recognized under the Illinois State not-for-profit law);
- 2) Community Development Block Grants;
- 3) Cook County Works Department;
- 4) Sheriff's Work Alternative Program; and
- 5) Department of Correction inmates.

SECTION 3

REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

1. DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYIST CONTACTS

List all persons that have made lobbying contacts on your behalf with respect to this contract:

Name	Address
N/A	
_____	_____
_____	_____

2. LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE STATEMENT (CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-230)

Local business means a Person, including a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in Illinois, having a bona fide establishment located within the County at which it is transacting business on the date when a Bid is submitted to the County, and which employs the majority of its regular, full-time work force within the County. A Joint Venture shall constitute a Local Business if one or more Persons that qualify as a "Local Business" hold interests totaling over 50 percent in the Joint Venture, even if the Joint Venture does not, at the time of the Bid submittal, have such a bona fide establishment within the County.

a) Is Applicant a "Local Business" as defined above?

Yes: _____ No: _____

b) If yes, list business addresses within Cook County:

201 N Westshore Dr Unit 603, Chicago, IL 60601

c) Does Applicant employ the majority of its regular full-time workforce within Cook County?

Yes: _____ No: _____

3. THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE (CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-172)

Every Applicant for a County Privilege shall be in full compliance with any child support order before such Applicant is entitled to receive or renew a County Privilege. When delinquent child support exists, the County shall not issue or renew any County Privilege, and may revoke any County Privilege.

All Applicants are required to review the Cook County Affidavit of Child Support Obligations attached to this EDS (EDS-5) and complete the Affidavit, based on the instructions in the Affidavit.

4. REAL ESTATE OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURES.

The Applicant must indicate by checking the appropriate provision below and providing all required information that either:

- a) The following is a complete list of all real estate owned by the Applicant in Cook County:

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER(S): 17-10-400-031-1022
17-10-400-031-1403

(ATTACH SHEET IF NECESSARY TO LIST ADDITIONAL INDEX NUMBERS)

OR:

- b) The Applicant owns no real estate in Cook County.

5. EXCEPTIONS TO CERTIFICATIONS OR DISCLOSURES.

If the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the Certifications or any other statements contained in this EDS and not explained elsewhere in this EDS, the Applicant must explain below:

If the letters, "NA", the word "None" or "No Response" appears above, or if the space is left blank, it will be conclusively presumed that the Applicant certified to all Certifications and other statements contained in this EDS.

COOK COUNTY DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST STATEMENT

The Cook County Code of Ordinances (§2-610 *et seq.*) requires that any Applicant for any County Action must disclose information concerning ownership interests in the Applicant. This Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement must be completed with all information current as of the date this Statement is signed. Furthermore, this Statement must be kept current, by filing an amended Statement, until such time as the County Board or County Agency shall take action on the application. The information contained in this Statement will be maintained in a database and made available for public viewing. **County reserves the right to request additional information to verify veracity of information contained in this statement.**

If you are asked to list names, but there are no applicable names to list, you must state NONE. An incomplete Statement will be returned and any action regarding this contract will be delayed. A failure to fully comply with the ordinance may result in the action taken by the County Board or County Agency being voided.

"Applicant" means any Entity or person making an application to the County for any County Action.

"County Action" means any action by a County Agency, a County Department, or the County Board regarding an ordinance or ordinance amendment, a County Board approval, or other County agency approval, with respect to contracts, leases, or sale or purchase of real estate.

"Person" "Entity" or "Legal Entity" means a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, association, business trust, estate, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, trustee of a land trust, other commercial or legal entity or any beneficiary or beneficiaries thereof.

This Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement must be submitted by :

1. An Applicant for County Action and
2. A Person that holds stock or a beneficial interest in the Applicant and is listed on the Applicant's Statement (a "Holder") must file a Statement and complete #1 only under **Ownership Interest Declaration**.

Please print or type responses clearly and legibly. Add additional pages if needed, being careful to identify each portion of the form to which each additional page refers.

This Statement is being made by the Applicant or Stock/Beneficial Interest Holder

This Statement is an: Original Statement or Amended Statement

Identifying Information:

Name NCR Strategies Inc
 D/B/A: _____ FEIN # Only: 33-1700248
 Street Address: 201 N Westshore Dr Unit 603
 City: Chicago State: IL Zip Code: 60601
 Phone No.: 847-826-2061 Fax Number: _____ Email: ncr@ncrstrategy.com

Cook County Business Registration Number: _____
 (Sole Proprietor, Joint Venture Partnership)

Corporate File Number (if applicable): _____

Form of Legal Entity:

- Sole Proprietor Partnership Corporation Trustee of Land Trust
- Business Trust Estate Association Joint Venture LLC
- Other (describe) _____

Ownership Interest Declaration:

1. List the name(s), address, and percent ownership of each Person having a legal or beneficial interest (including ownership) of more than five percent (5%) in the Applicant/Holder.

