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Title: Qualified Providers of Energy Performance Contracting Services, ESCO

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This amendment is to be attached to the respective Price Agreement and become a part thereof.

This amendment is issued to reflect the following effective immediately:

Add the following clause:
Every state agency, unless exempted from the authority of the State Purchasing Agent pursuant to Section 13-1-99 NMSA 1978, that utilizes this statewide Price Agreement for professional services over $5,000 must process the professional services agreement template and accompanying documents through GSD’s Contracts Review Bureau.

Except as modified by this amendment, the provisions of the Price Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Date: 01/09/20
STATEWIDE PRICE AGREEMENT
90-000-18-00017AA
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
FOR
Qualified Providers of Energy Performance Contracting Services, ESCO

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the General Services Department and the State of New Mexico, herein after referred to as the "Agency", and Amersesco, Inc., herein after referred to as the "Contractor."

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES:

1. DEFINITIONS
   "Agencies" or "Agency" means eligible governmental entities under the Public Facilities Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act [NMSA 1978, 6-23], which are state government, local governments, public schools, higher educational institutions, and other instrumentalities of state government.

   "Agreement Administrator" shall mean the State Purchasing Division (SPD) of the General Service Department.

   "Close of Business" means 5:00 PM Mountain Standard or Mountain Daylight Time, whichever is in effect on the given date.

   "Contract" means any agreement for the procurement of items of tangible personal property, services or construction derived from an Invitation to Bid or RFP.

   "Deliverable" means any measurable, tangible, verifiable outcome, result, or item that must be produced to complete a project or part of a project.

   "ECMD" means the Energy Conservation and Management Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

   "EMNRD" means the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department which is responsible for managing the Whole-building Investments for Sustainable Efficiency (WISE) Program.

   "Energy Conservation Measure," or "ECM", means a training program or a modification to a facility, including buildings, systems or vehicles, designed to reduce energy consumption or conservation-related operating costs. More specifically, ECMs that may be proposed by Qualified Providers are stated in the EPC Statute and include:
   a) Insulation of the building structure or systems within the building;
   b) Storm windows or doors, caulking or weather-stripping, multi-glazed windows or doors, heat absorbing or heat reflective glazed and coated window or door systems, additional glazing, reductions in glass area or other window and door system modifications that reduce energy consumption;
   c) Automated or computerized energy control systems;
   d) Heating, ventilating or air conditioning system modifications or replacements;
e) Replacement of modification of lighting fixtures to increase the energy efficiency of the lighting system without increasing the overall illumination of a facility, unless an increase in illumination is necessary to conform to the applicable state or local building code or nationally accepted standards for the lighting system after the proposed modifications are made;
f) Energy recovery systems;
g) Solar heating and cooling systems or other renewable energy systems;
h) Cogeneration or combined heat and power systems that produce steam, chilled water or forms of energy such as heat, as well as electricity, for use primarily within a building or complex of buildings;
i) Energy conservation measures that provide long-term operating cost reductions;
j) Maintenance and operation management systems that provide long-term operating cost reductions;
k) Traffic control systems; or
l) Alternative fuel options or accessories for vehicles.

ECMs may also include “conservation-related cost savings,” which are cost savings, other than utility cost savings, in the operating budget of a Governmental Unit that are a direct result of energy or water conservation measures implemented pursuant to a Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract.

“Energy Performance Contracting” or “EPC” means a project that is backed up by a written guarantee stating that the utility cost savings and conservation-related cost savings will meet or exceed the costs of implemented ECMs or WCMs.

“ESCO” means Energy Service Company that can provide energy audit, project development, implementation, financing, and monitoring services to Agencies for ECMs or WCMs.

“Guaranteed Utility Savings Contracts,” means contracts for the evaluation and recommendation of energy or water conservation measures and for the implementation of one or more of those measures, and which contract provides that all payments, except obligations on termination of the contract before its expiration, are to be made over time and the savings are guaranteed to the extent necessary to make the payments for the conservation measures.

“Investment-Grade Energy Audit” means a study approved by a Professional Engineer registered in New Mexico that evaluates in detail the technical and economic issues necessary to justify the investment related to the proposed ECMs or WCMs.

“Local Public Body” means every political subdivision of the state and the agencies, instrumentalities and institutions thereof.

“New Mexico State Purchasing Agent” or “NMSPA” means the purchasing agent for the State of New Mexico or a designated representative. May be used interchangeably with "State Purchasing Agent" or "SPA".
“Pre-qualified” means the status of an ESCO or vendor that has been selected through an RFP process, certified by EMNRD as a Qualified Provider, and has established a statewide price agreement with the State Purchasing Agent. A pre-qualified ESCO or vendor is eligible for secondary selection processes for EPC services that Agencies may conduct.

“Price Agreement” means a definite quantity contract or indefinite quantity contract which requires the contractor to furnish items of tangible personal property or service to the procuring agency which issues a purchase order, if the purchase order is within the quantity limitations of the contract, if any.

“Procuring Agency” means any state agency or local public body that chooses to procure products or services under this agreement. Other units of government, including cities, counties, school districts, institutions of higher education and other jurisdictions not subject to the procurement authority of the SPA, are authorized to buy from this agreement.

“Products and Services Schedule” refers to the complete list of products and services offered under this agreement and the price for each. Product and service descriptions may be amended with the prior approval of the Agreement Administrator. New products and services shall not be added to the Products and Services Schedule.

“Qualified Provider” means a person experienced in the design, implementation and installation of energy or water conservation measures and who meets EMNRD’s experience qualifications for energy conservation measures or the Office of the State Engineer for water conservation measures.

“State (the State)” means the State of New Mexico.

“Statewide Price Agreement” means the contract that selected Offerors would execute in order to be deemed a Qualified Provider.

“State Purchasing Agent,” or SPA, means the purchasing agent for the State of New Mexico or a designated representative.

“Third-Party Fee” means a one (1) percent fee on the pre-gross receipts tax total of the project cost.

“Utility Cost Savings” means the amounts saved by a Governmental Unit in the purchase of energy or water that are a direct result of energy or water conservation measures implemented pursuant to a Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract.

“Water Conservation Measure,” or “WCM”, means a training program, change in maintenance practices, or facility or landscape alteration designed to reduce water consumption or conservation-related operating costs.

“You” and “your” refers to Ameresco, Inc. “We,” “us” or “our” refers to the State of New Mexico, agencies, commissions, institutions, political subdivisions and local public bodies allowed by law to participate in the Agreement and whose accounts are created under this Agreement.
2. **SCOPE OF WORK**

Pre-qualified Energy Services Companies (ESCOs) will provide Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) services for New Mexico governmental entities ("Agencies" or "Agency"). ESCOs selected through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process and who also enter into statewide price agreements, will each be deemed Qualified Providers through the WISE\(^1\) Program coordinated by the Energy Conservation and Management Division (ECMD) of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD). ESCOs selected through separate federal, state, or private procurement processes for EPC services are not pre-qualified.

The WISE Program provides a standardized process with direction and accountability for all participants in development, implementation, and measurement and verification of EPC projects by defining roles and responsibilities; formalizing process steps; establishing maximum cost schedules; providing standard contract documents; and establishing measurement and verification guidelines. Qualified Providers are approved to provide proposals to Agencies that may choose to utilize EPC services for upgrading facilities, fleets, and water infrastructure with energy and water conservation measures (ECMs and WCMs). Such EPC services are allowed by the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act (**APPENDIX P**) ("EPC Statute"), as amended. The statute citation is New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978, Chapter 6, Article 23 (6-23).

Eligible Agencies under the EPC Statute are state agencies, K-12 public school districts, higher education governmental entities, municipal and county governments, and other political subdivisions. EPC enables these Agencies to access financing and accomplish energy projects without using capital budgets; project financing costs are offset by energy cost savings. The Agencies and selected Qualified Providers will follow the EPC statute and program guidelines of EMNRD.

The selected ESCOs will commit to the EPC Statute and EMNRD's program guidelines via subsequent contracts with Agencies for specific projects. The term of the Statewide Price Agreement will be four (4) years, with continuation subject to an annual review by EMNRD of each Qualified Provider's performance. The Statewide Price Agreement will contain schedules of markups and fees as stated in the Offeror's RFP response. Compensation to Qualified Providers for specific work projects will be detailed in the resulting contracts with Agencies to implement EPC projects.

Qualified Providers market their services in conjunction with the WISE Program to potential participants. When a potential project is identified, the Qualified Provider shall work with the Agency to engage EMNRD and the WISE Program for project support. The Qualified Provider will be required to develop proposals for potential projects. Agreements established between the Qualified Provider and the Agency, as described in the following, will incorporate current state statutes and directives that directly relate to EPC, including:

- Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act [NMSA 1978, 6-23] (**APPENDIX P**) and

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\(^1\) "Whole-building Investments for Sustainable Efficiency" is the current name of the EMNRD energy efficiency program for public facilities and is supported by the State Energy Program, US Department of Energy.
The selection of ESCOs and subsequent contracting with Qualified Providers serves as a major step to enable Agencies to initiate EPC projects that upgrade facilities and generate avoided energy costs. There are three (3) phases possible in a complete EPC project, after an Agency’s selection of a Qualified Provider, as follows:

**Phase 1: Investment-Grade Energy Audit and Project Proposal**

The selected Qualified Provider and the Agency will execute the Investment-Grade Energy Audit and Project Proposal contract (APPENDIX L). This contract sets specific expectations and provides a detailed process for both the Qualified Provider and the Agency. The contract also defines the deliverables to Agency and establishes the basis for the Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract to follow. The Investment-Grade Energy Audit and Project Proposal will identify and evaluate cost-saving measures and define the proposed project scope, cost, savings, and cash-flow over the proposed financing term. A project proposal will present bundled ECMs and WCMs that can be financed through guaranteed savings.

**Phase 2: Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract and Implementation**

Upon satisfactory completion of the Investment-Grade Energy Audit and Project Proposal, the Agency will have the option to execute a Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract (APPENDIX N) with the Qualified Provider to implement the recommended project. The Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract will define the final agreed upon scope of work and all its associated costs and mutual responsibilities between the Qualified Provider and Agency, as well as improvement measures, the equipment and labor costs associated with them, and all guaranteed energy and maintenance cost savings. The Qualified Provider will solicit financing companies on behalf of Agency using the Financing Bid Package (APPENDIX M). A separate financing agreement will be developed including Qualified Provider payment schedules and lender financing terms and schedules. Upon execution of the Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract, the Qualified Provider proceeds to final design, construction, and commissioning of the ECMs and WCMs. Qualified provider shall inform EMNRD ECMD of contract execution and the total amount of the contract to initiate an invoice for the third-party fee.

**Phase 3: Performance Period**

The Performance Period of the Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract begins upon construction completion and project acceptance by Agency. The Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract may include a number of services the Qualified Provider will provide until the end of the contract, including, but not limited to, measurement and verification of savings, the savings guarantee, staff training, and contract maintenance services.

Each of the Agencies has the option to procure services of an ESCO to implement ECMs and WCMs in Agency facilities, which will avoid Agency energy costs. Selected ESCOs that establish Statewide Price Agreements will be deemed Qualified Providers for selection by any of the Agencies. The primary purposes of this Qualified Provider selection process are:

1. To ensure the Qualified Provider meets minimum qualifications and can implement successful EPC projects;
2. To provide each Agency with the opportunity to procure services of a Qualified Provider in a timely and cost-effective way;
3. To increase the number of successful Guaranteed Utility Savings Contracts statewide, as a means to implement comprehensive energy, transportation, and water efficiency projects.
There will be multiple ESCOs selected to become Qualified Providers. Selection will be based on the quality of proposals as determined by the evaluation committee. The number of EPC projects is not pre-determined and inclusion on a statewide price agreement is not a guarantee of engaging in EPC projects. However, it is also possible that the Qualified Provider may be engaged in developing and implementing more than one project at any point in time. The number of EPC projects moving forward for Agency facilities will depend on the subsequent proposals for potential projects, as requested by the Agencies.

3. PAYMENT PROVISIONS
All payments under this agreement are subject to the following provisions.

A. Acceptance - In accordance with Section 13-1-158 NMSA 1978, the agency shall determine if the product or services provided meet specifications. No payment shall be made for any products or services until the products or services have been accepted in writing by the procuring agency. Unless otherwise agreed upon between the procuring agency and the contractor, within fifteen (15) days from the date the procuring agency receives written notice from the contractor that payment is requested for services or within thirty (30) days from the receipt of products, the procuring agency shall issue a written certification of complete or partial acceptance or rejection of the products or services. Unless the procuring agency gives notice of rejection within the specified time period, the products or services will be deemed to have been accepted.

B. Issuance of Orders - Only written signed orders are valid under this Price Agreement. A Purchase Order is the approved form for state agencies issuing Contract Orders under this Price Agreement. Other authorized government entities may utilize Purchase Orders or forms adapted by them for their own use.

C. Payment of Invoice - Upon acceptance that the products or services have been received and accepted, payment shall be tendered to the contractor within thirty (30) days after the date of invoice. After the thirtieth (30th) day from the date that written certification of acceptance is issued, late payment charges shall be paid on the unpaid balance due on the contract to the contractor at the rate of one and one half percent (1.5 %) per month. Contractor may submit invoices for payment no more frequently than monthly. Payment will be made to the contractor's designated mailing address. Payment on each invoice shall be due within thirty (30) days from the date of the acceptance of the invoice. The Procuring Agencies and the State agree to pay in full the balance shown on each account's statement, by the due date shown on said statement.

D. Late Charges - If the State fails to pay as required above, the Contractor may assess a late fee on the unpaid balance of more than sixty (60) days. Late fees will be assessed at a rate based upon the billing address of each State or Procuring Agency account; therefore, the periodic (monthly) late fee rate shall be one and one half percent (1.5%) and the corresponding Annual Percentage Rate for the State of New Mexico will be eighteen percent (18%). No late fee on new purchases will be assessed during the billing cycle when the purchase was made.
4. **TERM**

THIS PRICE AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE AGENCY. This Price Agreement shall begin on the date approved by the agency and end four (4) years from the date of approval. The agency reserves the right to renew the Price Agreement on an annual basis by mutual agreement not to exceed a total of four (4) years.

5. **DEFAULT**

The State reserves the right to cancel all or any part of any orders placed under this Price Agreement without cost to the State, if the Vendor fails to meet the provisions of this Price Agreement and, except as otherwise provided herein, to hold the Vendor liable for any excess cost occasioned by the State due to the Vendor's default. The Vendor shall not be liable for any excess costs if failure to perform the order arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Vendor; such causes include, but are not restricted to, acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the State or Federal Government, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, unusually severe weather and defaults of subcontractors due to any of the above, unless the State shall determine that the supplies or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the Vendor to meet the required delivery scheduled. The rights and remedies of the State provided in this paragraph shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights now being provided by law or under this contract.

6. **TERMINATION**

   A. **For Cause** - Either party may terminate this agreement for cause based upon material breach of this agreement by the other party, provided that the non-breaching party shall give the breaching party written notice specifying the breach and shall afford the breaching party a reasonable opportunity to correct the breach. If within thirty (30) days after receipt of a written notice the breaching party has not corrected the breach or, in the case of a breach which cannot be corrected in thirty (30) days, begun and proceeded in good faith to correct the breach, the non-breaching party may declare the breaching party in default and terminate the agreement effective immediately. The non-breaching party shall retain any and all other remedies available to it under the law.

7. **AMENDMENT**

This Price Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the State Purchasing Agent and the contractor upon written notice by either party to the other. An amendment to this Price Agreement SHALL NOT AFFECT ANY OUTSTANDING ORDERS issued prior to the effective date of the amendment as mutually agreed upon, and as published by the State Purchasing Agent. Amendments affecting price adjustments and/or extension of contract expiration are not allowed unless specifically provided for in the proposal and contract documents.

8. **STATUS OF CONTRACTOR**

The contractor, and contractor's agents and employees, are independent contractors for the agency and are not employees of the State of New Mexico. The contractor, and contractor's agents and employees, shall not accrue leave, retirement, insurance, bonding, use of state vehicles, or any other benefits afforded to employees of the State of New Mexico as a result of this agreement. The contractor acknowledges that all sums received hereunder are personally
reportable by it for income tax purposes as self-employment or business income and are reportable for self-employment tax.

9. ASSIGNMENT
   A. Neither this price agreement, any orders placed under this price agreement, any interest therein, nor claim thereunder, shall be assigned or transferred by the Vendor, except as set forth in Subparagraph 10B below or as expressly authorized in writing by the State Purchasing Agent. No such assignment or transfer shall relieve the Vendor from the obligations and liabilities under this Price Agreement.

   B. Vendor agrees that any and all claims for overcharge resulting from antitrust violations which are borne by the State as to goods, services, and materials purchased in connection with this bid are hereby assigned to the State.

10. SUBCONTRACTING
    The contractor shall not subcontract any portion of any services to be performed under this agreement without written approval from the State Purchasing Agent. The following subcontractor(s) have been approved to supply resources for this agreement <__________________________>.

11. NON-COLLUSION
    In signing this agreement, the Vendor certifies he/she has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the offer submitted to the State Purchasing Agent.

12. INSPECTION OF PLANT
    The State Purchasing Agent may inspect, at any reasonable time, during Contractor's regular business hours and upon prior written notice the part of the contractor's, or any subcontractor's plant or place of business, which is related to the performance of this contract.

13. COMMERCIAL WARRANTY
    The Vendor agrees that the tangible personal property or services furnished under this price agreement shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranties the Vendor gives to any customer for such tangible personal property or services, and that the rights and remedies provided herein shall extend to the State and are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to the State by any other clause of this order. Vendor agrees not to disclaim warranties of fitness for a particular purpose of merchantability.

14. CONDITION OF PROPOSED ITEMS
    All proposed items are to be NEW and of most current production, unless otherwise specified.

15. RECORDS OF AUDIT
    During the term of this agreement and for three years thereafter, the contractor shall maintain detailed records pertaining to the services rendered and products delivered. These records shall be subject to inspection by the agency, the State Auditor and other appropriate state and federal authorities. The agency shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment.
Payment under this agreement shall not foreclose the right of the agency to recover excessive or illegal payments.

16. APPROPRIATIONS
The terms of this agreement, and any orders placed under it, are contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorization being made by the legislature of New Mexico for the performance of this agreement. If sufficient appropriations and authorization are not made by the legislature, this agreement, and any orders placed under it, shall terminate upon written notice being given by the agency to the contractor. The agency’s decision as to whether sufficient appropriations are available shall be accepted by the contractor and shall be final.

17. RELEASE
The contractor, upon final payment of the amount due under this agreement, releases the agency, its officers and employees, and the State of New Mexico from all liabilities, claims and obligations whatsoever arising from or under this agreement. The contractor agrees not to purport to bind the State of New Mexico, unless the contractor has express written authority to do so, and then only within the strict limits of that authority.

18. CONFIDENTIALITY
Any confidential information provided to or developed by the contractor in the performance of this agreement shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the contractor without prior written approval by the procuring agency.

19. CONFLICT OF INTEREST
The contractor warrants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with any performance required under this agreement. The contractor shall comply with any applicable provisions of the New Mexico Governmental Conduct Act and the New Mexico Financial Disclosures Act.

20. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVES
The agency reserves the right to require a change in contractor representatives if the assigned representatives are not, in the opinion of the agency, serving the needs of the State of New Mexico adequately.

21. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT
This agreement incorporates all the agreements, covenants, and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such covenants, agreements and understandings have been merged into this written agreement. No prior agreement or understandings, verbal or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless embodied in this agreement.

22. NOTICE
The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199 NMSA 1978, imposes civil and misdemeanor criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.
23. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE**
The contractor agrees to abide by all federal and state laws, rules and regulations, and executive orders of the governor of the State of New Mexico, pertaining to equal employment opportunity. In accordance with all such laws, rules, and regulations, and executive orders of the governor of the State of New Mexico, the contractor agrees to assure that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual preference, age or handicap, be excluded from employment with or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity performed under this agreement. If contractor is found to be not in compliance with these requirements during the life of this agreement, contractor agrees to take appropriate steps to correct these deficiencies.

