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DIVISION OF PURCHASES INFORMATION CIRCULAR 11-05

SUBJECT: Revision of Form DA-146a – Contractual Provisions Attachment

The Division of Purchases has issued a revised Contractual Provisions Attachment (Form DA-146a Rev 04-11). Agencies are expected to start using this revised form immediately for locally prepared contracts.

Changes to the DA-146a form were made as a result of experiences during contract development efforts, where vendors have challenged the language within the form.

A copy of the DA-146a for everyday use can be found at the following website: http://www.da.ks.gov/purch/Forms.htm

For your convenience, a SAMPLE of the revised form is attached. The sample uses the MS Word “track changes” tool to illustrate the changes made during the latest review and revision efforts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS ATTACHMENT

Important: This form contains mandatory contract provisions and must be attached to or incorporated in all copies of any contractual agreement. If it is attached to the vendor/contractor's standard contract form, then that form must be altered to contain the following provision:

"The provisions found in Contractual Provisions Attachment (Form DA-146a, Rev. 04-11), which is attached hereto, are hereby incorporated in this contract and made a part thereof."

The parties agree that the following provisions are hereby incorporated into the contract to which it is attached and made a part thereof, said contract being the _____ day of ______, 20____.

1. Terms Herein Controlling Provisions: It is expressly agreed that the terms of each and every provision in this contract shall prevail and control over the terms of any other conflicting provision in any other document relating to, and the terms of the contract in which this attachment is incorporated. Any terms that conflict or could be interpreted to conflict with this attachment are nullified.

2. Agreement With Kansas Law: All contractual agreements and venue: This contract shall be subject to, governed by, and construed according to the laws of the State of Kansas. (Deleted), and jurisdiction and venue. Any suit in connection with this contract shall reside only in courts located in the State of Kansas.

3. Termination Due To Lack Of Funding Appropriation: If, in the judgment of the Director of Accounts and Reports, Department of Administration, sufficient funds are not appropriated to continue the function performed in this agreement for the payment of the charges hereunder, the State may terminate this agreement at the end of its current fiscal year. State agrees to give written notice of termination to contractor at least 30 days prior to the end of its current fiscal year, and shall give such notice for a greater period prior to the end of such fiscal year as may be provided in this contract, except that such notice shall not be required prior to 90 days before the end of such fiscal year. Contractor will have the right, at the end of such fiscal year, to take possession of any equipment provided State under this contract. State will pay the contractor for regular contractual payments incurred through the end of such fiscal year, plus contractual changes (accidental or the result of any such amendment). Upon termination of the agreement by State, title to any equipment shall revert to contractor at the end of the State's current fiscal year. The termination of the contract pursuant to this paragraph shall not cause any penalty to be charged to the agency or the contractor.

4. Disclaimer Of Liability: Neither provision of this contract will require the State of Kansas nor any agency thereof, shall be liable to any contractor for any acts or omissions. The liability incurred of the State of Kansas is defined under the Kansas Tort Claims Act (K.S.A. 75-6101 et seq).

5. Anti-Discrimination Clause: The contractor agrees: (a) to comply with the Kansas Act Against Discrimination (K.S.A. 44-1001 et seq) and the Kansas Age Discrimination in Employment Act (K.S.A. 44-1101 et seq) and the applicable provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq) (ADA) and to not discriminate against any person because of (race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin or ancestry, age in the admission or access or, treatment or employment in its programs or activities; (b) to include in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, the phrase "equal employment employer"; (c) to comply with the reporting requirements set out at K.S.A. 44-1031 and K.S.A. 44-1116; (d) to include those provisions in every subcontract or purchase order so that they are binding upon such subcontractor or vendor; (e) that a failure to comply with the reporting requirements of the above or if the contractor is found guilty of violation of such acts by the Kansas Human Rights Commission, such violation shall constitute a breach of contract and the contract may be cancelled, terminated or suspended, in whole or in part, by the contracting state agency or the Kansas Department of Administration; (f) if it is determined that the contractor has violated applicable provisions of ADA, such violation shall constitute a breach of contract and the contract may be cancelled, terminated or suspended, in whole or in part, by the contracting state agency or the Kansas Department of Administration.

Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal anti-discrimination laws.

Parties to this contract understand that the provisions of this paragraph number 5 (with the exception of those provisions relating to the ADA) are not applicable to a contractor who employs fewer than four employees during the term of such contract or whose contracts with the contracting state are less than $5,000 or less during the fiscal year of such agency.

6. Acceptance Of Contract: This contract shall not be considered accepted, approved or otherwise effective until the statutorily required approvals and certifications have been given.

7. Arbitration, Damages, Warranties: Notwithstanding any language to the contrary, no interpretation of this contract shall be allowed to find that the State or any agency thereof or its agencies have agreed to binding arbitration, or the payment of damages or penalties upon the occurrence of a controversy. Further, the State of Kansas shall and its agencies do not agree to pay attorney fees and costs of late payment charges beyond those approved under the Kansas Prompt Payment Act (K.S.A. 75-6403), and no provision will be given effect which attempts to exclude, modify, or disclaim or otherwise limit any damages available to the State of Kansas or its agencies at law, including but not limited to the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.

8. Representative's Authority To Contract: By signing this contract, the representative of the contractor thereby represents that such person is duly authorized by the contractor to execute this contract on behalf of the contractor and that the contractor agrees to be bound by the provisions thereof.

9. Responsibility For Taxes: The State of Kansas and its agencies shall not be responsible for, nor indemnify a contractor for, any federal, state or local taxes which may be imposed or levied upon matters of this contract.

10. Insurance: The State of Kansas and its agencies shall not be required to purchase, any insurance against loss or damage to any personal property or any other subject matter relating to which this contract relates, nor shall this contract require the State to establish a "self-insurance" fund to protect against any such loss or damage. Subject to the provisions of the Kansas Tort Claims Act (K.S.A. 75-6101 et seq.), the vendor or lessor or subcontractor shall bear the risk of any loss or damage to any personal property in which vendor or lessor or subcontractor holds title.

11. Information: No provision of this contract shall be construed as limiting the Legislative Division of Post Audit from having access to information pursuant to K.S.A. 43-1101 et seq.

12. The Eleventh Amendment: The Eleventh Amendment is an inherent and incumbent protection with the State of Kansas and need not be reserved, but prudence requires the State to reiterate that nothing related to this contract shall be deemed a waiver of the Eleventh Amendment."