Name	Address	Percentage Interest in Applicant/Holder	Email Address
Nora Cay Ryan	201 N Westshore Dr Unit 603 100		ncr@ncrstrategy.com

2. If the interest of any Person listed in (1) above is held as an agent or agents, or a nominee or nominees, list the name and address of the principal on whose behalf the interest is held.

Name of Agent/Nominee	Name of Principal	Principal's Address

3. Is the Applicant constructively controlled by another person or Legal Entity? [] Yes [] No
 If yes, state the name, address and percentage of beneficial interest of such person, and the relationship under which such control is being or may be exercised.

Name	Address	Percentage of Beneficial Interest	Relationship

Corporate Officers, Members and Partners Information:

For all corporations, list the names, addresses, and terms for all corporate officers. For all limited liability companies, list the names, addresses for all members. For all partnerships and joint ventures, list the names, addresses, for each partner or joint venture.

Name	Address	Title (specify title of Office, or whether manager or partner/joint venture)	Term of Office
Nora Cay Ryan	201 N Westshore Dr Unit 603 Chicago IL 60601	President	Ongoing

Declaration (check the applicable box):

- I state under oath that the Applicant has withheld no disclosure as to ownership interest in the Applicant nor reserved any information, data or plan as to the intended use or purpose for which the Applicant seeks County Board or other County Agency action.
- I state under oath that the Holder has withheld no disclosure as to ownership interest nor reserved any information required to be disclosed.

COOK COUNTY DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST STATEMENT SIGNATURE PAGE

Nora Cay Ryan

Name of Authorized Applicant/Holder Representative (please print or type)

Nora Cay Ryan
Signature

ncr@ncrstrategy.com

E-mail address

President

Title

June 27, 2025

Date

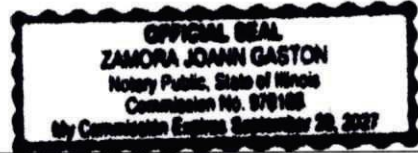
847-826-2061

Phone Number

Subscribed to and sworn before me
this 27 day of June, 2025

My commission expires:

X *Zamora Joann Gaston*
Notary Public Signature



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Notary Seal



COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
 69 W. WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 3040
 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602
 312/603-4304 Office 312/603-9988 Fax

FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE PROVISION

Nepotism Disclosure Requirement:

Doing a significant amount of business with the County requires that you disclose to the Board of Ethics the existence of any familial relationships with any County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, the County, or in any municipality within the County. The Ethics Ordinance defines a significant amount of business for the purpose of this disclosure requirement as more than \$25,000 in aggregate County leases, contracts, purchases or sales in any calendar year.

If you are unsure of whether the business you do with the County or a County agency will cross this threshold, err on the side of caution by completing the attached familial disclosure form because, among other potential penalties, any person found guilty of failing to make a required disclosure or knowingly filing a false, misleading, or incomplete disclosure will be prohibited from doing any business with the County for a period of three years. The required disclosure should be filed with the Board of Ethics by January 1 of each calendar year in which you are doing business with the County and again with each bid/proposal/quotation to do business with Cook County. The Board of Ethics may assess a late filing fee of \$100 per day after an initial 30-day grace period.

The person that is doing business with the County must disclose his or her familial relationships. If the person on the County lease or contract or purchasing from or selling to the County is a business entity, then the business entity must disclose the familial relationships of the individuals who are and, during the year prior to doing business with the County, were:

- its board of directors,
- its officers,
- its employees or independent contractors responsible for the general administration of the entity,
- its agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the entity, and
- its employees who directly engage or engaged in doing work with the County on behalf of the entity.

Do not hesitate to contact the Board of Ethics at (312) 603-4304 for assistance in determining the scope of any required familial relationship disclosure.

Additional Definitions:

“*Familial relationship*” means a person who is a spouse, domestic partner or civil union partner of a County employee or State, County or municipal official, or any person who is related to such an employee or official, whether by blood, marriage or adoption, as a:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepfather |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepmother |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brother | <input type="checkbox"/> Father-in-law | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sister | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother-in-law | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepdaughter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aunt | <input type="checkbox"/> Son-in-law | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepbrother |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uncle | <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter-in-law | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepsister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Niece | <input type="checkbox"/> Brother-in-law | <input type="checkbox"/> Halfbrother |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nephew | <input type="checkbox"/> Sister-in-law | <input type="checkbox"/> Halfsister |

**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM**

A. PERSON DOING OR SEEKING TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY

Name of Person Doing Business with the County: NCR STRATEGIES, Inc.