24. **INDEMNIFICATION**
The contractor shall hold the state and its agencies and employees harmless and shall indemnify the state and its agencies and employees against any and all claims, suits, actions, liabilities and costs of any kind, including attorney's fees for personal injury or damage to property arising from the acts or omissions of the contractor, its agents, officers, employees or subcontractors. The contractor shall not be liable for any injury or damage as a result of any negligent act or omission committed by the agency, its officers or employees.

25. **NEW MEXICO EMPLOYEES HEALTH COVERAGE.**
   A. If Contractor has, or grows to, six (6) or more employees who work, or who are expected to work, an average of at least 20 hours per week over a six (6) month period during the term of the contract, Contractor certifies, by signing this agreement, to:
      1) have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the contract, health insurance for those employees and offer that health insurance to those employees no later than July 1, 2008 if the expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the State exceed one million dollars or;
      2) have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the contract, health insurance for those employees and offer that health insurance to those employees no later than July 1, 2009 if the expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the State exceed $500,000 dollars or;
      3) have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the contract, health insurance for those employees and offer that health insurance to those employees no later than July 1, 2010 if the expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the State exceed $250,000 dollars.
   B. Contractor agrees to maintain a record of the number of employees who have (a) accepted health insurance; (b) declined health insurance due to other health insurance coverage already in place; or (c) declined health insurance for other reasons. These records are subject to review and audit by a representative of the state.
   C. Contractor agrees to advise all employees of the availability of State publicly financed health care coverage programs by providing each employee with, as a minimum, the following web site link to additional information: [http://insurenewmexico.state.nm.us/](http://insurenewmexico.state.nm.us/).
   D. For Indefinite Quantity, Indefinite Delivery contracts (price agreements without specific limitations on quantity and providing for an indeterminate number of orders to be placed
against it); Contractor agrees these requirements shall apply the first day of the second month after the Offeror reports combined sales (from state and, if applicable, from local public bodies if from a statewide price agreement) of $250,000, $500,000 or $1,000,000, depending on the dollar value threshold in effect at that time.

26. **APPLICABLE LAW**
This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico.

27. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**
The contractor's liability to the agency, or any procuring agency, for any cause whatsoever shall be limited to the purchase price paid to the contractor for the products and services that are the subject of the agency's, or the procuring agency’s, claim. The foregoing limitation does not apply to paragraph 27 of this agreement or to damages resulting from personal injury caused by the contractor's negligence.

28. **BINDING ARBITRATION**
Any controversy or claim arising between the parties shall be settled by binding arbitration pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

29. **INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE AND PRECEDENCE**
This agreement is derived from (1) the request for proposal, (including any written clarifications to the request for proposals and any agency response to questions); (2) the contractor’s best and final offer; and (3) the contractor’s response to the request for proposals.

In the event of a dispute under this agreement, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence: (1) amendments to the agreement in reverse chronological order; (2) the agreement, including the scope of work; (3) the request for proposals, including attachments thereto and written responses to questions and written clarifications; (4) the contractor’s best and final offer; and (5) the contractors response to the request for proposals.

30. **WORKERS’ COMPENSATION**
The contractor agrees to comply with state laws and rules applicable to workers’ compensation benefits for its employees. If the contractor fails to comply with the Workers’ Compensation Act and applicable rules when required to do so, this agreement may be terminated by the agency.

31. **IMPRACTICALITY OF PERFORMANCE**
A party shall be excused from performance under this agreement for any period that the party is prevented from performing as a result of an act of God, strike, war, civil disturbance, epidemic, or court order, provided that the party has prudently and promptly acted to take any and all steps that are within the party's control to ensure performance. Subject to this provision, such non-performance shall not be deemed a default or a ground for termination.

32. **INVALID TERM OR CONDITION**
If any term or condition of this agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this agreement shall not be affected and shall be valid and enforceable.
33. **ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT**
A party's failure to require strict performance of any provision of this agreement shall not waive or diminish that party's right thereafter to demand strict compliance with that or any other provision. No waiver by a party of any of its rights under this agreement shall be effective unless express and in writing, and no effective waiver by a party of any of its rights shall be effective to waive any other rights.

34. **PATENT, COPYRIGHT AND TRADE SECRET INDEMNIFICATION**
The contractor shall defend, at its own expense, the state and its agencies against any claim that any product or service provided under this agreement infringes any patent, copyright to trademark in the United States or Puerto Rico, and shall pay all costs, damages and attorneys' fees that a court finally awards as a result of any such claim. In addition, if any third party obtains a judgment against the agency based upon contractor's trade secret infringement relating to any product or services provided under this agreement, the contractor agrees to reimburse the state for all costs, attorneys' fees and amount of the judgment. To qualify for such defense and or payment, the agency shall:

A. give the contractor prompt written notice within 48 hours of any claim;
B. allow the contractor to control the defense of settlement of the claim; and
C. cooperate with the contractor in a reasonable way to facilitate the defense or settlement of the claim.

If any product or service becomes, or in the contractor’s opinion is likely to become the subject of a claim of infringement, the contractor shall at its option and expense:

A. provide the agency the right to continue using the product or service and fully indemnify the agency against all claims that may arise out of the agency’s use of the product or service;
B. replace or modify the product or service so that it becomes non-infringing; or,
C. accept the return of the product or service and refund an amount equal to the value of the returned product or service, less the unpaid portion of the purchase price and any other amounts, which are due to the contractor. The contractor’s obligation will be void as to any product or service modified by the agency to the extent such modification is the cause of the claim.

35. **SURVIVAL**
The agreement paragraph titled "patent, copyright, trademark, and trade secret indemnification; indemnification; and limit of liability" shall survive the expiration of this agreement. Software licenses, leases, maintenance and any other unexpired agreements that were entered into under the terms and conditions of this agreement shall survive this agreement.

36. **DISCLOSURE REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY**
*The Contractor and/or any of its Principals who seek to enter into a contract greater than twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.00) with any state agency or local public body for professional services, tangible personal property, services or construction agree to disclose whether they, or any principal of their company:*
Are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for award of contract by any federal entity, state agency or local public body.

Have within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes related to the submission of offers; or commission in any federal or state jurisdiction of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violation of Federal criminal tax law, or receiving stolen property.

Are presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by any (federal, state or local) government entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in Paragraph B of this disclosure.

Have preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent federal or state taxes in an amount that exceeds $3,000.00 of which the liability remains unsatisfied.

A. Taxes are considered delinquent if both of the following criteria apply:
   1) The tax liability is finally determined. The liability is finally determined if it has been assessed. A liability is not finally determined if there is a pending administrative or judicial challenge. In the case of a judicial challenge of the liability, the liability is not finally determined until all judicial appeal rights have been exhausted.
   2) The taxpayer is delinquent in making payment. A taxpayer is delinquent if the taxpayer has failed to pay the tax liability when full payment was due and required. A taxpayer is not delinquent in cases where enforced collection action is precluded.
   3) The taxpayer has within a three year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any federal or state agency or local public body.

Principal, for the purpose of this disclosure, means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity or related entities.

The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Procurement Manager or Buyer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its disclosure was erroneous when submitting or became erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

A disclosure that any of the items in this requirement exist will not necessarily result in withholding an award under this solicitation. However, the disclosure will be considered in the determination of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a disclosure or provide additional information as requested will render the Offeror nonresponsive.

Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the disclosure required by this document. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is the normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
The disclosure requirement provided is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making an award and is a continuing material representation of the facts. If during the performance of the contract, the contractor is indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by any government entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any offenses named in this document the contractor must provide immediate written notice to the Procurement Manager or Buyer. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous disclosure, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the State Purchasing Agent or Central Purchasing Officer may terminate the involved contract for cause. Still further the State Purchasing Agent or Central Purchasing Officer may suspend or debar the contractor from eligibility for future solicitations until such time as the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the State Purchasing Agent or Central Purchasing Officer.

37. NOTIFICATION
Either party may give written notice to the other party in accordance with the terms of paragraph 38. Any written notice required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be deemed to have been given on the date of delivery if delivered by personal service or hand delivery or three (3) business days after being mailed.

To agency: Mark Hayden, State Purchasing Agent
Office address: 1100 South St. Francis Drive
(for express carrier and hand deliveries) Joseph M. Montoya Building, Rm. 2016
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-4108
(505) 827-0472 (voice); (505) 827-2484 (fax)
Mark.Hayden@state.nm.us

For all US Mail use: P. O. Box 6850
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

To contractor: Ameresco, Inc.
2375 E Camelback Road, Suite 400
Phoenix, AZ 85016
Bob Georgeff (480) 499-9122
rgeorgeff@ameresco.com

Either party may change its representative or address above by written notice to the other in accordance with the terms of Paragraph 38. The carrier for mail delivery and notices shall be the agent of the sender.

38. AMENDMENTS
This agreement shall only be amended by written instrument executed by the parties.

39. SUCCESSION
This agreement shall extend to and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement as of the date of execution by:

The records of the Taxation and Revenue Department reflect that the contractor is registered with the Taxation and Revenue Department of the State of New Mexico to pay gross receipts and compensating taxes.

TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT

NM State Tax ID No.: 03-009549-002

BY: [Signature]  
DATE: 5/20/19

Taxation and Revenue is only verifying the registration and will not confirm or deny taxability statements contained in this contract.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
General Services Department

BY: [Signature]  
TITLE: Director  
DATE: [June 13, 2019]

CONTRACTOR:
Ameresco, Inc.
2375 E Camelback Road, Suite 400
Phoenix, AZ 85016
Bob Georgeoff (480) 499-9122

Federal Tax ID No.: 04-3518838

BY: [Signature]  
TITLE: Vice President  
DATE: 5/20/2019
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

NAME OF AGENCY

GENERAL SERVICES CONTRACT #___________________________

FOR

INVESTMENT-GRADE ENERGY AUDIT AND PROJECT PROPOSAL

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the State of New Mexico, NAME OF AGENCY, a governmental entity hereinafter referred to as the "Agency," and NAME OF CONTRACTOR, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor," and is effective as of the date set forth below upon which it is executed by the Department of Finance and Administration ("DFA").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, this Agreement was created for use by New Mexico government entities to obtain an Investment-Grade Energy Audit of a facility from a private energy service company (CONTRACTOR);

WHEREAS, authority exists in the law for Agency to enter into this contract, and funds have been budgeted, appropriated and otherwise made available; a sufficient unencumbered balance thereof remains available for payment; and the required approval, clearance and coordination have been accomplished from and with appropriate agencies;

WHEREAS, Contractor is a company with experience and technical and management capabilities to provide for the discovery, engineering, procurement, installation, financing, savings guarantee, maintenance and monitoring of energy and water conserving measures at facilities similar in size, function and system type to Agency's facilities;

WHEREAS, Contractor has submitted a proposal, in response to Agency's Request for Proposals (RFP), pertaining to the discovery, engineering, procurement, installation, financing, savings guarantee, maintenance and monitoring of energy and water conserving measures at Agency's facilities;

WHEREAS, Agency has selected Contractor to provide the services described herein;

WHEREAS, Agency desires to enter into a contract to have Contractor perform an Investment-Grade Energy Audit and Project Proposal to determine the feasibility of entering into a Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract to provide for installation and implementation of energy and water conserving measures at Agency's facilities; and

WHEREAS, if energy and water conserving measures are determined to be feasible, and if the amount of savings can be reasonably sufficient to cover all costs, as defined by Agency, associated with an Energy Savings Performance Contracting project, the parties intend to negotiate an Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract under which the Contractor will design, procure, install, implement, maintain and monitor such energy and water conserving measures. However, this intent does not commit Agency to entering into such a Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract.
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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, and
intending...to be... legally... bound... hereby,... Agency... and... Contractor... hereof... covenant... and... agree... that... the
following Exhibits are attached hereto (or will be, as provided in this Agreement) and are made a part of
this Agreement by reference.

IT IS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES:

1. **Scope of Work.**
   Contractor shall:

   A. Perform an Investment-Grade Energy Audit (Audit) in accordance with this Agreement.
   Contractor shall work diligently to assess validity of information provided and to confirm or correct the
   information as needed to provide a complete and accurate Audit. Agency will assist Contractor in
   performing the Audit as described in this Agreement. Agency will work diligently to provide full and
   accurate information needed by Contractor for the Audit. The parties contemplate that development of
   the Audit will be an iterative process and that Agency will have a reasonable amount of time, not less than
   30 calendar days but not exceeding 90 calendar days from Agency receipt of Audit report, to review and
   determine acceptance of Audit report before considering issuance of the Notice of Acceptance (Exhibit
   A).

   B. Submit a Project Proposal (Proposal) to Agency within 30 calendar days of Audit report
   submittal that provides a package of energy and water conserving measures, including details as specified
   in this Agreement.

   C. In order to successfully implement this project, Contractor shall:
      I. **Conduct assessment.**
         (a) Meet with Agency to establish interests, plans, problems, and any other
             issues related to facilities and operation of facilities.
         (b) Collect data and background information on buildings, equipment and
             facilities operation and energy use for the most recent three years from the effective date of this Contract
             as follows:

             (1) Building square footage;
             (2) Construction data of buildings and major additions including
                 building envelope;
             (3) Utility company invoices;
             (4) Occupancy and usage information;
             (5) Description of all energy-consuming or energy-saving equipment
                 used on the premises, as available;
             (6) Description of energy management procedures utilized on the
                 premises;
             (7) Description of any energy-related improvements made or
                 currently being implemented;
             (8) Description of any changes in the structure of the facility or
                 energy-using or water-using equipment;
             (9) Description of future plans regarding building modifications or
                 equipment modifications and replacements;
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(10) Drawings, as available (may include mechanical, plumbing, electrical, building automation and temperature controls, structural, architectural, modifications and remodels);
(11) Original construction submittals and factory data (specifications, pump curves, and any similar documentation), as available;
(12) Operating engineer logs, maintenance work orders, and any similar documentation, as available;
(13) Records of maintenance expenditures on energy-using equipment, including service contracts;
(14) Prior energy audits or studies, if any.

(c) Perform a preliminary walk-through of facilities and interview staff and occupants to identify potential measures.
(d) Meet with Agency to present preliminary findings and establish agreement on measures to analyze.

II. Identify potential measures.
(a) Interview the facility manager, maintenance staff, subcontractors and occupants of each building regarding:
(1) Facility operation, including energy management procedures;
(2) Equipment maintenance problems;
(3) Comfort problems and requirements;
(4) Equipment reliability;
(5) Projected equipment needs;
(6) Occupancy and use schedules for the facility and specific equipment;
(7) Past, planned, and desired facility improvements.

(b) Survey major energy-using equipment, including indoor and outdoor lighting, heating and heat distribution systems, cooling systems and related equipment, automatic temperature control systems and equipment, air distribution systems and equipment, outdoor ventilation systems and equipment, exhaust systems and equipment, hot water systems, electric motors, transmission and drive systems, special systems (including kitchen/dining equipment), renewable energy systems, other energy using systems, and water consuming systems (restroom fixtures, water fountains, irrigation systems, and other water systems).
(1) Verify settings of control systems that include computer controls systems and building thermostats
(2) Measure lighting levels at various locations in a building to determine if recommended lighting levels exist
(3) Inspect filters for heating and cooling systems to determine the status of maintenance activities
(4) Consider maintenance staff and occupant concerns related to heating, cooling, and lighting

(c) Perform "late-night" surveys outside of normal business hours or on weekends to confirm building system and occupancy schedules, if deemed necessary.
(d) Develop a preliminary list of potential energy and water conserving measures. Consider the following for each system:
(1) Comfort and maintenance problems;
(2) Energy use, loads, proper sizing, efficiencies and hours of operation;
(3) Current operating condition;
(4) Remaining useful life;
(5) Feasibility of system replacement;
(6) Hazardous materials and other environmental concerns;
(7) Agency’s future plans for equipment replacement or building renovations;
(8) Facility operation and maintenance procedures that could be affected;
(9) Capability to monitor energy performance and verify savings.

III. Analyze measures.

(a) Establish base year consumption by examining utility bills for the past three years for electricity, gas, steam, water, and any other energy or fuel types. Present base year consumption in terms of energy units as used in utility bills, in terms of dollars, and in terms of dollars per square foot. Describe the process used to determine the base year (such as averaging, selecting most representative contiguous 12 months, or other methods). Consult with facility personnel to account for any anomalous schedule or operating conditions on billings that could skew the base year representation. Contractor shall account for periods of time when equipment was broken or malfunctioning in calculating the base year.

(b) Estimate loading, usage and/or hours of operation for all major end uses of total facility consumption including, but not limited to: lighting, heating, cooling, motors (fans and pumps), plug loads, and other major energy and water using equipment. Where loading or usage are highly uncertain (including variable loads such as cooling), Contractor will use its best judgment, spot measurements or short-term monitoring. Contractor should not assume that equipment run hours equal the operating hours of the building(s) or facility staff estimates.

(c) Reconcile annual end-use estimated consumption with the annual base year consumption. This reconciliation will place reasonable “real-world” limits on potential savings.

(d) Propose adjustments to the baseline for energy and water conserving measures that will be implemented in the future. Adjustments made to the energy baseline shall only be made for any of the following changes in conditions affecting the facility:

(1) utility rates;
(2) number of days in the utility billing cycle;
(3) floor area of the facility;
(4) operational schedule of the facility;
(5) facility temperature;
(6) weather, if change is significant;
(7) amount of equipment or lighting used in the facility, if change is significant;
(8) space type(s) in the facility, if change is significant; and
(9) material change(s) in or to the facility.

(e) Develop a preliminary analysis of potential energy and water conserving measures. This resulting list of measures shall be compiled and submitted to Agency within 90 calendar days of the execution of this Contract. Furthermore:

(1) List all potential measures, whether cost-effective or not. Consider technologies in a comprehensive approach including,
but not limited to: lighting systems, heating/ventilating/air conditioning equipment and distribution systems, controls systems, building envelope, motors, kitchen equipment, pools, renewable energy systems, other special equipment, irrigation systems, and water conserving devices.

(2) Identify measures which appear likely to be cost effective and therefore warrant detailed analysis.

(3) For each measure, prepare a preliminary estimate of energy or water cost savings, including description of analysis methodology, supporting calculations and assumptions used to estimate savings.

(f) Meet with Agency to present preliminary findings prior to thorough analysis. Describe how the projected project economics meet the Agency’s terms for completing the Investment-Grade Energy Audit and Proposal Contract. Discuss assessment of energy use, savings potential, project opportunities, and potential for developing an energy performance contract. Develop a list of recommended measures for further analysis. The Agency shall have the option to reject calculations of savings, potential savings allowed, or project recommendations.

(g) Perform final analysis of savings and costs for each energy and water conserving measure, including the following:

(1) Follow the methodology of American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers or other nationally-recognized authority following the engineering principle(s) identified for each retrofit option.

(2) Utilize assumptions, projections and baselines which best represent the true value of future energy or operational savings. Include accurate marginal costs for each unit of savings at the time the audit is performed, documentation of material and labor cost savings, adjustments to the baseline to reflect current conditions at the facility, calculations which account for the interactive effects of the recommended measures.

(3) Use best judgment regarding the employment of instrumentation and recording durations so as to achieve an accurate and faithful characterization of energy use.

(4) Use markups and fees stated above in all cost estimates.

(5) Develop a preliminary measurement and verification plan for each measure.

(6) Follow additional guidelines for analysis and report preparation given below.

(7) Include cost to provide services and complete application for Energy Star Label, LEED-EB certification for Existing Buildings, or other certification. Also include cost for EPA’s Tools for Schools or other such program related to improved air quality.

IV. Provide Investment-Grade Energy Audit Report
The report provides an engineering and economic basis for negotiating a potential Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract between the Agency and the Contractor.
(a) Contractor shall prepare and submit to Agency a draft Investment-Grade Energy Audit Report within 90 calendar days of the date of execution of this Contract. The report shall provide the following information:

(1) Overview, which shall include:
   i) Contact information;
   ii) Summary table of recommended energy and water conserving measures, with itemization for each measure of total design and construction cost, annual maintenance costs, the first year cost avoidance (in dollars and energy units), simple payback and equipment service life;
   iii) Summary of annual energy and water use by fuel type and costs of existing or base year condition;
   iv) Calculation of cost savings expected if all recommended measures are implemented and total percentage savings of total facility energy cost;
   v) Description of the existing facility, mechanical and electrical systems;
   vi) Summary description of measures, including estimated costs and savings for each as detailed above;
   vii) Discussion of measures considered but not investigated in detail;
   viii) Conclusions and recommendations.

(2) Base year energy use, which shall include:
   i) Description and itemization of current billing rates, including schedules and riders;
   ii) Summary of all utility bills for all fuel types and water;
   iii) Identification and definition of base year consumption and description of how established;
   iv) Reconciliation of estimated end use consumption (i.e. lighting, cooling, heating, fans, plug loads, etc) with base year (include discussion of any unusual findings).

(3) Full written description of each energy and water conserving measure, which shall include:
   i) Existing conditions;
   ii) Description of equipment to be installed and how it will function;
   iii) Discussion of facility operations and maintenance procedures that will be affected by installation/implementation;
   iv) Plan for installing or implementing the recommended measure.

(4) Allowable cost and savings factors approved for consideration. Agency will provide Contractor with sufficient guidance to develop savings estimates, which shall include:
   i) Payment sources that can be incorporated:
      • Energy and water cost savings;
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- Material/commodity savings, including scheduled replacement of parts (only for years that these cost savings are applicable);
- Outside labor cost savings, including maintenance contracts;
- In-house labor costs;
- Deferred maintenance cost;
- Offset of future capital cost;
- Outside incentive funds (utility incentives, grants, etc.);
- Any savings related to maintenance and operation of the facilities will be limited to those that can be thoroughly documented;

ii) Payment sources that may also be considered and negotiated;

iii) Additional factors related to establishing savings that cover all costs:

- Escalation rates that apply to each payment source. These are rates to be used in cash flow projections for project development purposes;
  
  \textit{NOTE: Use federal government guidelines on utility escalation rates to ensure reasonableness.}

- Interest rates (municipal tax-exempt rates for public agencies);

- Agency cash outlay (Agency’s sole discretion);

iv) The markup costs are presented in Exhibit B: Cost and Pricing. These rates will be used in the Investment-Grade Energy Audit and subsequent Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract.

(e) Savings calculations

1. Base year energy use and cost.
2. Post-retrofit energy use and cost.
3. Savings estimates including analysis methodology, supporting calculations and assumptions used.
4. Annual savings estimates. The cost savings for all energy conserving measures must be estimated for each year during the contract period. Savings must be able to be achieved each year (cannot report average annual savings over the term of the contract).
5. Savings estimates must be limited to savings allowed by the Agency as described above.
6. Percent cost-avoidance projected.
7. Description and calculations for any proposed rate changes.
8. Explanation of how savings interactions between retrofit options are accounted for in calculations.
9. Operation and maintenance savings, including detailed calculations and description. Ensure that maintenance savings
are only applied in the applicable years and only during the lifetime of the particular equipment.

(10) If computer simulation is used, include a short description and state key input data. If requested by Agency, access will be provided to the program and all assumptions and inputs used, and/or printouts shall be provided of all input files and important output files and included in the Investment-Grade Energy Audit with documentation that explains how the final savings figures are derived from the simulation program output printouts.

(11) If manual calculations are employed, formulas, assumptions and key data shall be stated.

(12) Conclusions, observations, and caveats.

(f) Cost estimate -- detailed scope of the construction work needed, suitable for cost estimating. Include all anticipated costs associated with installation and implementation. Provide specifications for major mechanical components as well as detailed lighting and water fixture counts.

(1) Engineering/design costs.
(2) Contractor/vendor estimates for labor, materials, and equipment; include special provisions, overtime, etc., as needed to accomplish the work with minimum disruption to the operations of the facilities.
(3) Permit costs.
(4) Construction management fees.
(5) Environmental costs or benefits (disposal, avoided emissions, handling of hazardous materials, etc.).
(6) Note that all markups and fees stated in this Contract shall be used in the cost estimates, unless otherwise documented and justified due to change in scope or size of project or other unforeseen circumstances.
(7) Conclusions, observations, and caveats.
(8) Other cost categories as defined above under “markups” in Section 3b above.

(g) Other
(1) Estimate of average useful service life of equipment.
(2) Preliminary commissioning plan.
(3) Preliminary measurement and verification plan, following the International Performance Measurement and Verification Protocol (IPMVP), explaining how savings from each measure is to be measured and verified (stipulated by Contract, utility bill analysis, end-use measurement and calculation, etc.). The Preliminary M&V plan shall follow the format provided in Exhibit C: Guidelines for Draft Measurement and Verification Plan.
(4) Discussion of impacts that facility would incur after contract ends. Consider operation and maintenance impacts, staffing
impacts, budget impacts, etc., and identify who is responsible for maintenance.

(5) Compatibility with existing systems. NOTE: Include the name of the existing controls system, if new controls systems will have to be compatible with an existing brand of controls. Also note if a sole-source vendor is established for controls systems.

(6) Complete appendices that document the data used to prepare the analyses. Describe how data were collected.

(b) Contractor shall meet with Agency to: review the recommendations, savings calculations and impact of the measures on the operations of the facility; describe how the projected project economics meet the Agency’s terms for completing the Investment-Grade Energy Audit and Project Proposal; and discuss the willingness and capability of Agency to make capital contributions to the project to improve the economics of the overall project.

(c) Contractor shall revise Audit Report as directed by Agency and shall submit final Investment-Grade Energy Audit Report within 30 days of the above meeting.

V. Provide Project Proposal (term sheet).

(a) In anticipation of Contractor and Agency entering into a Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract to design, install, and monitor the energy and water conserving measures proposed in the Investment-Grade Energy Audit Report, Contractor shall prepare a proposal for terms to be incorporated in the Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract, which shall include:

(1) Project Cost is the total amount Agency will pay for the project and Contractor’s services. Costs must be consistent with maximum markups and fees established above. Costs may include but are not limited to: engineering, designing, packaging, procuring, installing (from Investment-Grade Energy Audit Report results); performance/payment bond costs; construction management fees; commissioning costs; maintenance fees; monitoring fees; training fees; legal services; overhead and profit; other markups.

(2) Include a List of Services that will be provided as related to each cost.

(3) Expected term of the Energy Performance Contract.

(4) Description of how the project will be financed including available interest rates and financing terms, based on interest rates likely available to Agency at this time, and based on a 60-day and 90-day lock option.

(5) Explanation of how the savings will be calculated and adjusted due to weather (such as heating and cooling degree days), occupancy or other factors. Monitoring and verification methods must be consistent with the International Performance Monitoring and Verification Protocol 2000.

(6) Analysis of annual cash flow for Agency during the contract term.
(7) Contractor agrees to meet with Agency to present results and negotiate final terms.

(b) Services will be performed (AT)(WITHIN)(LOCATION).

2. **Compensation.**

A. Except as provided for in subparagraphs 2D and 2E below, the Agency shall pay to the Contractor in full payment for services satisfactorily performed pursuant to the Scope of Work at the rate of ______________ dollars ($________) in FYXX (USE FISCAL YEAR NUMBER TO DESCRIBE YEAR; DO NOT USE FY1, FY2, ETC.). The New Mexico gross receipts tax levied on the amounts payable under this Agreement in FYXX totaling ______________ dollars ($________) shall be paid by the Agency to the Contractor. The total amount payable to the Contractor under this Agreement, including gross receipts tax and expenses, shall not exceed ______________ dollars ($________) in FYXX.

(REPEAT LANGUAGE FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT -- USE FISCAL YEAR NUMBER TO DESCRIBE EACH YEAR; DO NOT USE FY1, FY2, ETC.).

Payment in FYXX, FYXX, FYXX, and FYXX is subject to availability of funds pursuant to the Appropriations Paragraph set forth below and to any negotiations between the parties from year to year pursuant to Paragraph 1, Scope of Work, and to approval by the DFA. All invoices MUST BE received by the Agency no later than fifteen (15) days after the termination of the Fiscal Year in which the services were delivered. Invoices received after such date WILL NOT BE PAID.

B. The total amount payable to the Contractor under this Agreement, including gross receipts tax and expenses, shall not exceed ______________ dollars ($________). This amount is a maximum and not a guarantee that the work assigned to the Contractor under this Agreement to be performed shall equal the amount stated herein. This amount is based on a maximum of [facility floor area to be audited] gross square feet at [unit dollar amount in words] US dollars ($[unit dollar amount]) per square foot of audited facility floor area, as per Exhibit B, Cost and Pricing. Agency shall only pay for facility floor area actually audited. Areas not audited Contractor will not be charged to Agency.

C. Contractor must submit a detailed statement accounting for all services performed and expenses incurred. If the Agency finds that the services are not acceptable, within thirty days after the date of receipt of written notice from the Contractor that payment is requested, it shall provide the Contractor a letter of exception explaining the defect or objection to the services, and outlining steps the Contractor may take to provide remedial action. Upon certification by the Agency that the services have been received and accepted, payment shall be tendered to the Contractor within thirty days after the date of acceptance. If payment is made by mail, the payment shall be deemed tendered on the date it is postmarked. However, the agency
shall not incur late charges, interest, or penalties for failure to make payment within the time specified herein.

D. Agency shall have no payment obligations under this contract, provided that Contractor and Agency execute a Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract within 120 days [allows sufficient time for contract negotiation, attorney review, and Agency processing days], after issuance of the Notice of Acceptance (Exhibit A) of the final Investment-Grade Energy Audit and Project Proposal, but the fee indicated above shall be incorporated into Contractor's project costs in the Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract and paid through the Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract funding mechanisms.

E. Agency shall have no payment obligations under this Contract in the event that Contractor's final Investment-Grade Energy Audit and Project Proposal does not contain a package of energy and water conservation measures which, if implemented and as meeting terms of Scope of Work, will provide the Agency with utility cost savings sufficient to fund Agency's payments of all costs and fees associated with the Guaranteed Utility Savings Contract, including: 1) the fee associated with the Investment-Grade Energy Audit; 2) all monthly payments on a lease purchase agreement to finance the measures; and 3) any annual fees for monitoring and maintenance incurred by the Contractor. Should the Contractor determine at any time during the Investment-Grade Energy Audit that savings cannot be attained to meet these terms, the Investment-Grade Energy Audit will be terminated by written notice by Contractor to Agency. In this event, this Agreement shall be terminated and Agency shall have no obligation to pay, in whole or in part, the amounts specified in subparagraphs 2A or 2B.

3. Term.

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE AGENCY OR THE STATE PURCHASING AGENT, IF REQUIRED. This Agreement shall begin on date approved by the agency or the State Purchasing Agent, if the State Purchasing Agent has signed this Agreement, and end on DATE. The agency reserves the right to renew the contract on an annual basis by mutual agreement not exceed a total of XXX years in accordance with NMSA 1978 §13-1-150.

4. Termination.

A. Grounds. The Agency may terminate this Agreement for convenience or cause. The Contractor may only terminate this Agreement based upon the Agency's uncured, material breach of this Agreement.

B. Notice; Agency Opportunity to Cure.

1. Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph (4)(B)(3), the Agency shall give Contractor written notice of termination at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of termination.

2. Contractor shall give Agency written notice of termination at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of termination, which notice shall (i) identify all the Agency's material breaches of this Agreement upon which the termination is based and (ii) state
what the Agency must do to cure such material breaches. Contractor’s notice of termination shall only be effective (i) if the Agency does not cure all material breaches within the thirty (30) day notice period or (ii) in the case of material breaches that cannot be cured within thirty (30) days, the Agency does not, within the thirty (30) day notice period, notify the Contractor of its intent to cure and begin with due diligence to cure the material breach.

3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be terminated immediately upon written notice to the Contractor (i) if the Contractor becomes unable to perform the services contracted for, as determined by the Agency; (ii) if, during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor is suspended or debarred by the State Purchasing Agent; or (iii) the Agreement is terminated pursuant to Paragraph 5, “Appropriations”, of this Agreement.

C. Liability. Except as otherwise expressly allowed or provided under this Agreement, the Agency’s sole liability upon termination shall be to pay for acceptable work performed prior to the Contractor’s receipt or issuance of a notice of termination; provided, however, that a notice of termination shall not nullify or otherwise affect either party’s liability for pre-termination defaults under or breaches of this Agreement. The Contractor shall submit an invoice for such work within thirty (30) days of receiving or sending the notice of termination. THIS PROVISION IS NOT EXCLUSIVE AND DOES NOT WAIVE THE AGENCY’S OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES CAUSED BY THE CONTRACTOR’S DEFAULT/BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT.

D. Termination Management. Immediately upon receipt by either the Agency or the Contractor of notice of termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall: 1) not incur any further obligations for salaries, services or any other expenditure of funds under this Agreement without written approval of the Agency; 2) comply with all directives issued by the Agency in the notice of termination as to the performance of work under this Agreement; and 3) take such action as the Agency shall direct for the protection, preservation, retention or transfer of all property titled to the Agency and records generated under this Agreement. Any non-expendable personal property or equipment provided to or purchased by the Contractor with contract funds shall become property of the Agency upon termination and shall be submitted to the agency as soon as practicable.

5. Appropriations.

The terms of this Agreement are contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorization being made by the Legislature of New Mexico for the performance of this Agreement. If sufficient appropriations and authorization are not made by the Legislature, this Agreement shall terminate immediately upon written notice being given by the Agency to the Contractor. The Agency’s decision as to whether sufficient appropriations are available shall be accepted by the Contractor and shall be final. If the Agency proposes an amendment to the Agreement to unilaterally reduce funding, the Contractor shall have the option to terminate the Agreement or to agree to the reduced funding, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposed amendment.

The Contractor, and Contractor's agents and employees, are independent Contractors for the agency and are not employees of the State of New Mexico. The Contractor, and Contractor's agents and employees, shall not accrue leave, retirement, insurance, bonding, use of state vehicles, or any other benefits afforded to employees of the State of New Mexico as a result of this Agreement. The Contractor acknowledges that all sums received hereunder are personally reportable by the Contractor for income tax purposes, including without limitation, self-employment tax and business income tax. The Contractor agrees not to purport to bind the State of New Mexico unless the Contractor has written authority to do so, and then only within the strict limits of that authority.

7. **Assignment.**
   The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement or assign any claims for money due or to become due under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the Agency.

8. **Subcontracting.**
   The Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the Agency. No such subcontract shall relieve the primary Contractor from its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement, nor shall any subcontract obligate direct payment from the Procuring Agency.

9. **Release.**
   Final payment of the amounts due under this Agreement shall operate as a release of the Agency, its officers and employees, and the State of New Mexico from all liabilities, claims and obligations whatsoever arising from or under this Agreement.

10. **Confidentiality.**
    Any confidential information provided to or developed by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the Agency.

11. **Product of Service -- Copyright.**
    All materials developed or acquired by the Contractor under this Agreement shall become the property of the State of New Mexico and shall be delivered to the Agency no later than the termination date of this Agreement. Nothing developed or produced, in whole or in part, by the Contractor under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright or other claim of ownership by or on behalf of the Contractor.

12. **Conflict of Interest; Governmental Conduct Act.**
    A. The Contractor represents and warrants that it presently has no interest and, during the term of this Agreement, shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance or services required under the Agreement.
B. The Contractor further represents and warrants that it has complied with, and, during the term of this Agreement, will continue to comply with, and that this Agreement complies with all applicable provisions of the Governmental Conduct Act, Chapter 10, Article 16 NMSA 1978. Without in anyway limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Contractor specifically represents and warrants that:

1) in accordance with NMSA 1978, § 10-16-4.3, the Contractor does not employ, has not employed, and will not employ during the term of this Agreement any Agency employee while such employee was or is employed by the Agency and participating directly or indirectly in the Agency’s contracting process;

2) this Agreement complies with NMSA 1978, § 10-16-7(A) because (i) the Contractor is not a public officer or employee of the State; (ii) the Contractor is not a member of the family of a public officer or employee of the State; (iii) the Contractor is not a business in which a public officer or employee or the family of a public officer or employee has a substantial interest; or (iv) if the Contractor is a public officer or employee of the State, a member of the family of a public officer or employee of the State, or a business in which a public officer or employee of the State or the family of a public officer or employee of the State has a substantial interest, public notice was given as required by NMSA 1978, § 10-16-7(A) and this Agreement was awarded pursuant to a competitive process;

3) in accordance with NMSA 1978, § 10-16-8(A), (i) the Contractor is not, and has not been represented by, a person who has been a public officer or employee of the State within the preceding year and whose official act directly resulted in this Agreement and (ii) the Contractor is not, and has not been assisted in any way regarding this transaction by, a former public officer or employee of the State whose official act, while in State employment, directly resulted in the Agency’s making this Agreement;

4) this Agreement complies with NMSA 1978, § 10-16-9(A) because (i) the Contractor is not a legislator; (ii) the Contractor is not a member of a legislator's family; (iii) the Contractor is not a business in which a legislator or a legislator's family has a substantial interest; or (iv) if the Contractor is a legislator, a member of a legislator’s family, or a business in which a legislator or a legislator's family has a substantial interest, disclosure has been made as required by NMSA 1978, § 10-16-7(A), this Agreement is not a sole source or small purchase contract, and this Agreement was awarded in accordance with the provisions of the Procurement Code;

5) in accordance with NMSA 1978, § 10-16-13, the Contractor has not directly participated in the preparation of specifications, qualifications or evaluation criteria for this Agreement or any procurement related to this Agreement; and

6) in accordance with NMSA 1978, § 10-16-3 and § 10-16-13.3, the Contractor has not contributed, and during the term of this Agreement shall not contribute, anything of value to a public officer or employee of the Agency.

C. Contractor’s representations and warranties in Paragraphs A and B of this Article 12 are material representations of fact upon which the Agency relied when this Agreement was entered into by the parties. Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the Agency if, at any time during the term of this Agreement, Contractor learns that Contractor’s representations
and warranties in Paragraphs A and B of this Article 12 were erroneous on the effective date of this Agreement or have become erroneous by reason of new or changed circumstances. If it is later determined that Contractor’s representations and warranties in Paragraphs A and B of this Article 12 were erroneous on the effective date of this Agreement or have become erroneous by reason of new or changed circumstances, in addition to other remedies available to the Agency and notwithstanding anything in the Agreement to the contrary, the Agency may immediately terminate the Agreement.

D. All terms defined in the Governmental Conduct Act have the same meaning in this Article 12(B).

13. **Amendment.**

A. This Agreement shall not be altered, changed or amended except by instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto and all other required signatories.

B. If the Agency proposes an amendment to the Agreement to unilaterally reduce funding due to budget or other considerations, the Contractor shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposed Amendment, have the option to terminate the Agreement, pursuant to the termination provisions as set forth in Article 4 herein, or to agree to the reduced funding.

14. **Merger.**

This Agreement incorporates all the Agreements, covenants and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such covenants, Agreements and understandings have been merged into this written Agreement. No prior Agreement or understanding, oral or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless embodied in this Agreement.

15. **Penalties for violation of law.**

The Procurement Code, NMSA 1978 §§ 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, imposes civil and criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for illegal bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

16. **Equal Opportunity Compliance.**

The Contractor agrees to abide by all federal and state laws and rules and regulations, and executive orders of the Governor of the State of New Mexico, pertaining to equal employment opportunity. In accordance with all such laws of the State of New Mexico, the Contractor assures that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, physical or mental handicap, or serious medical condition, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identity, be excluded from employment with or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity performed under this Agreement. If Contractor is found not to be in compliance with these requirements during the life of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to take appropriate steps to correct these deficiencies.
17. **Applicable Law.**
The laws of the State of New Mexico shall govern this Agreement, without giving effect to its choice of law provisions. Venue shall be proper only in a New Mexico court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with NMSA 1978, § 38-3-1 (G). By execution of this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges and agrees to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New Mexico over any and all lawsuits arising under or out of any term of this Agreement.

18. **Workers Compensation.**
The Contractor agrees to comply with state laws and rules applicable to workers compensation benefits for its employees. If the Contractor fails to comply with the Workers Compensation Act and applicable rules when required to do so, this Agreement may be terminated by the Agency.