Address of Person Doing Business with the County: 201 N. Westshore Dr. Unit 603. Chicago, IL 60601

Phone number of Person Doing Business with the County: 847-826-2061

Email address of Person Doing Business with the County: ncr@ncrstrategy.com

If Person Doing Business with the County is a Business Entity, provide the name, title and contact information for the individual completing this disclosure on behalf of the Person Doing Business with the County:
Nora Cay Ryan, President. 201 N. Westshore Dr. Unit 603. Chicago, IL 60601. 847-826-2061. ncr@ncrstrategy.com

B. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY

Append additional pages as needed and for each County lease, contract, purchase or sale sought and/or obtained during the calendar year of this disclosure (or the proceeding calendar year if disclosure is made on January 1), identify:

The lease number, contract number, purchase order number, request for proposal number and/or request for qualification number associated with the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: 2525-03201

The aggregate dollar value of the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: \$ 199,000.00

The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in negotiating the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: Mark L. Reed, Assistant Procurement Officer mark.reed@cookcountyiil.gov

The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in managing the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: James Gleffe, Deputy Chief of Staff james.gleffe@cookcountyiil.gov

C. DISCLOSURE OF FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Check the box that applies and provide related information where needed

The Person Doing Business with the County **is an individual** and there is **no familial relationship** between this individual and any Cook County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, or any municipality within Cook County.

The Person Doing Business with the County **is a business entity** and there is **no familial relationship** between any member of this business entity’s board of directors, officers, persons responsible for general administration of the business entity, agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the business entity or employees directly engaged in contractual work with the County on behalf of the business entity, and any Cook County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, or any municipality within Cook County.

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- The Person Doing Business with the County **is an individual** and **there is a familial relationship** between this individual and at least one Cook County employee and/or a person or persons holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, and/or any municipality within Cook County. **The familial relationships are as follows:**

Name of Individual Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
N/A	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

If more space is needed, attach an additional sheet following the above format.

- The Person Doing Business with the County **is a business entity** and **there is a familial relationship** between at least one member of this business entity's board of directors, officers, persons responsible for general administration of the business entity, agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the business entity and/or employees directly engaged in contractual work with the County on behalf of the business entity, on the one hand, and at least one Cook County employee and/or a person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, and/or any municipality within Cook County, on the other. **The familial relationships are as follows:**

Name of Member of Board of Director for Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
N/A	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Name of Officer for Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
N/A	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Name of Person Responsible for the General Administration of the Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
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N/A

Name of Agent Authorized to Execute Documents for Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
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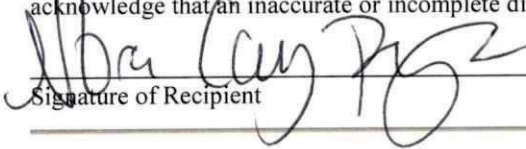
N/A

Name of Employee of Business Entity Directly Engaged in Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
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N/A

If more space is needed, attach an additional sheet following the above format.

VERIFICATION: To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided on this disclosure form is accurate and complete. I acknowledge that an inaccurate or incomplete disclosure is punishable by law, including but not limited to fines and debarment.


 Signature of Recipient

June 27, 2025
 Date

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO: Cook County Board of Ethics
 69 West Washington Street, Suite 3040, Chicago, Illinois 60602
 Office (312) 603-4304 – Fax (312) 603-9988
 CookCounty.Ethics@cookcountyil.gov

* Spouse, domestic partner, civil union partner or parent, child, sibling, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandparent or grandchild by blood, marriage (i.e. in laws and step relations) or adoption.

SECTION 4

COOK COUNTY AFFIDAVIT FOR WAGE THEFT ORDINANCE

Effective May 1, 2015, every Person, including Substantial Owners, seeking a Contract with Cook County must comply with the Cook County Wage Theft Ordinance set forth in Chapter 34, Article IV, Section 179. Any Person/Substantial Owner, who fails to comply with Cook County Wage Theft Ordinance, may request that the Chief Procurement Officer grant a reduction or waiver in accordance with Section 34-179(d).

"Contract" means any written document to make Procurements by or on behalf of Cook County.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, Joint Venture, trust, association, limited liability company, sole proprietorship or other legal entity.

"Procurement" means obtaining supplies, equipment, goods, or services of any kind.

"Substantial Owner" means any person or persons who own or hold a twenty-five percent (25%) or more percentage of interest in any business entity seeking a County Privilege, including those shareholders, general or limited partners, beneficiaries and principals; except where a business entity is an individual or sole proprietorship, Substantial Owner means that individual or sole proprietor.

All Persons/Substantial Owners are required to complete this affidavit and comply with the Cook County Wage Theft Ordinance before any Contract is awarded. Signature of this form constitutes a certification the information provided below is correct and complete, and that the individual(s) signing this form has/have personal knowledge of such information. **County reserves the right to request additional information to verify veracity of information contained in this Affidavit.**

I. Contract Information:

Contract Number: 2525-03201

County Using Agency (requesting Procurement): _____

II. Person/Substantial Owner Information:

Person (Corporate Entity Name): NCR Strategies Inc.