19. **Records and Financial Audit.**
The Contractor shall maintain detailed time and expenditure records that indicate the date, time, nature and cost of services rendered during the Agreement’s term and effect and retain them for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement. The records shall be subject to inspection by the Agency, the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor. The Agency shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment. Payment under this Agreement shall not foreclose the right of the Agency to recover excessive or illegal payments.

20. **Indemnification.**
The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Agency and the State of New Mexico from all actions, proceeding, claims, demands, costs, damages, attorneys’ fees and all other liabilities and expenses of any kind from any source which may arise out of the performance of this Agreement, caused by the negligent act or failure to act of the Contractor, its officers, employees, servants, subcontractors or agents, or if caused by the actions of any client of the Contractor resulting in injury or damage to persons or property during the time when the Contractor or any officer, agent, employee, servant or subcontractor thereof has or is performing services pursuant to this Agreement. In the event that any action, suit or proceeding related to the services performed by the Contractor or any officer, agent, employee, servant or subcontractor under this Agreement is brought against the Contractor, the Contractor shall, as soon as practicable but no later than two (2) days after it receives notice thereof, notify the legal counsel of the Agency and the Risk Management Division of the New Mexico General Services Department by certified mail.

21. **New Mexico Employees Health Coverage.**
   A. If Contractor has, or grows to, six (6) or more employees who work, or who are expected to work, an average of at least 20 hours per week over a six (6) month period during the term of the contract, Contractor certifies, by signing this agreement, to have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the contract, health insurance for those employees and offer that health insurance to those employees if the expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the State exceed $250,000 dollars.
B. Contractor agrees to maintain a record of the number of employees who have (a) accepted health insurance; (b) declined health insurance due to other health insurance coverage already in place; or (c) declined health insurance for other reasons. These records are subject to review and audit by a representative of the state.

C. Contractor agrees to advise all employees of the availability of State publicly financed health care coverage programs by providing each employee with, as a minimum, the following web site link to additional information: http://insurenewmexico.state.nm.us/.

22. **Employee Pay Equity Reporting.**

Contractor agrees if it has ten (10) or more New Mexico employees OR eight (8) or more employees in the same job classification, at any time during the term of this contract, to complete and submit the PE10-249 form on the annual anniversary of the initial report submittal for contracts up to one (1) year in duration. If contractor has (250) or more employees contractor must complete and submit the PE250 form on the annual anniversary of the initial report submittal for contracts up to one (1) year in duration. For contracts that extend beyond one (1) calendar year, or are extended beyond one (1) calendar year, contractor also agrees to complete and submit the PE10-249 or PE250 form, whichever is applicable, within thirty (30) days of the annual contract anniversary date of the initial submittal date or, if more than 180 days has elapsed since submittal of the last report, at the completion of the contract, whichever comes first. Should contractor not meet the size requirement for reporting at contract award but subsequently grows such that they meet or exceed the size requirement for reporting, contractor agrees to provide the required report within ninety (90 days) of meeting or exceeding the size requirement. That submittal date shall serve as the basis for submittals required thereafter. Contractor also agrees to levy this requirement on any subcontractor(s) performing more than 10% of the dollar value of this contract if said subcontractor(s) meets, or grows to meet, the stated employee size thresholds during the term of the contract. Contractor further agrees that, should one or more subcontractor not meet the size requirement for reporting at contract award but subsequently grows such that they meet or exceed the size requirement for reporting, contractor will submit the required report, for each such subcontractor, within ninety (90 days) of that subcontractor meeting or exceeding the size requirement. Subsequent report submittals, on behalf of each such subcontractor, shall be due on the annual anniversary of the initial report submittal. Contractor shall submit the required form(s) to the State Purchasing Division of the General Services Department, and other departments as may be determined, on behalf of the applicable subcontractor(s) in accordance with the schedule contained in this paragraph. Contractor acknowledges that this subcontractor requirement applies even though contractor itself may not meet the size requirement for reporting and be required to report itself.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if this Contract was procured pursuant to a solicitation, and if Contractor has already submitted the required report accompanying their response to such solicitation, the report does not need to be re-submitted with this Agreement.

23. **Invalid Term or Condition.**

If any term or condition of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected and shall be valid and enforceable.
24. **Enforcement of Agreement.**

   A party's failure to require strict performance of any provision of this Agreement shall not waive or diminish that party's right thereafter to demand strict compliance with that or any other provision. No waiver by any party of any of its rights under this Agreement shall be effective unless expressed and in writing, and no effective waiver by any party of any of its rights shall be effective to waive any other rights.

25. **Notices.**

   Any notice required to be given to either party by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person, by courier service or by U.S. mail, either first class or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, as follows:

   To the Agency:
   [insert name, address and email].

   To the Contractor:
   [insert name, address and email].

26. **Authority.**

   If Contractor is other than a natural person, the individual(s) signing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor represents and warrants that he or she has the power and authority to bind Contractor, and that no further action, resolution, or approval from Contractor is necessary to enter into a binding contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date of signature by the DFA Contracts Review Bureau below.

By: ___________________________ Date:__________

Agency

By: ___________________________ Date:__________

Agency’s Legal Counsel – Certifying legal sufficiency

By: ___________________________ Date:__________

Agency’s Chief Financial Officer
Energy Savings Performance Contracting
Model Investment-Grade Energy Audit and Project Proposal Contract between Governmental Unit & Contractor
Provided by EMNRD as technical assistance to eligible governmental units
Agency legal review recommended
December 16, 2015

By: ____________________________ Date: __________
Contractor

The records of the Taxation and Revenue Department reflect that the Contractor is registered with the Taxation and Revenue Department of the State of New Mexico to pay gross receipts and compensating taxes.

ID Number: 00-000000-00-0

By: ____________________________ Date: __________
Taxation and Revenue Department
Exhibit A

Notice of Acceptance
Exhibit B

Cost and Pricing
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Guidelines for Draft Measurement and Verification Plan
Exhibit D

Performance Measures

(Performance Measures should be based on the Scope of Work and must be tied to the Agency’s Strategic Plan. The Plan should be referenced in the Measures and the applicable part of the Strategic Plan copied below or in an attachment. To the extent possible based on the nature of the work to be performed, the Measures should be “Output” oriented and specify an “Outcome.”)

Performance Measures in Scope of Work shall contain measurable goals and objectives that are linked to the performance measures of the Agency’s Strategic Plan:

Example: Goal: Reduce or Increase or Other Service [insert blank].

Objective: To reduce or increase or Other Service [insert blank] by [blank] percent or by a certain time.

Activities: [Insert what services the Contractor is expected to perform to accomplish goals and objectives including an evaluation of the process and the outcome as well as provides efficiency measures that relate efforts to outputs of services].

OR: Through satisfactory completion of the Scope of Work set forth above and submission of acceptable Deliverables, the Contractor will assist the Agency to meet the portions of its Strategic Plan set forth below (insert additional language if necessary to describe how Contractor’s work will assist the Agency to fulfill its duties).

1 A goal is an “output” measure. It measures the quantity of a service provided. For example, the number of students graduated or promoted; the number of two-lane highways repaired; or the number of crimes investigated. It also can measure the quantity of a service provided that meets a certain quality requirement. For example, the number of students graduated or promoted who meet a minimum preset level of achievement; the number of miles of roads repaired to a minimum safety standard; or the number of criminal investigations performed that result in identification of a prime suspect.

2 An accomplishment is an “outcome” measure. These indicators measure accomplishments or results that occur (at least partially) because the services were provided. For example, the percentage of students achieving a specified skill level in reading, the percentage of miles of roads in excellent, good or fair condition; or the percent reduction in serious crimes or the percent of residents who perceive their neighborhoods as safe.
Request for Proposal

RFP Reference: 

Institution Name

RFP Date: 

Date

RFP Closing Date: 

Date

ESCO - Contact: 

Name, Address, Phone, Fax, E-mail

Notice to Firms

Invitations are extended for proposals using the attached proposal format

Scope of Request: 
Provide pursuant to a tax-exempt lease purchase agreement with Institution financing for energy and water savings measures for those certain facilities located at the Institution’s campus.

Properly Completed Responses will include:

1. a signed and dated proposal letter in the format included
2. a redlined copy of the Model Lease Contract With Explanation of Any Changes proposed thereto
3. a signed and completed signature sheet
4. a schedule of payments and amortization schedule including any purchase options
5. escrow information (contact, Escrow Agreement and List of All Fees)
Proposal Information

Specific Terms

Lessee: Board of Institution
Lessor: The Provider of the Financing or a Mutually Agreeable Nominal Lessor
Contract: A Model Lease Contract between Lessor and the Institution. Each firm is required to review and comment on the Model Lease Contract, attached hereto as Attachment A. The extent and content of those comments will be important to the evaluation of the proposals. If any changes in the Model Lease Contract are proposed, such changes must be specifically identified in the proposal and alternate language set forth in the proposal. Also, any changes should be accompanied with an explanation clarifying the proposed change.
Security: The Lessor will be secured by the Institution's obligation to pay the lease payments, which are subject to annual appropriations and by a security interest in the equipment purchased for the energy and water savings measures to be installed by ESCO, which can be salvaged without damage to the facility to which such equipment is attached.
Interest Rate: A fixed rate of interest for the term of the financing. The proposal should include the relevant index and spread along with the period of time the proposed fixed interest is committed
Prepayment: The final tax-exempt lease purchase agreement shall include certain prepayment provisions pursuant to a schedule to be agreed to by the parties
Assignment: The Lessor may assign its rights to receive lease payments and its security interest in the equipment installed pursuant to the Energy Savings Performance Contract but only with the advance written consent of the Institution. Each assignment much specifically mention the Institution's rights regarding prepayment.
Amendment: The Institution reserves the right to amend the Model Lease Contract that is entered into pursuant to this Request for Proposal. Any such amendment will be in writing and subject to the mutual consent of both parties.
Cost: The proposal should identify specifically all costs associated with the transaction, if any, that would be an obligation of the Institution as either a direct payment or as additional project costs for purpose of determining the funded lease amount an/or ongoing lease payment obligation. These costs must be all-inclusive and may include commitment fees, legal counsel, trustee fees and any other
costs. The Model Lease Agreement does not require the Institution to pay any supplemental financing costs, either direct (upfront) or as an addition to the project cost.

Requirement of ESCO:
The proposal shall identify specifically any requirements to be imposed upon ESCO as a result of this financing.

Requirement of Lender:
The Lessee will agree that Lessor will bear the risk of loss if the equipment is damaged or destroyed, and to pay lease payments from funds available for that purpose, when and if appropriated by the State Legislature.

Conditions to Proposal

Cost of Preparing Proposal:
The cost of developing and submitting the proposal is entirely the responsibility of the firms submitting a response to this Request for Proposal. This includes, but is not limited to, costs to determine the nature of the engagement, preparation of the proposal, submitting the proposal, negotiating for the contract and other costs associated with this Request for Proposal.

No Oral or Implied Contracts:
There shall be no oral or implied contracts relating this Request for Proposal.

Acceptance or Rejection:
The Institution reserves the right to select, accept or reject any or all proposals or part of a proposal; to waive any informalities or technicalities; clarify any ambiguities in proposals; modify any criteria in this Request for Proposal; and establish financing at any time.

Contract:
The successful firm will be required to enter into a tax-exempt lease purchase agreement with the Institution.

Contract Documents:
The tax-exempt lease purchase agreement shall be substantially in the form set forth on Attachment A (Model Lease Contract). Each firm is required to provide comments and specific alternate language for those items in the Model Lease Contract from which the firm wishes to deviate.

This Request for Proposal and any amendments and the response and any amendments of the successful firm shall become a part of the written contract, which shall compose of the complete understanding of the parties.

In the event a conflict in terms of language among the documents, the following order of precedence shall govern:

1. written modifications to the executed contract;
2. tax-exempt lease purchase agreement signed by the parties;
3. this Request for Proposal, including any and all addenda

Contract Formation: No contract shall be considered to have been entered into by the Institution until all statutorily required signatures and certifications have been rendered and a written contract has been signed by the successful firm.

Open Records Act: All proposals become the property of the Institution. State statute requires all information contained the proposals become open for public review once a contract is signed or all proposals are rejected.

Submission of Proposals: A copy of the firm's proposal shall be received on or before Time, Date, addressed as follows:

Name, Address

Responses via email or facsimile will be accepted provided that such response includes all of the requisite information.

Proposals received prior to the closing date shall be kept secured until closing. The Institution shall not be responsible for the premature opening of a proposal or for the rejection of a proposal that was not received prior to the closing date.

Signature of Proposals: Each proposal shall give the complete mailing address of the firm and be signed by an authorized representative with his or her name and legal title typed below the signature line.

Acknowledgement of Addenda: All firms shall acknowledge receipt of any addenda to this Request for Proposal by original signature with his or her name and legal title typed below the signature line. Each proposal shall include the firm's social security number or Federal Employer Identification Number.

Modification of Proposal: A firm may modify a proposal by written notification at any time prior to the closing date. Any modifications received after the closing date shall not be accepted.

Withdrawal of Proposal: A proposal may be withdrawn on written request from the firm to the representative designed above.

Proposal Disclosures: At the time of closing, only the names of the firms who submitted proposals shall be made available to the public. No interest rate information will be released until there is an award and contract.

Notice of Award: An award is made on the execution of the written contract by the all parties. Only the Institution is authorized to issue news releases.
relating to this Request for Proposal, its evaluation, award and/or performance of the tax-exempt lease financing.

Prohibition of Gratuities: Neither the successful firm nor any person, firm or corporation employed by the successful firm in the performance of this contract shall offer or give any gift, money or anything of value or any promise of future award or compensation to any Institution employee at any time.

Third Party Beneficiaries: This Request for Proposal and resulting tax-exempt lease purchase agreement shall not be construed as providing an enforceable obligation to any third party.

No Liability: The Institution shall have no liability, obligation nor shall it be compelled to enter into any tax-exempt lease purchase agreement or any other financing arrangement as a result of issuing this Request for Proposal.
FINANCING PROPOSAL LETTER

PROPOSING FINANCING FIRMS: SUBMIT ON FIRM LETTERHEAD

Date

RE: Institution

Lender is pleased to submit the following financing proposal for Institution energy and water savings conservation project. This proposal is being submitted in response to your request for proposals dated Date.

I. Lender Information

Lender Name: 
Address: 
Contact: 
Telephone: 
Fax: 
Email: 
Background: Discuss experience in financing state projects and/or performance contracts, with attention given to experience in the state, and what advantages your firm offers.

II. Financing Structure

Purpose: Finance the energy and water savings conservation projects to be engineered, designed, constructed and commissioned by ESCO for Institution.

Structure: Tax-exempt Lease Purchase arrangement using the Model Lease Contract distributed with this request for proposals.

Security: First lien on the equipment
Lessee appropriations

Proceeds: Approximately $________ plus capitalized interest for the ______ month construction period.

Term: ______ months (______ months of construction plus ______ months of amortization period)

Payments: Presented in the following options: Quarterly, bi-yearly, and monthly options - in arrears.

Prepayment: List prepayment terms / conditions / penalty

Interest Rate: ______% (This is a non-bank qualified financing)
Rate will be held until ______________________. After that date, the rate will be adjusted as follows: ______________________
(name and source of index).

Example: This rate will be held until ______________________. After that date, the rate will float at 75 basis points over the 10 year treasury, constant maturity, as published daily in the Federal Reserve Bulletin Statistical Release H-15.

Closing Costs: $____________________ (if any)

Escrow Account Terms:
Agent name and all costs associated with opening and maintaining the escrow, including any investment management fees, if any. Include a copy of the escrow agreement as part of the response documents.

Documents:
A Model Lease Contract is included with this response and is customized for the state and the institution type, meeting all legislative requirements, and/or it contains the edits to a Model Lease Contract that we require in order to execute the agreement.

Payment and Performance Bonds:
We do/do not require to be named as dual obligee on the payment and performance bonds.

Other Conditions Of ESCO:

Credit Approval:
The transaction is/is not subject to credit approval of the lender. If the financing is not approved, please list requirements and time frame required for approval.

Estimated Closing Date:
Within 60 days of the award of the financing.

Other Requirements or conditions:

III. Other Information
Please provide any other information that you would like to share regarding your firm’s qualifications, references, contacts, etc.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this proposal. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this proposal in further detail, please let us know.

Sincerely,
Signature Sheet

Item: Tax-exempt lease financing for Institution energy and water conservation projects.

Entity: Board of Institution

We submit a proposal to furnish the financing for the term of the contract in accordance with the specifications and schedule of supplies. I hereby certify that I (we) do not have any substantial conflict of interest sufficient to influence the bidding process on this bid. A conflict of substantial interest is one, which a reasonable person would think would compromise the open competitive bid process.

Addenda: The undersign acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:
1. Proposal letter dated [date]
2. Model Lease Contract – Attachment A;
3. List of energy and water savings measures and the associated capital cost – Attachment B;

Legal Name of Person, Firm or Corporation: ________________________________

Telephone: ______________________ Fax: ______________________

Email: ________________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________________

City & State: ______________________ Zip: ______________________

FEIN Number: ____________________________

Please indicate taxes currently registered for in the State:
Corporate Income Tax [ ]; Sales Tax [ ]; Withholding Tax [ ]
Compensating Use Tax [ ]; None [ ]

The undersigned attests this bidder is not in arrears in taxes due the State.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ______________________

Typed Name of Signature: ____________________________ Title: ______________________

If awarded a contract and purchase orders are to be directed to an address other than above, indicate mailing address and telephone number below.

Address: ____________________________________________________________________

City & State ______________________ Zip Code: ______________________

Telephone: ______________________ Fax: ______________________
Overview of Facility Improvement Projects

ESCO:

Contractual
Arrangement: Energy Savings Performance Contract by and between ESCO and Board of Institution

Total Installed Costs: $________, subject to adjustment based upon final analysis by ESCO

Financed Capital: Approximately $________, which is the Total Installed Costs plus capitalized interest for the ______ month construction period

Term: ________ months (______ months of construction plus ______ months of amortization period)

Payments: no more frequent than quarterly and such payment shall be in arrears

Projects: Energy and Water Savings Measures including but not limited to:
- Item 1
- Item 2

A more detailed description of these measures is included with this Request for Proposal along with an estimate of the capital cost associated with each.

Anticipated Draw Schedule:
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

NAME OF AGENCY

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT #__________
For Energy Performance Contracting

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

NAME OF AGENCY
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT #
For Energy Performance Contracting

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the State of New Mexico, NAME OF AGENCY, hereinafter referred to as the "Agency," and NAME OF CONTRACTOR, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor," and is effective as of the date set forth below upon which it is executed by the Department of Finance and Administration ("DFA").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Agency owns and operates the Project Site(s), and is in need of energy and water cost saving equipment and services designed to save energy and associated energy costs at said Project Sites; and

WHEREAS, Agency has been authorized to enter into a third party financing agreement for all professional services, equipment and construction for the purchase and installation of energy and water cost savings measures, collectively referred to as the "Work" (as hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, Contractor has developed or become knowledgeable about certain procedures for controlling energy and water consumption through services provided and equipment installed and maintained at project sites similar in scope and scale of Agency; and

WHEREAS, Contractor was selected after a determination that its proposal was the most advantageous to Agency pursuant to a Request for Proposal and contract for the Investment Grade Audit and Project Development Proposal (as hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, Contractor has made an assessment of the utility consumption characteristics of the Project Site(s) and existing Equipment described in Schedule Q (Description of Project Site(s)), which was delivered to Agency as an Investment-Grade Energy Audit Report which Agency has approved and is attached as Appendix D; and

WHEREAS, Agency desires to retain Contractor to purchase, install and service certain energy and water cost savings equipment and to provide other services and strategies described in the attached Schedules, for the purpose of achieving energy and water cost reductions within Project Site(s), as more fully described herein; and

WHEREAS, Agency is authorized under the New Mexico Constitution and state law, Chapter 6, Article 23, New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978, to enter into this Contract for the
purposes set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, and intending to be legally bound hereby, Agency and Contractor hereto covenant and agree that the following Schedules, Exhibits and Appendices are attached hereto (or will be, as provided in this Contract) and are made a part of this Contract by reference.

IT IS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES:

1. **Definitions.**

   A. "Commencement Date" means the date described in Section 6 (Commencement Date);

   B. "Contract" means this Energy Performance Contract and all Schedules, Exhibits, and Appendices attached hereto;

   C. "Contract Sum" means the sum of all materials, labor, auditing, design, engineering, project construction management fees, overhead, profit, contingency, subcontracted services related to the project;

   D. "Energy and Cost Savings Guarantee" means the guarantee of Schedule A (Savings Guarantee) that is achieved as a result of the installation and operation of the Equipment and provision of services provided for in this Contract as specified in Schedule J (Compensation to Contractor for Annual Services) and in accordance with the Savings Calculation Formula as set forth in Schedule C (Savings Measurement and Verification (M&V) Plan; Post-Retrofit M&V Plan; Annual M&V Reporting Requirements);

   E. "Energy and Water Cost Savings" means the savings as provided in Schedule A (Savings Guarantee);

   F. "Equipment" means the material goods enumerated in Schedule R (Equipment to be Installed by Contractor) that is now, or hereafter from time to time, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, together and with any and all additions, modifications, attachments, replacements and parts thereof;

   G. "Event of Default" means those events described in Sections 65 (Events of Default by Contractor) and 64 (Events of Default by Agency) hereof;

   H. "Interim Period" means the period from contract execution until the Commencement Date;

   I. "Investment Grade Audit" means a study by the Contractor selected for a particular energy performance contracting project, which includes detailed descriptions of the
improvements recommended for the project, the estimated costs of the improvements and the utility and operations and maintenance cost savings projected to result from the recommended improvements;

J. “Project Site(s)” means the facilities of the Agency in need of energy and water saving equipment and services designed to reduce consumption and associated costs at said Project Site(s);

K. “Qualified Provider” means the Contractor, who is a person experienced in the design, implementation and installation of energy or water conservation measures and who meets the experience qualifications developed by the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) for energy conservation measures or the Office of the State Engineer for water conservation measures;

L. “Substantial Completion” means the stage in the progress of the Work where the Work is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so that the Agency can utilize and take beneficial use of the Work for its intended use or purpose.

M. “Work” means the Equipment, materials, professional services and construction services for the project at Agency’s Project Site, as described by this Agreement and attachments.

2. **Scope of Work.**

   Contractor shall:

   A. perform and complete the Work at the Agency’s Project Site, as defined and described in this Agreement and the attached Schedules, Exhibits, and Appendices;

   B. provide the Equipment, together with installation, maintenance and other services as provided herein, as in Schedule R (Equipment to be Installed by Contractor) based upon the terms and conditions set forth in Schedule S (Construction and Installation Schedule);

   C. provide the Work and all related services identified in Schedule R (Equipment to be Installed by Contractor) and the services detailed in Schedule BB (Contractor’s Maintenance Responsibilities) and Schedule J (Compensation to Contractor for Annual Services);

   D. supervise and direct the Work and shall be responsible for the engineering, design, and quality control; construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures; and for coordinating all portions of the Work under this Contract; and

   E. comply with all federal, state, and local government laws, codes, and regulations in effect at the time the Agreement is fully executed.

3. **Compensation.**

   A. The Agency shall pay to the Contractor in full payment for services satisfactorily performed pursuant to the Scope of Work at the rate of _______________ dollars ($ ___________ )
in FYXX (USE FISCAL YEAR NUMBER TO DESCRIBE YEAR; DO NOT USE FY1, FY2, ETC.). The New Mexico gross receipts tax levied on the amounts payable under this Agreement in FYXX totaling ___________ dollars ($____________) shall be paid by the Agency to the Contractor. The total amount payable to the Contractor under this Agreement, including gross receipts tax and expenses, shall not exceed ___________ dollars ($____________) in FYXX.

(REPEAT LANGUAGE FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT -- USE FISCAL YEAR NUMBER TO DESCRIBE EACH YEAR; DO NOT USE FY1, FY2, ETC.).

Payment in FYXX, FYXX, FYXX, and FYXX is subject to availability of funds pursuant to the Appropriations Paragraph set forth below and to any negotiations between the parties from year to year pursuant to Paragraph 1, Scope of Work, and to approval by the DFA. All invoices MUST BE received by the Agency no later than fifteen (15) days after the termination of the Fiscal Year in which the services were delivered. Invoices received after such date WILL NOT BE PAID.

B. The total amount payable to the Contractor under this Agreement, including gross receipts tax and expenses, shall not exceed ___________ dollars ($____________) as set forth in Schedule H (Final Project Cost & Project Cash Flow Analysis). This amount is a maximum and not a guarantee that the work assigned to the Contractor under this Agreement to be performed shall equal the amount stated herein. Payment terms are described in Schedule I (Financing Agreement and Payment Schedule).

C. Contractor must submit a detailed statement accounting for all services performed and expenses incurred. If the Agency finds that the services are not acceptable, within thirty days after the date of receipt of written notice from the Contractor that payment is requested, it shall provide the Contractor a letter of exception explaining the defect or objection to the services, and outlining steps the Contractor may take to provide remedial action. Upon certification by the Agency that the services have been received and accepted, payment shall be tendered to the Contractor within thirty days after the date of acceptance. If payment is made by mail, the payment shall be deemed tendered on the date it is postmarked. However, the agency shall not incur late charges, interest, or penalties for failure to make payment within the time specified herein.

4. Term.

The Energy Performance Contract shall have a term no greater than 25 years and no greater than the cost-weighted average lifetime of the equipment, in compliance with Section 6-23-3 NMSA 1978. Agency's goal is for a term no greater than its desired financing term.

A. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL APPROVED BY THE DFA. This Agreement shall terminate on DATE unless terminated
pursuant to paragraph 4, infra, or paragraph 5. In accordance with Section 13-1-150 NMSA 1978, no contract term for a professional services contract, including extensions and renewals, shall exceed four years, except as set forth in Section 13-1-150 NMSA 1978. An exception is that for contracts entered into pursuant to the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act (6-23 NMSA 1978), the term shall not exceed twenty-five years, including all extensions and renewals.

Prior to the Commencement Date the final contract and technical schedules are negotiated and executed by signature. At that point in time the Contractor typically begins the final design of the project and finalizes the construction schedule with the Agency. The "Interim Period" refers to the construction period, during which some amount of energy savings will start to accrue. The treatment of those energy savings can be negotiated to either be credited to the Contractor's guarantee or credited to the Agency. If such savings are credited to the Contractor's guarantee, it is recommended that such credit be extended for a specified period of time (e.g. 1-2 years). If the Contractor is credited with the interim period savings, the Agency and Contractor will need to agree to develop an approach to the measurement of those savings.

B. Subject to the following sentence, the term of this Contract shall be [insert number] years measured beginning with the Commencement Date. Nonetheless, the Contract shall be effective and binding upon the parties immediately upon its execution, and the period from contract execution until the Commencement Date shall be known as the "Interim Period". All energy savings achieved during the interim period will be fully credited to the Agency.

5. Termination.

The Agency has an option to terminate the contract but the Contractor does not. Contractor's termination is considered a default as described in the default clause.

A. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by the Agency upon written notice delivered to the Contractor at least ten (10) days prior to the intended date of termination. By such termination, the Contractor may not nullify obligations already incurred for performance or failure to perform prior to the date of termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be terminated immediately upon written notice to the Contractor if the Contractor becomes unable to perform the services contracted for, as determined by the Agency or if, during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor or any of its officers, employees or agents is indicted for fraud, embezzlement or other crime due to misuse of state funds or due to the Appropriations paragraph herein. THIS PROVISION IS NOT EXCLUSIVE AND DOES NOT WAIVE THE STATE’S OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES CAUSED BY THE CONTRACTOR’S DEFAULT/BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT.

B. Termination Management. Immediately upon receipt by the Contractor of notice of termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall: 1) not incur any further obligations for salaries, services or any other expenditure of funds under this Agreement without written approval of the Agency; 2) comply with all directives issued by the Agency in the notice of
termination as to the performance of work under this Agreement; and 3) take such action as the Agency shall direct for the protection, preservation, retention or transfer of all property titled to the Agency and records generated under this Agreement. Any non-expendable personal property or equipment provided to or purchased by the Contractor with contract funds shall become property of the Agency upon termination and shall be submitted to the agency as soon as practicable.

6. Commencement Date.

This section defines the Commencement Date which is the actual beginning date for the savings guarantee period. It is standard for this date to be the first month AFTER the Contractor has completed construction and delivered a notice that all equipment is installed and operating. In addition, the Agency will have accepted the installation by signing a Certificate of Acceptance which should be attached to the contract. It also clearly states that no payment for any of the Contractor’s on-going services (e.g. measurement and verification, project monitoring, maintenance, training etc.) will be made prior to the Commencement Date. It is recommended that the repayment obligation of project financing be arranged to coincide with the Commencement Date. The timing of the Commencement Date may also need to be arranged to accommodate the Agency’s fiscal year for the purpose of appropriations and budgeting. This date alignment should not prevent the Contractor from timely remuneration for training and other services performed prior to Commencement Date.

A. The Commencement Date shall be the first day of the month after the month in which all schedules are in final form and accepted by Agency and Contractor shall have delivered a Notice to Agency that it has installed and commenced operating all of the Equipment specified in Schedule R (Equipment to be Installed by Contractor) and in accordance with the provisions of Schedule S (Construction and Installation Schedule) and Schedule T (Systems Start-Up and Commissioning; Operating Parameters of Installed Equipment); and Agency has inspected and accepted said installation and operation as evidenced by the Certificate of Acceptance as set forth in Exhibit VI (Agency Certificate of Acceptance—Installed Equipment).

B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Sections herein (Purchase and Sale; Commencement Date and Terms; Interim Period), the Commencement Date shall not occur and the Agency shall not be required to accept the work under this Contract unless and until all Equipment installation for the Project Site(s) is completed by Contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract. Agency shall have ______ days after notification by the Contractor to inspect and accept the Equipment. Agency reserves the right to reject the Equipment if installation fails to meet reasonable standards of workmanship, does not comply with applicable building codes, or is otherwise not in compliance with this Contract. Contractor shall not be paid in full, including retainage, until after the punch list is completed and Contractor has satisfied any and all claims for labor and materials and the Certificate of Acceptance has been signed. The Certificate of Acceptance will not be unreasonably withheld by the Agency.
C. Compensation payments due to Contractor for on-going services and maintenance under this Contract as set forth in Schedule J (Compensation to Contractor for Annual Services) shall begin no earlier than _____ from the Commencement Date as defined herein.

7. **Performance Measures.**

Contractor shall substantially perform the following Agency Performance Measures:

A. [Insert Agency Performance Measure involving facility capital upgrades, if applicable.]

B. [Insert Agency Performance Measure involving operational cost reduction, if applicable.]

C. [Insert other Agency Performance Measure, if applicable.]

Agency Performance Measures documentation is provided as Attachment I.

8. **Contractor is Qualified Provider.**

This section records the certification by EMNRD of the Contractor as a Qualified Provider, pursuant to Sections 6-23-2E and 6-23-5 NMSA 1978, which must be completed prior to the execution of this contract. An EMNRD Certification of Contractor as Qualified Provider must be signed by EMNRD and attached to the contract (Exhibit III).

Contractor is certified as a Qualified Provider by EMNRD to perform the Work, pursuant to Sections 6-23-2E and 6-23-5 NMSA 1978 and as shown by Exhibit III (EMNRD Certification of Contractor as Qualified Provider).

9. **Investment-Grade Energy Audit Report and Project Development Proposal.**

This section records the certification by EMNRD of the Investment-Grade Energy Audit Report which must be completed prior to the execution of this contract. An EMNRD Certification of Guaranteed Energy Savings must be signed by EMNRD and attached to the contract. Exhibit IV (Agency Certificate of Acceptance – Installed Equipment). If the list of measures is not completely finalized prior to the signing of this contract, then language to that effect should be included.

Contractor has provided the complete Investment-Grade Energy Audit Report and Project Development Proposal of the Project Site(s), as set forth in Appendix D (Investment-Grade Energy Audit and Project Proposal Contract) and dated ______. The Investment-Grade Energy Audit Report includes all energy conservation measures agreed upon by Agency and Contractor for implementation in the Work. The guaranteed energy savings of energy conservation measures stated in the Investment-Grade Energy Audit Report appear to be
accurately estimated and reasonable and are certified by EMNRD, as shown in Exhibit IV (EMNRD Certification of Guaranteed Energy Savings).

10. Schedules, Exhibits and Appendices.

Contractor has provided and Agency has approved the following Schedules, Exhibits and Appendices, copies of which are attached hereto (or will be as provided for in the Contract), set forth in their entirety as Attachment II and made a part of this Contract by reference.

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11. Purchase and Sale.

When using a third-party lease-purchase structure the Contractor will receive 100% of the Contract Sum from the Agency once the Exhibit VI (Agency Certificate of Acceptance—Installed Equipment) is signed. The payments to the Contractor during the construction period (Interim Period) can be drawn down by the Contractor from the proceeds of the lease through an escrow account set up by the leasing Contractor. Payments will be made based upon the percentage of work completed and approved by the Agency. The Agency should require a percentage retention be withheld from the Contractor until the Exhibit VI (Agency Certificate of Acceptance—Installed Equipment) is executed, at which time final payment can be made.

A. Agency agrees to lease Equipment through a third-party financier, NAME OF LENDER, as provided for in a separate lease document, Schedule I (Financing Agreement and Payment Schedule).
B. Contractor shall be responsible to pay for all labor, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery, transportation and other facilities and services necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Work.

12. **Energy Usage Records and Data.**

This section ensures that the Contractor has access to the historical energy consumption, facility operations and occupancy data in order to develop baseline utility consumption. At a minimum, there should be 24 months of data made available, however, 36 months is recommended. Existing facility conditions, operations and equipment needs to be carefully recorded to establish an accurate baseline. This will serve as a record of your buildings as they were configured prior to project installation and will be critical to the establishment and adjustment of baseline, and measurement of savings. As well, any prior technical studies and/or energy audits should also be made available for the Contractor’s review and verification.

Agency has furnished and shall continue to furnish (or authorize its energy suppliers to furnish) during the Term of this Contract to Contractor or its designee, upon its request, all of its records and complete data concerning energy and water usage and related maintenance for the Project Site(s).

13. **Location and Access.**

This states the Agency’s responsibility for providing adequate space and protection for the installed equipment and authorizes the Contractor’s access to the facility to perform routine and emergency operations.

Contractor acknowledges that there exists sufficient space on the Project Site(s) for the installation and operation of the Equipment. Agency shall take reasonable steps to protect such Equipment from harm, theft and misuse during the term of this Contract. Agency shall provide access to the Project Site(s) for Contractor to perform any function related to this Contract during regular business hours, or such other reasonable hours as may be requested by Contractor and acceptable to the Agency. Contractor shall be granted immediate access to make emergency repairs or corrections as it may, in its discretion, determine are needed. The Contractor’s access to Project Site(s) to make emergency repairs or corrections as it may determine are needed shall not be unreasonably restricted by the Agency. Contractor shall immediately notify the Agency when emergency action is taken and follow up with written notice within three (3) business days specifying the action taken, the reasons therefore, and the impact upon the Project Site(s), if any.

14. **Permits and Approvals.**

This standard construction provision requires the Contractor comply with all code requirements, pay all associated permit fees and provide the Agency with copies of each permit and license required to do the work. The Agency agrees to assist the Contractor to the best of its ability to
obtain all required permits and approvals.

Agency shall use its best efforts to assist Contractor in obtaining all necessary permits and approvals for installation of the Equipment. In no event shall Agency, however, be responsible for payment of any permit fees. The equipment and the operation of the equipment by Contractor shall at all times conform to all federal, state and local code requirements. Contractor shall furnish copies of each permit or license which is required to perform the work to the Agency before the Contractor commences the portion of the work requiring such permit or license.

15. Coordination During Installation.

This standard provision directs the Agency and Contractor to coordinate the equipment installation activities to not interfere with the Agency's business activities. If an installation will require interference, the Contractor must first obtain the Agency's written approval to proceed. If a facility generates revenue for the Agency (e.g. civic center, theater, arena etc.) and scheduled revenue-producing activities are interrupted due to the fault of the Contractor, either during project installation or operation, then a provision for the collection of damages may be negotiated.

The Agency and Contractor shall coordinate the activities of Contractor's equipment installers with those of the Agency, its employees, and agents. Contractor shall not commit or permit any act which will interfere with the performance of business activities conducted by the Agency or its employees without prior written approval of the Agency.


Construction and equipment installation shall proceed in accordance with the construction schedule approved by Agency and attached as Schedule S (Construction and Equipment Installation Schedule).

17. Systems Startup and Equipment Commissioning.

This section requires the Contractor to conduct performance testing of the equipment as specified in its Commissioning Plan located in Schedule T (Systems Start-Up and Commissioning; Operating Parameters of Installed Equipment), and verify the specified operating parameters to make certain the system is working properly. In most instances this activity occurs prior to the Agency's final acceptance of the project as fully installed, however, if any testing is negotiated to occur after project acceptance, language to that effect should be included here. It also requires the Contractor notify the Agency of when the testing will take place and gives the Agency (or its designee) the right to be present during all tests. Make sure the commissioning plan includes manufacturer's startup and performance sheets.
The Contractor shall conduct a thorough and systematic performance test of each element and total system of the installed Equipment in accordance with the procedures specified in Schedule T (Systems Start-Up and Commissioning; Operating Parameters of Installed Equipment) and prior to acceptance of the project by the Agency as specified in Exhibit VI (Certificate of Acceptance—Installed Equipment). Testing shall be designed to determine if the Equipment is functioning in accordance with both its published specifications and the Schedules to this Contract, and to determine if modified building systems, subsystems or components are functioning properly within the new integrated environment. The Contractor shall provide notice to the Agency of the scheduled test(s) and the Agency and/or its designees shall have the right to be present at any or all such tests conducted by Contractor and/or manufacturers of the Equipment. The Contractor shall be responsible for correcting and/or adjusting all deficiencies in systems and Equipment operations that may be observed during system commissioning procedures as specified in Schedule T (Systems Start-Up and Commissioning; Operating Parameters of Installed Equipment). The Contractor shall be responsible for correcting and/or adjusting all deficiencies in Equipment operation that may be observed during system testing procedures. Prior to Agency acceptance Contractor shall also provide Agency with reasonably satisfactory documentary evidence that the Equipment installed is the Equipment specified in Schedule R (Equipment to be Installed by Contractor).

18. Equipment Warranties

This warranty provision requires all installed equipment be new and protected by appropriate written manufacturers’ warranties for a minimum of one year, covering parts and performance. It also requires warranties provide for the installation of only new parts (not used or reconditioned) during the warranty period. While equipment warranties will be transferred to the Agency after completed project installation, this provision makes the Contractor responsible for pursuing any necessary remedies during the warranty period. If the Contractor fails to exercise the warranty and damages occur, the Contractor is responsible for all costs of repair and any lost savings.

A. Contractor warrants that all equipment sold and installed as part of this Contract is new, will be materially free from defects in materials or workmanship, will be installed properly in a good and workmanlike manner, and will function properly for a period of at least one (1) year from the date of the Substantial Completion for the particular energy conservation measure, if operated and maintained in accordance with the procedures established per building. Substantial Completion does not occur until the Equipment or system has been commissioned, accepted, and Exhibit V (Notice of Substantial Completion) is fully executed.

B. After the warranty period, Contractor shall have no responsibility for performing maintenance, repairs, or making manufacturer warranty claims relating to the Equipment, except as provided in Schedule BB (Contractor’s Maintenance Responsibilities).

C. Contractor further agrees to assign to Agency all available manufacturer’s warranties relating to the Equipment and to deliver such written warranties and which shall be
attached and set forth as Exhibit VII (Equipment Warranties); pursue rights and remedies against the manufacturers under the warranties in the event of Equipment malfunction or improper or defective function, and defects in parts, workmanship and performance. Contractor shall, during the warranty period, notify the Agency whenever defects in Equipment parts or performance occur, which give rise to such rights and remedies and those rights and remedies are exercised by Contractor. During this period, the cost of any risk of damage or damage to the Equipment and its performance, including damage to property and equipment of the Agency or the Project Site(s), due to Contractor’s failure to exercise its warranty rights, shall be borne solely by Contractor.