Substantial Owner Complete Name: Nora Cay Ryan

FEIN# 33-1700248



E-mail address: ncr@ncrstrategy.com

Street Address: 201 N Westshore Dr Unit 603

City: Chicago State: IL Zip: 60601



III. Compliance with Wage Laws:

Within the past five years has the Person/Substantial Owner, in any judicial or administrative proceeding, been convicted of, entered a plea, made an admission of guilt or liability, or had an administrative finding made for committing a repeated or willful violation of any of the following laws:

- No *Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, 820 ILCS 115/1 et seq.,* YES or NO
- No *Illinois Minimum Wage Act, 820 ILCS 105/1 et seq.,* YES or NO
- No *Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, 820 ILCS 65/1 et seq.,* YES or NO
- No *Employee Classification Act, 820 ILCS 185/1 et seq.,* YES or NO
- No *Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. 201, et seq.,* YES or NO
- No *Any comparable state statute or regulation of any state, which governs the payment of wages* YES or NO

If the Person/Substantial Owner answered "Yes" to any of the questions above, it is ineligible to enter into a Contract with Cook County, but can request a reduction or waiver under **Section IV**.

IV. Request for Waiver or Reduction

If Person/Substantial Owner answered "Yes" to any of the questions above, it may request a reduction or waiver in accordance with Section 34-179(d), provided that the request for reduction of waiver is made on the basis of one or more of the following actions that have taken place:

- No There has been a bona fide change in ownership or Control of the ineligible Person or Substantial Owner. YES or NO
- No Disciplinary action has been taken against the individual(s) responsible for the acts giving rise to the violation. YES or NO
- No Remedial action has been taken to prevent a recurrence of the acts giving rise to the disqualification or default. YES or NO
- No Other factors that the Person or Substantial Owner believe are relevant. YES or NO

The Person/Substantial Owner must submit documentation to support the basis of its request for a reduction or waiver. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to make additional inquiries and request additional documentation.

V. Affirmation

The Person/Substantial Owner affirms that all statements contained in the Affidavit are true, accurate and complete.

Signature:

Date: June 27, 2025

Name of Person signing (Print): Nora Cay Ryan Title: President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of June, 2025

X Zamora Joann Gaston
Notary Public Signature



Note: The above information is subject to verification prior to the award of the Contract.

SECTION 5

CONTRACT AND EDS EXECUTION PAGE

The Applicant hereby certifies and warrants that all of the statements, certifications and representations set forth in this EDS are true, complete and correct; that the Applicant is in full compliance and will continue to be in compliance throughout the term of the Contract or County Privilege issued to the Applicant with all the policies and requirements set forth in this EDS; and that all facts and information provided by the Applicant in this EDS are true, complete and correct. The Applicant agrees to inform the Chief Procurement Officer in writing if any of such statements, certifications, representations, facts or information becomes or is found to be untrue, incomplete or incorrect during the term of the Contract or County Privilege.

Execution by Corporation

NCR Strategies Inc.

Corporation's Name

847-826-2061

Telephone

Abre Cay Ryan
Secretary Signature

Nora Cay Ryan Abre Cay Ryan
President's Printed Name and Signature

ncr@ncrstrategies.com

Email

June 27, 2025

Date

Execution by LLC

LLC Name

*Member/Manager Printed Name and Signature

Date

Telephone and Email

Execution by Partnership/Joint Venture

Partnership/Joint Venture Name

*Partner/Joint Venturer Printed Name and Signature

Date

Telephone and Email

Execution by Sole Proprietorship

Printed Name Signature

Assumed Name (if applicable)

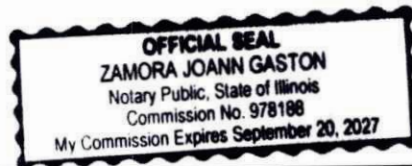
Date

Telephone and Email

My commission expires:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

27 day of June, 2025



Zamora Joann Gaston
Notary Public Signature

Notary Seal

SECTION 6
COOK COUNTY SIGNATURE PAGE

ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF COOK, A BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS CONTRACT IS
HEREBY EXECUTED BY:

Raffi Sarrafian Digitally signed by Raffi Sarrafian
Date: 2025.07.14 09:18:53 -05'00'

Cook County Chief Procurement Officer

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

N/A

Assistant State's Attorney
(Required on contracts over \$1,000,000)

Date

CONTRACT TERM & AMOUNT

2525-03201

Contract #

July 22, 2025 thru July 21, 2028

One (1) One (1) year renewal

Original Contract Term

Renewal Options (If Applicable)

\$199,000.00

Contract Amount

N/A

Cook County Board Approval Date (If Applicable)