D. All warranties, to the extent transferable, shall be transferable and extend to the Agency. The warranties shall specify that only new, not reconditioned, parts may be used and installed when repair is necessitated by malfunction. All extended warranties shall be addressed as the property of the owner and appropriately documented and titled.

E. Notwithstanding the above, nothing in this Section shall be construed to alleviate/relieve the Contractor from complying with its obligations to perform under all terms and conditions of this Contract and as set forth in all attached Schedules.


This section references the Schedule U (Standards of Comfort) which the Contractor is contractually liable to maintain throughout the term of the contract. These standards are negotiated between the Contractor and Agency to reflect realistic ranges of heating, cooling and hot water temperatures, lighting levels, chilled water requirements, and other specified comfort and operating parameters to be maintained.

Contractor shall maintain and operate the Equipment in a manner which will provide the standards of heating, cooling, ventilation, hot water supply, and lighting quality and levels as described in Schedule U (Standards of Comfort). During the term of this Contract, Contractor and Agency will maintain, according to Schedule BB (Contractor’s Maintenance Responsibilities) and Schedule CC (Agency’s Maintenance Responsibilities), and operate the Equipment in a manner that will provide the standards of comfort and levels of operation as described in Schedule U (Standards of Comfort).


This section addresses hazardous materials and establishes that the Contractor may encounter such materials but is not responsible for identification, handling or any work. The Agency will be responsible for such handling at its expense. In the event the Contractor discovers such materials, the Contractor will stop work and the Agency will handle it. Neither the Contractor’s stoppage of work nor the Agency’s discovery is grounds for default. If work can commence, any lost time will be added to the time schedule. The Contractor is responsible for any hazardous materials related to equipment it brings to the site.
Agency recognizes that in connection with the installation and/or service or maintenance of Equipment at Agency’s Project Site(s), Contractor may encounter, but is not responsible for, any work relating to (i) asbestos, materials containing asbestos, or the existence, use, detection, removal, containment or treatment thereof; (ii) fungus (any type of form of fungi, including mold or mildew, and myotoxins, spores, scents or by-products produced or released by fungi); (iii) incomplete or damaged work or systems or code violations that may be discovered during or prior to the work of this agreement; or (iv) pollutants, hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, contaminants other than those described in this Section below (collectively “Hazardous Materials”), or the storage, handling, use, transportation, treatment, or the disposal, discharge, leakage, detection, removal, or containment thereof. The materials and activities listed in the foregoing sentence are referred to as “Excluded Materials and Activities.” Agency agrees that if performance of work involves any Excluded Materials and Activities, Agency will perform or arrange for the performance of such work and shall bear the sole risk and responsibility therefore. In the event Contractor discovers Hazardous or Excluded Materials, Contractor shall immediately cease work, remove all Contractor personnel or subcontractors from the site, and notify the Agency. The Agency shall be responsible to handle such Materials at its expense. Contractor shall undertake no further work on the Project Site(s) except as authorized by the Agency in writing. Notwithstanding anything in this Contract to the contrary, any such event of discovery or remediation by the Agency shall not constitute a default by the Agency. In the event of such stoppage of work by Contractor, the Time for Completion of Work will be automatically extended by the amount of time of the work stoppage and any additional costs incurred by Contractor as a result will be added by Change Order.

Contractor shall be responsible for any hazardous or other materials, including, without limitation, those listed in this section that it may bring to the Project Site(s).

21. Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Ballasts; Mercury Lamps,

The Contractor is required to have an agreement with an approved PCB ballast disposal company that will properly handle, transport, recycling, and incineration, providing information for site handling and a Certificate of Destruction. Similarly, the Contractor is required to have an agreement with an approved lamp disposal company. In both cases, the Agency will sign manifests of ownership.

A. Contractor shall enter into an agreement with an approved PCB ballast disposal company that will provide an informational packet, packing receptacles and instructions, labels and shipping materials, transportation, and recycling or incineration services for PCB ballasts. All capacitors and asphalt potting compound materials removed from Agency’s PCB ballasts will be incinerated in a federally approved facility. After proper disposal, a Certificate of Destruction will be provided by the approved facility to Agency. Contractor’s responsibility shall be for the proper and legal management of any of Agency’s PCB ballasts removed as a result of the installation of the Equipment and shall be limited only until said PCB ballasts are loaded onto an approved PCB ballast disposal Contractor’s vehicle for transportation.
B. Contractor shall enter into an agreement with an approved lamp disposal company, who will provide approved containers, materials required to label, transportation, recycling or incineration in accordance with EPA requirements, and a copy of the manifest.

C. Agency agrees to sign manifests of ownership for all PCB ballasts and mercury lamps removed from the Project Site(s).

22. **Training by Contractor.**

*In many performance contracts the training of facility personnel is often conducted prior to acceptance by the Agency of the completed installation. There are occasions, however, where it may be necessary to conduct training after project acceptance, which can be noted and included in the appropriate schedule. If there are charges for unscheduled training, such charges should be noted in this section.*

The Contractor shall conduct the training program described in Schedule V (Contractor's Training Responsibilities) hereto. The must be completed prior to acceptance of the Equipment installation. The Contractor shall provide ongoing training whenever needed with respect to updated or altered Equipment, including upgraded software. Such training shall be provided at no charge to the Agency and shall have no effect on prior acceptance of Equipment installation.

23. **Equipment Service, Actions by Contractor.**

*This section refers to the maintenance and service responsibilities of each party as they are specified in Schedules CC (Agency's Maintenance Responsibilities) and BB (Contractor's Maintenance Responsibilities). It also states that if the Agency is at fault for causing additional maintenance or repair to the equipment, then the Agency will be charged by the Contractor for the cost of the required maintenance or repair.*

Contractor shall provide all service, repairs, and adjustments to the Equipment installed under terms of this Contract pursuant to Schedule BB (Contractor's Maintenance Responsibilities). Agency shall incur no cost for Equipment service, repairs, and adjustments, except as set forth in Schedule J (Compensation to Contractor for Annual Services), provided, however, that when the need for maintenance or repairs principally arises due to the negligence or willful misconduct of the Agency or any employee or other agent of Agency, and Contractor can so demonstrate such causal connection, Contractor may charge Agency for the actual cost of the maintenance or repair insofar as such cost is not covered by any warranty or insurance proceeds.

24. **Malfunctions and Emergencies.**

*This section requires the Agency to notify the Contractor within a specified number of hours of actually knowing about any situation that impacts the performance of the equipment. As described here, the impacts cover both pre-existing energy related equipment and the newly*
installed equipment. The impacts defined here include equipment malfunction or modification, interruption of power supply or any emergency situation which may affect the Energy and Cost Savings Guarantee. If such an impact is known by the Agency to have occurred and the Agency delays in notifying the Contractor and doesn’t correct the situation, it will treated as a Material Change and the baseline will be adjusted accordingly. If the Agency makes an effort to assess the situation and incorrectly determines it doesn’t have an impact, then the Contractor will not fault the Agency, although an adjustment to the baseline may still be warranted.

A. Agency shall use its best efforts to notify the Contractor or its designated subcontractors within 24 hours after the Agency’s actual knowledge and occurrence of: (i) any malfunction in the operation of the Equipment or any preexisting energy-related equipment that might materially impact upon the guaranteed energy savings, (ii) any interruption or alteration to the energy supply to the Project Site(s), or (iii) any alteration or modification in any energy-related equipment or its operation.

B. Where Agency exercises due diligence in attempting to assess the existence of a malfunction, interruption, or alteration it shall be deemed not at fault in failing to correctly identify such conditions as having a material impact upon the guaranteed energy savings. Agency shall notify Contractor within twenty-four (24) hours upon its having actual knowledge of any emergency condition affecting the Equipment. Contractor shall respond or cause its designee(s) to respond within ___ hours and shall promptly proceed with corrective measures. Any telephonic notice of such conditions by Agency shall be followed within three business days by written notice to Contractor from Agency. If Agency unreasonably delays in so notifying Contractor of a malfunction or emergency, and the malfunction or emergency is not otherwise corrected or remedied, Contractor may charge Agency for its loss, due to the delay, associated with the guaranteed savings under this Contract for the particular time period, provided that Contractor is able to show the direct causal connection between the delay and the loss.

C. The Contractor shall provide a written record of all service work performed. This record will indicate the reason for the service, description of the problem and the corrective action performed.

25. **Actions by Agency.**

This section states the Agency may not make any changes to the operation and maintenance of the equipment without the prior written approval of the Contractor unless otherwise indicated in Schedule CC (Agency’s Maintenance Responsibilities) or if there is an emergency and the Contractor cannot be reasonably notified. In the case of such emergency, the Agency should follow instructions provided by the Contractor for emergency action.

Agency shall not move, remove, modify, alter, or change in any way the Equipment or any part thereof without the prior written approval of Contractor except as set forth in Schedule CC (Agency’s Maintenance Responsibilities). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Agency may take reasonable steps to protect the Equipment if, due to an emergency, it is not possible or reasonable
to notify Contractor before taking any such actions. In the event of such an emergency, Agency shall take reasonable steps to protect the Equipment from damage or injury and shall follow instructions for emergency action provided in advance by Contractor. Agency agrees to maintain the Project Site(s) in good repair and to protect and preserve all portions thereof which may in any way affect the operation or maintenance of the Equipment.

26. **Modification of Equipment.**

During the Term of this Contract, Agency will not, without the prior written consent of Contractor, affix or install any accessory Equipment or device on any of the Equipment if such addition will change or impair the originally intended functions, value or use of the Equipment without Contractor’s prior written approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

27. **Upgrade or Alteration of Equipment.**

This section describes the terms and conditions under which the Contractor may make changes to the equipment, operating procedures or take other energy savings actions. If such changes are implemented during any time during the contract they must be described in a supplemental schedule and be approved by the Agency. Any equipment replaced is required to be new and have the potential to produce at least as much or more savings. If computer software is updated, the licensing provisions of Section 41 (Ownership of Certain Proprietary Property Rights) still apply.

A. Contractor shall at all times have the right, subject to Agency’s prior written approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, to change the Equipment, revise any procedures for the operation of the Equipment or implement other energy saving actions in the Project Site(s), provided that: (i) the Contractor complies with the standards of comfort and services set forth in Schedule U (Standards of Comfort) herein; (ii) such modifications or additions to, or replacement of the Equipment, and any operational changes, or new procedures are necessary to enable the Contractor to achieve the guaranteed energy and cost savings at the Project Site(s) and; (iii) any cost incurred relative to such modifications, additions or replacement of the Equipment, or operational changes or new procedures shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

B. All modifications, additions or replacements of the Equipment or revisions to operating or other procedures shall be described in a supplemental Schedule(s) to be provided to the Agency for approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, provided that any replacement of the Equipment shall, unless otherwise agreed, be new and have equal or better potential to reduce energy consumption at the Project Site(s) than the Equipment being replaced. The Contractor shall have the right to update any and all software to be used in connection with the Equipment in accordance with the provisions of Section 41 (Ownership of Certain Proprietary Rights) and Schedule BB (Contractor’s Maintenance Responsibilities). All replacements of and alterations or additions to the Equipment shall become part the Equipment
described in Schedule R (Equipment to be Installed by Contractor) and shall be covered by the provisions and terms of Section 16 (Construction Schedule; Equipment Installation).


This section defines the term "Material Change" which covers any condition other than weather that affects building energy use by more than the negotiated percentage (see above discussion). It is typical for the percent of deviation to be negotiated as a value ranging between 2% and 5% based on aggregate consumption costs. The lower value (2%) may be appropriate for large facilities (over $20,000/month utility bills) and the higher value (5%) may be appropriate for small facilities (less than $5,000/month utility bills).

A. A Material Change shall include any change in or to the Project Site(s), whether structural, operational or otherwise in nature which reasonably could be expected, in the judgment of the Agency, to increase or decrease annual energy consumption in accordance with the provisions and procedures set forth in Schedule B (Baseline Energy Consumption; Methodology to Adjust Baseline) and Schedule C (Savings Measurement and Verification Plan; Post-Retrofit M&V Plan; Annual M&V Reporting Requirements) by at least ___ % after adjustments for climatic variations.

B. Actions by the Agency which may result in a Material Change include, but are not limited to, the following:

i) manner of use of the Project Site(s) by the Agency; or
ii) hours of operation for the Project Site(s) or for any equipment or energy using systems operating at the Project Site(s); or
iii) Permanent changes in the comfort and service parameters set forth in Schedule U (Standards of Comfort); or
iv) occupancy of the Project Site(s); or
v) structure of the Project Site(s); or
vi) types and quantities of equipment used at the Project Site(s) or
vii) modification, renovation or construction at the Project Site(s); or
viii) the Agency's failure to provide maintenance of and repairs to the Equipment in accordance with Schedule CC (Agency's Maintenance Responsibilities); or
ix) any other conditions other than climate affecting energy use at the Project Site(s) including but not limited to the replacement, addition or removal of energy and water consuming devices whether plug in or fixed assets,

x) casualty or condemnation of the Project Site(s) or Equipment, or
xi) changes in utility provider or utility rate classification, or
xii) any other conditions other than climate affecting energy or water use at the Project Site(s).

xiii) Modifications, alterations or overrides of the energy management system schedules or hours of operation, set back/start up or holiday schedules.
29. **Reported Material Changes; Notice by Agency.**

This section requires the Agency to notify the Contractor in writing if there are any actual or planned changes to the facility which would affect energy consumption by more than the specified percentage. In the event of an emergency or situation that would prevent advance notification, the Agency has a specified number of hours to inform the Contractor that a Material Change has occurred.

The Agency shall use its best efforts to deliver to the Contractor a written notice describing all actual or proposed Material Changes in the Project Site(s) or in the operations of the Project Site(s) at least __ days before any actual or proposed Material Change is implemented or as soon as is practicable after an emergency or other unplanned event. Notice to the Contractor of Material Changes which results because of a bona fide emergency or other situation which precludes advance notification shall be deemed sufficient if given by the Agency within ___ hours after having actual knowledge that the event constituting the Material Change occurred or was discovered by the Agency to have occurred.

30. **Other Adjustments.**

This section states that if all building conditions and operations stay the same, then energy consumption will not vary more than the negotiated percentage during any month when compared to the baseline use for that month and after adjustments for weather are made. See above discussion. In the event such a variation occurs, the Contractor will try to determine the cause of the deviation and report its findings to the Agency. The Contractor and Agency will then determine what adjustments will be made to the baseline as described in Schedule B (Baseline Energy Consumption; Methodology to Adjust Baseline).

As agreed in Section 29 (Reported Material Changes; Notice by Agency) Agency will alert Contractor of materials changes as known. Both parties have a vested interest in meeting the guaranteed savings of the Contract. As such, the Contractor shall work with Agency to investigate, identify and correct any changes that prevent the guaranteed savings from being realized. As a result of such investigation, Contractor and Agency shall determine what, if any, adjustments to the baseline will be made in accordance with the provisions set forth in Schedule B (Baseline Energy Consumption; Methodology to Adjust Baseline) and Schedule C (Savings Measurement and Verification Plan; Post-Retrofit M&V Plan; Annual M&V Reporting Requirements). Any disputes between the Agency and the Contractor concerning any such adjustment shall be resolved in accordance with the provisions of Schedule JJ (Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures) hereeto.

31. **Corrective Action; Accuracy of the Services.**

This section directs the Contractor to protect the Project Site(s) and its contents, and to repair and restore to the original condition any damage caused by the Contractor in connection with this contract. Any costs incurred to correct such damage shall be paid by the Contractor. The
Contractor is solely responsible for the technical professional accuracy of all work performed under this Contract, including work done by subcontractors or others.

A. Contractor shall perform all tasks/ phases under the Contract, including construction, and install the Equipment in such a manner so as not to harm the structural integrity of the buildings or their operating systems and so as to conform to the standards set forth in Schedule U (Standards of Comfort) and the construction schedule specified in Schedule S (Construction and Installation Schedule). Contractor shall repair and restore to its original condition any area of damage caused by Contractor's performance under this Contract. The Agency reserves the right to review the work performed by Contractor and to direct Contractor to take certain corrective action if, in the opinion of the Agency, the structural integrity of the Project Site(s) or its operating system is or will be harmed. All costs associated with such corrective action to damage caused by Contractor's performance of the work shall be borne by Contractor.

B. Contractor shall remain responsible for the professional and technical accuracy of all services performed, whether by the Contractor or its subcontractors or others on its behalf, throughout the term of this Contract.

32. Annual Reporting Requirements; Annual ENERGY STAR Rating.

At the end of each year during the guarantee period as specified in Schedule A (Savings Guarantee) and no later than ninety (90) days thereafter, the Contractor shall complete and submit the data required in Schedule C (Savings Measurement and Verification Plan; Post-Retrofit M&V Plan; Annual M&V Reporting Requirements). The Contractor shall provide an ENERGY STAR rating for each eligible facility for each year of the guarantee period if applicable.

33. Other Documents.

This section makes the original Request for Proposals (RFP) and the selected Contractor's proposal part of the contract. It also acknowledges the completion of the Contractor's Technical Energy Audit Report and its approval and acceptance by the Agency. It is recommended that the original Technical Energy Audit Report in its entirety be attached and/or referenced as an Exhibit to this contract. It is important to note that if there is any future discrepancy between the Technical Energy Audit Report and any technical schedule(s), the terms of this contract shall apply.

This Contract incorporates herein and makes a part hereof the entire Request for Proposal and Project Development Proposal, labeled Appendix A and B, respectively. Notwithstanding, the provisions of this Contract and the attached Schedules, Exhibits and Appendices shall govern in the event of any inconsistencies between the Investment-Grade Energy Audit Report and the provisions of this Contract.

34. Energy and Cost Savings Guarantee.
This section establishes the term of the Energy and Cost Savings Guarantee to be on an annual basis and structured to cover any and all annual payments (debt service/lease payment and ongoing Contractor fees) to be made by the Agency. It ensures that the Contractor's savings guarantee will at least cover annual project lease-purchase costs (principal and interest) and all annual Contractor service fees for maintenance.

Contractor has formulated and, subject to the adjustments provided for in Sections 28, 29 and 30 (Material Changes), has guaranteed the annual level of energy and water cost savings to be achieved as a result of the installation and operation of the Equipment and provision of services provided for in this Contract in accordance with the methods of savings measurement and verification as set forth in Schedule C (Savings Measurement and Verification Plan; Post-Retrofit M&V Plan; Annual M&V Reporting Requirements). The Energy and Cost Savings Guarantee is set forth in annual increments for the term of the Contract as specified in Schedule A (Savings Guarantee) and has been structured by the Contractor to be sufficient to cover any and all annual payments required to be made by the Agency as set forth in Schedule J (Compensation to Contractor for Annual Services) and Schedule I (Financing Agreement and Payment Schedule).

35. Annual Review and Reimbursement/Reconciliation.

At the end of each year of this Contract and within a specified number of days, there will be a review and reconciliation of the actual achieved savings (subject to any adjustments made for weather, occupancy, operations etc.) with the Contractor's guaranteed savings. If there is a savings shortfall, the Contractor is contractually liable to reimburse the Agency for the difference between what was actually achieved and the amount guaranteed. Annual savings shall exceed annual payments each and every year while this Contract is in effect. This means that excess savings in other years and interim savings during the construction period will not be allocated to meet shortfalls in any year. Annual payments include debt service, ESCO fees, maintenance services, monitoring services, and other services. Agency may negotiate to receive cash, equipment or services equivalent to any deficiency in savings.

A. Energy-related cost savings shall be measured and/or calculated as specified in Schedule C (Savings Measurement and Verification Plan; Post-Retrofit M&V Plan; Annual M&V Reporting Requirements) and a report provided within ninety (90) days of the end of the year for the previous year for each anniversary of the Commencement Date.

B. Annual savings shall exceed annual payments each and every year while this Contract is in effect. In the event the Energy and Cost Savings achieved during such guarantee year are less than the Guaranteed Energy and Cost Savings as defined in Schedule A (Savings Guarantee), Contractor shall pay the Agency an amount equal to the deficiency.

C. The Contractor shall remit such payments to the Agency within ___ days of written notice by the Agency of such monies due. Such excess savings will be retained by
Agency and will not be allocated to shortfalls in savings in other years. In no event shall credit for excess savings be used to satisfy saving guarantees in any other year(s) of the Contract.

36. **Contractor Compensation and Fees.**

   This section ensures that the Contractor’s savings guarantee will, at a minimum, cover annual project financing costs (principal and interest). In addition, it states that all annual Contractor service fees for maintenance will also be paid from savings.

Contractor has structured the Energy and Cost Savings Guarantee referred to in Section 34 above, to be sufficient to include any and all annual payments required to be made by the Agency in connection with financing/purchasing the Equipment to be installed by Contractor under this Contract as set forth in Schedule I (Financing Agreement and Payment Schedule). Actual energy and operations savings achieved by Contractor through the operation of Equipment and performance of services by Contractor shall be sufficient to cover any and all annual fees to be paid by Agency to Contractor for the provision of services as set forth and in accordance with the provisions of Schedules J (Compensation to Contractor) and BB (Contractor’s Maintenance Responsibilities).

37. **Billing Information Procedure.**

   A. Payments due to Contractor shall be calculated each ____________ in the following manner:

      i) By the ____________ day after receipt, Agency shall provide Contractor with copies of all energy bills for the Project Site(s) which it shall have received for the preceding month;

      ii) Upon receipt of the required information, Contractor shall calculate the savings in accordance with the agreed-upon calculation formulae in Schedule C (Savings Measurement and Verification Plan; Post-Retrofit M&V Plan; Annual M&V Reporting Requirements).

   B. Based upon paragraphs (i) and (ii) above, Contractor shall prepare and send to Agency a ____________ invoice which shall set forth for each ____________ the amounts of the energy and operations dollar savings calculated in accordance with Schedule C (Savings Measurement and Verification Plan; Post-Retrofit M&V Plan; Annual M&V Reporting Requirements) and for the services as provided for in Schedule J (Compensation to Contractor for Annual Services). The invoice will set forth the total ____________ payment due from Agency.

38. **Payment.**

Agency shall pay Contractor within ___ days of receipt of Contractor’s invoice.

39. **Effective Date of Payment Obligation.**
This section states that no Contractor fees for ongoing maintenance, monitoring or other services shall be paid until all equipment is installed and operating in accordance with the agreed upon Construction Schedule and Agency has approved the completed installation and signed the Exhibit VI (Certificate of Acceptance—Installed Equipment).

Notwithstanding the above provisions, Agency shall not be required to begin any payments to Contractor under this Contract unless and until all equipment installation is completed by Contractor in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 (Construction Schedule; Equipment Installation) and Schedule T (Systems Start-Up and Commissioning; Operating Parameters of Installed Equipment), and accepted by Agency as evidenced by the signed Certificate of Acceptance as set forth in Exhibit VI (Certificate of Acceptance—Installed Equipment), and unless and until said equipment is fully and properly functioning.

40. **Open Book Pricing.**

This section establishes that the Contractor will fully disclose all costs, providing access to records for all labor and material costs, making them available for three years beyond final payment.

Open book pricing will be required, such that the Contractor shall fully disclose all costs of materials and labor purchased and subcontracted by the Contractor and a list of hourly rates and position descriptions for labor or services provided by the Contractor. Estimates for number of hours required for the project and deviations of these budgeted hours shall require prior written approval by the owner or shall not be paid. Contractor shall maintain cost accounting records on authorized work performed under actual costs for labor and material, or other basis requiring accounting records. Contractor shall afford Agency access to these records and preserve them for a period of three (3) years after final payment. Costs will be evaluated through price analysis to compare costs with reasonable criteria such as established catalog and market prices or historical prices. The pricing methodology and individual cost markups disclosed during preliminary contract negotiations will be expected to be applied, providing the scope and size of the project remain the same as assumed when markups were disclosed.

41. **Ownership of Certain Proprietary Property Rights.**

This provision addresses the Contractor's proprietary rights over customized (or exclusive) software used in an energy management system which may control, manage and perform other functions in conjunction with the project (there may other technical designs, processes, formulas etc., which this provision would cover). Of particular importance is the stipulation that grants the Agency a continuing license (at no charge) to use and operate the project without violating any Contractor's proprietary rights.

Agency shall not, by virtue of this Contract, acquire any interest in any formulas, patterns, devices, secret inventions or processes, copyrights, patents, other intellectual or proprietary
rights, or similar items of property which are or may be used in connection with the Equipment. The Contractor shall grant to the Agency a perpetual, irrevocable royalty-free license for any and all software or other intellectual property rights necessary for the Agency to continue to operate, maintain, and repair the Equipment in a manner that will yield guaranteed utility consumption reductions for the specified contract term. Contractor shall not be liable for providing new versions of software or other enhancements if or unless such new versions or enhancements are necessary to achieve the guaranteed utility consumption reductions.

42. **Ownership of Existing Equipment.**

This provision states that the Agency has ownership of all existing equipment and that the Contractor shall notify the Agency in writing of what equipment and materials are to be replaced. If the Agency chooses to keep the equipment to be replaced, the Contractor will be notified and the Agency responsible for identifying the location of where the property is to be stored or relocated. The Contractor is responsible for all equipment and materials to be disposed. The exception to this is the treatment of any hazardous or environmentally sensitive materials.

Ownership of the equipment and materials presently existing at the Project Site(s) at the time of execution of this Contract shall remain the property of the Agency even if it is replaced or its operation made unnecessary by work performed by Contractor pursuant to this Contract. If applicable, Contractor shall advise the Agency in writing of all equipment and materials to be replaced at the Project Site(s) and the Agency shall within ____ days designate in writing to the Contractor which equipment and materials that should not be disposed of off-site by the Contractor. It is understood and agreed to by both Parties that the Agency shall be responsible for and designate the location and storage for any equipment and materials that should not be disposed of off-site. The Contractor shall be responsible for the disposal of all equipment and materials designated by the Agency as disposable off-site in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations regarding such disposal.

43. **Damages to Equipment or Property.**

This section needs to reflect the individual Agency's standard requirements with regard to insurance and indemnification.

Contractor shall be responsible for (i) any damage to the Equipment or other property on the Project Site(s) and (ii) any personal injury where such damage or injury occurs as a result of Contractor's performance under this Contract.

44. **Liabilities.**

Neither party shall be liable for any special, incidental, indirect, punitive or consequential damages, arising out of or in connection with this Contract. Further, the liability of either party under this Contract shall not exceed the Contract Sum in the aggregate.
45. **Appropriations.**

This section protects the Agency in the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated to cover the financial payments due to the Contractor under the terms of this Contract, in effect terminating the contract with no penalty to the Agency. This is a standard provision in public sector performance contracting and is generally accepted by the ESCO industry since it is unlikely that funding for utilities (source of funds) would be withheld.

The terms of this Agreement are contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorization being made by the Legislature of New Mexico for the performance of this Agreement. If sufficient appropriations and authorization are not made by the Legislature, this Agreement shall terminate on the last day of the fiscal year for which appropriations were made, without penalty or expense to the Agency of any kind whatsoever, except as to the portions of payments herein agreed upon for which Agency and/or other funds shall have been appropriated and budgeted or are otherwise available, and upon written notice being given by the Agency to the Contractor. The Agency's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations are available shall be accepted by the Contractor and shall be final. If the Agency proposes an amendment to the Agreement to unilaterally reduce funding, the Contractor shall have the option to terminate the Agreement or to agree to the reduced funding, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposed amendment.

46. **Status of Contractor.**

The Contractor and its agents and employees are independent contractors performing professional services for the Agency and are not employees of the State of New Mexico. The Contractor and its agents and employees shall not accrue leave, retirement, insurance, bonding, use of state vehicles, or any other benefits afforded to employees of the State of New Mexico as a result of this Agreement. The Contractor acknowledges that all sums received hereunder are reportable by the Contractor for tax purposes, including without limitation, self-employment and business income tax. The Contractor agrees not to purport to bind the State of New Mexico unless the Contractor has express written authority to do so, and then only within the strict limits of that authority.

47. **Subcontracting.**

The Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the Agency.

48. **Release.**

Final payment of the amounts due under this Agreement shall operate as a release of the Agency, its officers and employees, and the State of New Mexico from all liabilities, claims and obligations whatsoever arising from or under this Agreement.
49. **Confidentiality.**

Any confidential information provided to or developed by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the Agency.

50. **Product of Service – Copyright.**

All materials developed or acquired by the Contractor under this Agreement shall become the property of the State of New Mexico and shall be delivered to the Agency no later than the termination date of this Agreement. Nothing developed or produced, in whole or in part, by the Contractor under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright or other claim of ownership by or on behalf of the Contractor.

51. **Conflict of Interest: Governmental Conduct Act.**

The Contractor warrants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance or services required under the Agreement. The Contractor certifies that the requirements of the Governmental Conduct Act, Sections 10-16-1 through 10-16-18, NMSA 1978, regarding contracting with a public officer or state employee or former state employee have been followed.

52. **Amendment.**

This Agreement shall not be altered, changed or amended except by instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto.

53. **Merger.**

This Agreement incorporates all the Agreements, covenants and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such covenants, Agreements and understandings have been merged into this written Agreement. No prior Agreement or understanding, oral or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless embodied in this Agreement.

54. **Penalties for violation of law.**

The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, NMSA 1978, imposes civil and criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for illegal bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.
55. **Equal Opportunity Compliance.**

The Contractor agrees to abide by all federal and state laws and rules and regulations, and executive orders of the Governor of the State of New Mexico, pertaining to equal employment opportunity. In accordance with all such laws of the State of New Mexico, the Contractor assures that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, physical or mental handicap, or serious medical condition, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identity, be excluded from employment with or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity performed under this Agreement. If Contractor is found not to be in compliance with these requirements during the life of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to take appropriate steps to correct these deficiencies.

56. **Applicable Law.**

The laws of the State of New Mexico shall govern this Agreement, without giving effect to its choice of law provisions. Venue shall be proper only in a New Mexico court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with Section 38-3-1 (G) NMSA 1978. By execution of this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges and agrees to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New Mexico over any and all lawsuits arising under or out of any term of this Agreement.

57. **Insurance.**

At all times during the term of this Contract, Contractor shall maintain in full force and effect, at its expense: (1) Workmen's Compensation Insurance sufficient to cover all of the employees of (Contractor) working to fulfill this Contract, and (2) Casualty and Liability Insurance on the Equipment and Liability Insurance for its employees and the possession, operation, and service of the Equipment. The limits of such insurance shall be not less than $__________ for injury to or death of one person in a single occurrence and $__________ for injury to or death of more than one person in a single occurrence and $__________ for a single occurrence of property damage. Such policies shall name the Agency as an additional insured.

Prior to commencement of work under this Contract, Contractor will be required to provide Agency with current certificates of insurance specified above. These certificates shall contain a provision that coverages afforded under the policies will not be canceled or changed until at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to Agency.

58. **Workers Compensation.**

The Contractor agrees to comply with state laws and rules applicable to workers compensation benefits for its employees. If the Contractor fails to comply with the Workers Compensation Act and applicable rules when required to do so, this Agreement may be terminated by the Agency.
59. **Records and Financial Audit.**

The Contractor shall maintain detailed time and expenditure records that indicate the date, time, nature and cost of services rendered during the Agreement's term and effect and retain them for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement. The records shall be subject to inspection by the Agency, the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor. The Agency shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment. Payment under this Agreement shall not foreclose the right of the Agency to recover excessive or illegal payments.

60. **Indemnification.**

The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Agency and the State of New Mexico from all actions, proceedings, claims, demands, costs, damages, attorneys' fees and all other liabilities and expenses of any kind from any source which may arise out of the performance of this Agreement, caused by the negligent act or failure to act of the Contractor, its officers, employees, servants, subcontractors or agents, or if caused by the actions of any client of the Contractor resulting in injury or damage to persons or property during the time when the Contractor or any officer, agent, employee, servant or subcontractor thereof has or is performing services pursuant to this Agreement. In the event that any action, suit or proceeding related to the services performed by the Contractor or any officer, agent, employee, servant or subcontractor under this Agreement is brought against the Contractor, the Contractor shall, as soon as practicable but no later than two (2) days after it receives notice thereof, notify the legal counsel of the Agency and the Risk Management Division of the New Mexico General Services Department by certified mail.

61. **Invalid Term or Condition.**

If any term or condition of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected and shall be valid and enforceable.

62. **Enforcement of Agreement.**

A party's failure to require strict performance of any provision of this Agreement shall not waive or diminish that party's right thereafter to demand strict compliance with that or any other provision. No waiver by a party of any of its rights under this Agreement shall be effective unless express and in writing, and no effective waiver by a party of any of its rights shall be effective to waive any other rights.

63. **Conditions Beyond Control Of The Parties.**

If a party ("performing party") shall be unable to reasonably perform any of its obligations under this Contract due to acts of God, insurrections or riots, or similar events, this Contract shall at the other party's option (i) remain in effect but said performing party's obligations shall be suspended
until the said events shall have ended; or, (ii) be terminated upon ten (10) days notice to the performing party, in which event neither party shall have any further liability to the other.

64. **Events of Default by Agency.**

A. Each of the following events or conditions shall constitute an "Event of Default" by Agency:
   
i) any failure by Agency to pay Contractor any sum due for a service and maintenance period of more than ___ days after written notification by Contractor that Agency is delinquent in making payment and provided that Contractor is not in default in its performance under the terms of this Contract; or

   ii) any other material failure by Agency to perform or comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract, including breach of any covenant contained herein, provided that such failure continues for ____ days after notice to Agency demanding that such failures to perform be cured or if such cure cannot be effected in _____ days, Agency shall be deemed to have cured default upon the commencement of a cure within ______ days and diligent subsequent completion thereof;

   iii) any representation or warranty furnished by Agency in this Contract which was false or misleading in any material respect when made.

65. **Events of Default by Contractor.**

A. Each of the following events or conditions shall constitute an "Event of Default" by Contractor:
   
i) the standards of comfort and service set forth in Schedule U (Standards of Comfort) are not provided due to failure of Contractor to properly design, install, maintain, repair or adjust the Equipment except that such failure, if corrected or cured within ___ days after written notice by Agency to Contractor demanding that such failure be cured, shall be deemed cured for purposes of this Contract.

   ii) any representation or warranty furnished by Contractor in this Contract is false or misleading in any material respect when made;

   iii) failure to furnish and install the Equipment and make it ready for use within the time specified by this Contract as set forth in Schedule R (Equipment to be Installed by Contractor) and Schedule S (Construction and Installation Schedule);

   iv) provided that the operation of the facility is not adversely affected and provided that the standards of comfort in Schedule U (Standards of Comfort) are maintained, any failure by Contractor to perform or comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract, including breach of any covenant contained herein except that such failure, if corrected or cured within ___ days after written notice by the Agency to Contractor demanding that such failure to perform be cured, shall be deemed cured for purposes of this Contract;

   v) any lien or encumbrance upon the equipment by any subcontractor, laborer or material vendor of Contractor;

   vi) the filing of a bankruptcy petition whether by Contractor or its creditors against Contractor which proceeding shall not have been dismissed within_____ days of its
filing, or an involuntary assignment for the benefit of all creditors or the liquidation of Contractor.

vi) failure by the Contractor to pay any amount due the Agency or perform any obligation under the terms of this Contract or the Energy and Cost Savings Guarantee as set forth in Schedule A (Savings Guarantee).

66. Remedies upon Default by Agency.

If an Event of Default by Agency occurs, Contractor may, without a waiver of other remedies which exist in law or equity, exercise any remedies available at law or in equity or other appropriate proceedings including bringing an action or actions from time to time for recovery of amounts due and unpaid by Agency, and/or for damages which shall include all costs and expenses reasonably incurred in exercise of its remedy.

67. Remedies Upon Default by Contractor.

In the Event of Default by Contractor, Agency may exercise any remedies at law or equity, or institute other proceedings, including, without limitation, bringing an action or actions from time to time for specific performance, and/or for the recovery of amounts due and unpaid and/or for damages, which shall include all costs and expenses reasonably incurred, including attorney's fees.

68. Assignment.

The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement or assign any claims for money due or to become due under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the Agency.

69. Assignment by Contractor.

This assignment provision first acknowledges that the Agency selected the Contractor for its unique expertise and qualifications to perform the services specified in the contract. The Contractor may not assign this contract to another Contractor without the written approval of the Agency, and any Contractor assigned this contract must fully comply with all terms and conditions. In addition, the Contractor and any assignee remain contractually liable to the Agency for fulfilling all of the Contractor's obligations as specified in the contract.

The Contractor may, with prior written approval of the Agency, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delegate its duties and performance under this Contract, and/or utilize Contractors, provided that any assignee(s), delegee(s), or Contractor(s) shall fully comply with the terms of this Contract. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, the Contractor shall remain jointly and severally liable with its assignees(s), or transferee(s) to the Agency for all of its obligations under this Contract.
70. **Assignment by Agency.**

In turn, this provision allows the Agency to transfer or assign this contract to a new building owner or occupant. The Agency and its assignee, however, still remain responsible to the Contractor for the Agency’s obligations as specified in the contract.

Agency may transfer or assign this Contract and its rights and obligations herein to a successor or purchaser of the Buildings or an interest therein. The Agency shall remain jointly and severally liable with its assignees or transferees to the Contractor for all of its obligations under this Contract.

71. **Representations and Warranties.**

This boilerplate provision states that each party has the requisite authority and ability to enter into this contract.

A. Each party warrants and represents to the other that:

   i) it has all requisite power, authority, licenses, permits, and franchises, corporate or otherwise, to execute and deliver this Contract and perform its obligations hereunder;

   ii) its execution, delivery, and performance of this Contract have been duly authorized by, or are in accordance with, its organic instruments, and this Contract has been duly executed and delivered for it by the signatories so authorized, and it constitutes its legal, valid, and binding obligation;

   iii) its execution, delivery, and performance of this Contract will not breach or violate, or constitute a default under any Contract, lease or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or its properties may be bound or affected; or

   iv) it has not received any notice, nor to the best of its knowledge is there pending or threatened any notice, of any violation of any applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, rules, decrees, awards, permits or orders which would materially and adversely affect its ability to perform hereunder.

72. **Additional Representations of the Parties.**

These additional representations address several areas specific to the performance contract. The Agency certifies it has or will provide the Contractor will all energy and energy-related records and all future records to be provided will be truthful and accurate. The Agency also declares it has not entered into any leases or service contracts relating to energy equipment or servicing of pre-existing equipment and will notify the Contractor within a specified period of time if it does so.

A. Agency hereby warrants, represents and promises that:
i) it has provided or shall provide timely to Contractor, all records relating to
energy usage and energy-related maintenance of Project Site(s) requested by Contractor and the
information set forth therein is, and all information in other records to be subsequently provided
pursuant to this Contract will be true and accurate in all material respects; and

ii) it has not entered into any leases, contracts or Contracts with other persons
or entities regarding the leasing of energy efficiency equipment or the provision of energy
management services for the Project Site(s) or with regard to servicing any of the energy related
equipment located in the Project Site(s). Agency shall provide Contractor with copies of any
successor or additional leases of energy efficiency equipment and contracts for management or
servicing of preexisting equipment at Project Site(s) which may be executed from time to time
hereafter within ___ days after execution thereof.

B. Contractor hereby warrants, represents and promises that before commencing
performance of this Contract:

i) it shall have become licensed or otherwise permitted to do business in the
State of New Mexico.

ii) it shall have provided proof and documentation of required insurance and
bonds pursuant to this Contract;

iii) it shall make available, upon reasonable request, all documents relating to
its performance under this Contract, including all contracts and subcontracts entered into;

iv) it shall use qualified subcontractors who are qualified, licensed and bonded
in this state to perform the work so subcontracted pursuant to the terms hereof;

v) the Equipment will meet or exceed the provisions set forth in Section 17
(Systems Start Up and Equipment Commissioning) and in Schedule T (Systems Start-Up and
Commissioning; Operating Parameters of Installed Equipment).

vi) the Equipment is or will be compatible with all other Project Site(s)
mechanical and electrical systems, subsystems, or components with which the Equipment
interacts, and that, as installed, neither the Equipment nor such other systems, subsystems, or
components will materially adversely affect each other as a direct or indirect result of Equipment
installation or operation;

vii) it is financially solvent, able to pay its debts as they mature and possessed
of sufficient working capital to complete the Work and perform its obligations under this
Contract.

73. Construction Performance and Payment Bonds, Labor and Material Payment
Bonds.

Such executed bonds are incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit I (Performance Bond)
and Exhibit II (Labor and Material Payment Bond, if applicable).
74. **Further Documents.**

The parties shall execute and deliver all documents and perform all further acts that may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Contract.

75. **Methods of Operation by Agency.**

The parties acknowledge and agree that said Energy and Cost Savings would not likely be obtained unless certain procedures and methods of operation designed for energy and water conservation shall be implemented, and followed by Agency on a regular and continuous basis.

76. **Agency’s Maintenance Responsibilities.**

This provision protects both the Contractor and the Agency by establishing a method for the Contractor to supervise the Agency's compliance with the scheduled routine and preventative maintenance activities to be performed by the Agency (either by in-house personnel or existing maintenance contract). This checklist should be developed for both the newly installed and pre-existing energy-related equipment.

Agency agrees that it shall adhere to, follow and implement the energy conservation procedures and methods of operation to be set forth on Schedule CC (Agency Maintenance Responsibilities), to be attached hereto and made a part hereof after Agency's approval, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

77. **Inspection of Project Site(s).**

Agency agrees that Contractor shall have the right once a month, with prior notice, to inspect Project Site(s) to determine if Agency is complying, and shall have complied with its obligations as set forth in Section 76 (Agency’s Maintenance Responsibilities). For the purpose of determining Agency's said compliance, the checklist to be set forth at Schedule DD (Facility Maintenance Checklist) as completed and recorded by Contractor during its monthly inspections, shall be used to measure and record Agency's said compliance. Agency shall make the Project Site(s) available to Contractor for and during each monthly inspection, and shall have the right to witness each inspection and Contractor's recordation on the checklist. Agency may complete its own checklist at the same time. Contractor agrees to not interfere with the Agency operations during any monthly inspection.

78. **Waiver Of Liens.**

Contractor shall obtain and furnish to Agency a Waiver of Liens from each vendor, material manufacturer and laborer in the supply, installation and servicing of each piece of Equipment.

79. **Conflicts of Interest.**
Conflicts of interest relating to this Contract are strictly prohibited. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, neither party hereto nor any director, employee or agent of any party hereto shall give to or receive from any director, employee or agent of any other party hereto any gift, entertainment or other favor of significant value, or any commission, fee or rebate in connection with this Contract. Likewise, neither party hereto nor any director, employee or agent of either party hereto, shall without prior notification thereof to the other party enter into any business relationship with any director, employee or agent of the other party or of any affiliate of the other party, unless such person is acting for and on behalf of the other party or any such affiliate. A party shall promptly notify the other party of any violation of this section and any consideration received as a result of such violation shall be paid over or credited to the party against whom it was charged. Any representative of any party, authorized by that party, may audit the records of the other party related to this Contract, upon reasonable notice and during regular business hours including the expense records of the party’s employees involved in this Contract, upon reasonable notice and during regular business hours, for the sole purpose of determining whether there has been compliance with this section.

80. **Notices.**

Any notice required to be given to either party by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person, by courier service or by U.S. mail, either first class or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, as follows:

To the Agency: [insert name, address and email].

To the Contractor: [insert name, address and email].

81. **Non-Substitution.**

In the rare event that funds were not appropriated or the Agency is in default, and to protect the Contractor, this provision prevents the Agency from securing funding for the same purposes for a period of one year following the termination of the contract.

In the event of a termination of this contract due to the non-appropriation of funds or in the event this Contract is terminated by Contractor due to a default by the Agency, the Agency agrees, to the extent permitted by state law, not to purchase, lease, rent, borrow, seek appropriations for, acquire or otherwise receive the benefits of any of the same and unique services performed by Contractor under the terms of this Contract for a period of three-hundred sixty five (365) calendar days following such default by Agency, or termination of this Contract due to non-appropriations.

82. **Authority.**
If Contractor is other than a natural person, the individual(s) signing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor represent and warrant that he or she has the power and authority to bind Contractor, and that no further action, resolution, or approval from Contractor is necessary to enter into a binding contract. (I've encountered some situations where there was a question whether the person signing had authority; having the contractor assure the agency the person signing has authority creates an argument the agency has no obligation to check.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date of signature by the DFA Contracts Review Bureau below.

By: __________________________ Date: __________
Agency

By: __________________________ Date: __________
Agency's Legal Counsel - Certifying legal sufficiency

By: __________________________ Date: __________
Contractor
The records of the Taxation and Revenue Department reflect that the Contractor is registered with the Taxation and Revenue Department of the State of New Mexico to pay gross receipts and compensating taxes.

ID Number: 00-000000-00-0

By: ___________________________ Date: ______________

Taxation and Revenue Department

This Agreement has been approved by the DFA Contracts Review Bureau:

By: ___________________________ Date: ______________

DFA Contracts Review Bureau
Performance Measures

(Performance Measures should be based on the Scope of Work and must be tied to the Agency’s Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan should be referenced in the Performance Measures and the applicable part of the Strategic Plan copied below or in an attachment. To the extent possible based on the nature of the work to be performed, the Performance Measures should be “Output” oriented and specify an “Outcome.”)

Performance Measures in the Scope of Work shall contain measurable goals and objectives that are linked to the Performance Measures of the Agency’s Strategic Plan:

**Example:** Goal: Reduce or Increase or Other Service [insert blank].

Objective: To reduce or increase or Other Service [insert blank] by [blank] percent or by a certain time.

Activities: [Insert what services the Contractor is expected to perform to accomplish goals and objectives including an evaluation of the process and the outcome as well as provides efficiency measures that relate efforts to outputs of services].

**OR:** Through satisfactory completion of the Scope of Work set forth above and submission of acceptable Deliverables, the Contractor will assist the Agency to meet the portions of its Strategic Plan set forth below (insert additional language if necessary to describe how Contractor’s work will assist the Agency to fulfill its duties).

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1. A goal is an “output” measure. It measures the quantity of a service provided. For example, the number of students graduated or promoted; the number of two-lane highways repaired; or the number of crimes investigated. It also can measure the quantity of a service provided that meets a certain quality requirement. For example, the number of students graduated or promoted who meet a minimum preset level of achievement; the number of miles of roads repaired to a minimum safety standard; or the number of criminal investigations performed that result in identification of a prime suspect.

2. An accomplishment is an “outcome” measure. These indicators measure accomplishments or results that occur (at least partially) because the services were provided. For example, the percentage of students achieving a specified skill level in reading, the percentage of miles of roads in excellent, good or fair condition; or the percent reduction in serious crimes or the percent of residents who perceive their neighborhoods as safe.
6-23-1. Short title.

Chapter 6, Article 23 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act".

6-23-2. Definitions.

As used in the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act [6-23-1 NMSA 1978]:

A. "conservation-related cost savings" means cost savings, other than utility cost savings, in the operating budget of a governmental unit that are a direct result of energy or water conservation measures implemented pursuant to a guaranteed utility savings contract;

B. "energy conservation measure" means a training program or a modification to a facility, including buildings, systems or vehicles, that is designed to reduce energy consumption or conservation-related operating costs and may include:

1. insulation of the building structure or systems within the building;

2. storm windows or doors, caulking or weatherstripping, multiglazed windows or doors, heat absorbing or heat reflective glazed and coated window or door systems, additional glazing, reductions in glass area or other window and door system modifications that reduce energy consumption;

3. automated or computerized energy control systems;

4. heating, ventilating or air conditioning system modifications or replacements;

5. replacement or modification of lighting fixtures to increase the energy efficiency of the lighting system without increasing the overall illumination of a facility, unless an increase in illumination is necessary to conform to the applicable state or local building code or nationally accepted standards for the lighting system after the proposed modifications are made;

6. energy recovery systems;

7. solar energy generating or heating and cooling systems or other renewable energy systems;

8. cogeneration or combined heat and power systems that produce steam, chilled water or forms of energy such as heat, as well as electricity, for use primarily within a building or complex of buildings;

9. energy conservation measures that provide long-term operating cost reductions;

10. maintenance and operation management systems that provide long-term operating cost reductions;

11. traffic control systems; or

12. alternative fuel options or accessories for vehicles;

C. "governmental unit" means an agency, political subdivision, institution or instrumentality of the state, including two- and four-year institutions of higher education, a municipality, a county or a school
district;

D. "guaranteed utility savings contract" means a contract for the evaluation and recommendation of energy or water conservation measures and for the implementation of one or more of those measures, and which contract provides that all payments, except obligations on termination of the contract before its expiration, are to be made over time and the savings are guaranteed to the extent necessary to make the payments for the conservation measures;

E. "qualified provider" means a person experienced in the design, implementation and installation of energy or water conservation measures and who meets the experience qualifications developed by the energy, minerals and natural resources department for energy conservation measures or the office of the state engineer for water conservation measures;

F. "utility cost savings" means the amounts saved by a governmental unit in the purchase of energy or water that are a direct result of energy or water conservation measures implemented pursuant to a guaranteed utility savings contract; and

G. "water conservation measures" means a training program, change in maintenance practices or facility or landscape alteration designed to reduce water consumption or conservation-related operating costs.

6-23-3. Guaranteed utility savings contracts authorized; energy or water savings guarantee required.

A. A governmental unit may enter into a guaranteed utility savings contract with a qualified provider to reduce energy, water or conservation-related operating costs if, after review of the utility efficiency proposal from the qualified provider, the governmental unit finds that:

(1) the amount the governmental unit would spend on the energy or water conservation measures recommended in the proposal is not likely to exceed the cumulative amount of utility cost savings and conservation-related cost savings of all energy or water conservation measures in the proposal over twenty-five years or over a period not to exceed the expected useful life of the most durable measure in the proposal, whichever period of time is less, from the date of installation if the recommendations in the proposal were followed. The normal periodic repair and replacement of components of an energy or water conservation measure that are required after the measure is installed or completed shall not be considered in the amount a governmental unit would spend on the energy or water conservation measure for purposes of this paragraph; and

(2) the qualified provider can provide a written guarantee that the utility cost savings and conservation-related cost savings will meet or exceed the costs of the conservation measures.

B. A guaranteed utility savings contract shall include:

(1) a written guarantee from the qualified provider that annual utility cost savings and conservation-related cost savings shall meet or exceed the cost of the conservation measures; and

(2) a requirement that the qualified provider maintain a direct financial relationship with the
governmental unit, irrespective of the source of financing for the energy or water conservation measures to be implemented.

C. A guaranteed utility savings contract may extend beyond the fiscal year in which it becomes effective and may provide for payments over a period of time not to exceed twenty-five years or the expected useful life of the most durable energy or water conservation measure in the contract, whichever period of time is less; provided, however, only utility cost savings, conservation-related cost savings and special funds authorized pursuant to the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act [6-23-1 NMSA 1978] or other law shall be pledged for the payments.

D. A governmental unit may enter into an installment payment contract or lease-purchase agreement for the purchase and installation of energy or water conservation measures pursuant to a guaranteed utility savings contract, but only in accordance with the provisions of the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act and Section 13-1-150 NMSA 1978.

E. A governmental unit may enter into a guaranteed utility savings contract pursuant to Section 13-1-129 NMSA 1978 in accordance with the provisions of the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act.

6-23-4, Guaranteed utility savings contract: performance guarantee required.

A governmental unit shall not enter into a guaranteed utility savings contract unless a performance guarantee that meets the requirements of this section is delivered by the qualified provider to the governmental unit and that guarantee becomes binding on the parties upon the execution of the guaranteed utility savings contract. The qualified provider shall provide a performance guarantee in the form of a performance bond, a cash bond, a letter of credit issued by a bank with a Moody's or Standard and Poor's rating of "A" or better or any other surety, including insurance, satisfactory to the governmental unit and its approving agency. The guarantee for each year shall be in an amount equal to the amount of the annual guarantee given by the qualified provider in the guaranteed utility savings contract.

6-23-5, Contract approval required.

A. A governmental unit shall not enter into a guaranteed utility savings contract with a qualified provider or any installment payment contract or lease-purchase agreement pursuant to that contract unless the contracts and agreements are reviewed and approved as follows:

(1) for school districts, by the superintendent of public instruction;

(2) for state agencies:

(a) if the facilities, systems or vehicles are owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the general services department, by the secretary of general services; and

(b) if the facilities, systems or vehicles are not owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the general
services department, by the executive head of the state agency;

(3) for municipalities and counties, by the governing body of the municipality or county; and

(4) for all post-secondary educational institutions and the state educational institutions confirmed in Article 12, Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico, by the commission on higher education.

B. The approval required under this section shall be given upon:

(1) a determination that the contracts and agreements comply with the provisions of the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act [Chapter 6, Article 23 NMSA 1978] and other applicable law;

(2) certification by the energy, minerals and natural resources department that the qualified provider of energy conservation measures meets the experience requirements set by the department and the guaranteed energy savings from the energy conservation measures proposed appear to be accurately estimated and reasonable; and

(3) certification by the office of the state engineer that the qualified provider of water conservation measures meets the experience requirements set by that office and the guaranteed water savings from the water conservation measures proposed appear to be accurately estimated and reasonable.

6-23-6. Contracts and agreements not a general obligation of the governmental unit.

Payment obligations of a governmental unit pursuant to a guaranteed utility savings contract with a qualified provider and any installment payment contract or lease-purchase agreement pursuant to a guaranteed utility savings contract are not general obligations of the governmental unit and are collectible only from utility cost savings and conservation-related cost savings appropriated by the legislature and other revenues pledged for that purpose in accordance with the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act [6-23-1 NMSA 1978].

6-23-6.1. Reporting and retention of utility cost savings for state agencies.

A. A state agency entering into a guaranteed utility savings contract with a qualified provider shall, no later than thirty days after the close of the fiscal year, furnish the energy, minerals and natural resources department a consumption and savings report, in a format established jointly by that department and the department of finance and administration, that estimates any cost savings resulting from the implementation of the guaranteed utility savings contract during the fiscal year. The report shall include:

(1) the name or description of each facility or major utility system covered by the report;

(2) utility account numbers;

(3) a record of monthly consumption of water or energy by fuel type; and

(4) a record of monthly per-unit cost of water or energy by fuel type.
B. If the consumption and savings report for a state agency shows a utility cost savings or conservation-related cost savings at the end of the fiscal year that resulted from implementation of a guaranteed utility savings contract and causes an unexpended and unencumbered balance in the agency's utility line item, and if the utility cost savings or conservation-related cost savings has not been pledged for payments pursuant to the guaranteed utility savings contract, the dollar amount of the utility cost savings or conservation-related cost savings shall be carried over as a reserved designated fund balance to the subsequent fiscal year.

C. Beginning the year after the energy or water conservation measures are implemented, and until any alternative financing for a guaranteed utility savings contract is repaid, or for a period of no more than twenty-five years, whichever is less, all utility budgets and appropriations for the state agency shall be based on:

(1) the energy or water consumption levels, or both, before the energy or water conservation measures were implemented;

(2) the same allowance for escalation or decrease of utility costs given state agencies that did not participate in a guaranteed utility savings contract; and

(3) any adjustments for acquisitions, expansions, sale or disposition of state agency facilities.

D. At the end of the repayment period for the guaranteed utility savings contract, or twenty-five years, whichever is less, new budgets or appropriations for utilities shall again be based upon actual utility consumption.

E. Upon carryover of the dollar amount of utility cost savings or conservation-related cost savings as a reserved designated fund balance to the subsequent fiscal year, state agencies may submit a budget adjustment request to use those funds for the following purposes:

(1) up to one hundred percent of the funds may be used for additional energy or water conservation measures or for payment of guaranteed utility savings contracts; and

(2) after encumbrances for additional energy or water conservation measures or for payment of guaranteed utility savings contracts have been made, up to fifty percent of the remaining funds may be used for purposes consistent with the duties and responsibilities assigned to the state agency, while the remaining funds shall revert to the appropriate fund.

F. For the purposes of this section, "state agency" means an agency, institution or instrumentality of the state of New Mexico. "State agency" does not include a municipality, county or school district.

6-23-7. Public school utility conservation fund created; use.

A. The "public school utility conservation fund" is created as a special fund in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of money transferred to the fund, from year to year, from the distribution of the permanent fund and land income of which the common schools are the beneficiary. No other money from any school district or state source shall be deposited or paid into the public school utility conservation fund.
B. Annually, after the calculation of the state equalization guarantee distribution has been made, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine the sum of the deductions made in the state equalization guarantee distribution of school districts pursuant to Paragraph (7) of Subsection D of Section 22-8-25 NMSA 1978 and shall certify that amount to the secretary of finance and administration. Distributions from the permanent fund and land income of which the common schools are the beneficiary equal to that amount shall be transferred from the common school current fund to the public school utility conservation fund.

C. Money in the public school utility conservation fund is appropriated to the state department of public education solely for the purpose of disbursing money to school districts to make payments pursuant to any guaranteed utility savings contract between the school district and a qualified provider or any installment contract or lease-purchase agreement for the purchase and installation of energy or water conservation measures pursuant to that guaranteed utility savings contract.

D. Disbursements from the public school utility conservation fund shall be made only to school districts and only upon certification by the superintendent of public instruction that the disbursement is for a payment authorized by the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act [6-23-1 NMSA 1978].

E. The superintendent of public instruction shall submit to the legislative finance committee prior to each regular legislative session a list of school districts proposing to enter into approved guaranteed utility savings contracts in the succeeding fiscal year. The list shall include information on the amount of the school district's proposed annual payments and specific amounts that utility and operational budget items are guaranteed to be reduced to achieve the savings to make the payments.

F. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining in the public school utility conservation fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be transferred to the public school fund.

6-23-8. Municipalities; use of certain revenues authorized.

Upon adoption of an ordinance or resolution by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the governing body at any regular or special meeting of the governing body called for this purpose, a municipality may pledge utility cost savings, conservation-related cost savings or any or all revenues not otherwise pledged or obligated from gross receipts taxes received by the municipality pursuant to Section 7-1-6.4 NMSA 1978 and Section 7-1-6.12 NMSA 1978 for payments pursuant to a guaranteed utility savings contract with a qualified provider and any installment payment contract or lease-purchase agreement pursuant to that guaranteed utility savings contract. The ordinance or resolution shall declare the necessity for the guaranteed utility savings contract and related contracts or agreements and shall designate the source of the pledged revenues. Any revenues pledged for such contract payments shall be deposited in a special fund, and the municipality shall not use any other revenues to make such payments. At the end of each fiscal year, any money remaining in the special fund after payment obligations are met may be transferred to any other fund of the municipality.
6-23-9. Counties; use of certain revenues authorized.

Upon adoption of an ordinance or resolution by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board of county commissioners at any regular or special meeting of the board called for this purpose, a county may pledge utility cost savings, conservation-related cost savings or any or all of the revenue not otherwise pledged or obligated from the first one-eighth of one percent increment and of one-half of the revenue from the third one-eighth of one percent increment of the county gross receipts tax transferred to the county pursuant to Section 7-1-6.13 NMSA 1978 and any or all of the revenue from the distribution related to the first one-eighth of one percent increment made pursuant to Section 7-1-6.16 NMSA 1978 for the purpose of making payments pursuant to a guaranteed utility savings contract with a qualified provider or any installment payment contract or lease-purchase agreement pursuant to that guaranteed utility savings contract. The ordinance or resolution shall declare the necessity for the guaranteed utility savings contract and related contracts or agreements and shall designate the source of the pledged revenues. Any revenues pledged for such contract payments shall be deposited in a special fund and the county shall not use any other county or state revenue to make such payments. At the end of each fiscal year, any money remaining in the special fund after the payment obligations are met may be transferred to any other fund of the county.

6-23-10. State institutions and buildings; use of certain revenues authorized.

Resulting utility cost savings and conservation-related cost savings, income from lands granted for the use of certain institutions and public buildings and deposited in income funds for such institutions and buildings pursuant to Section 19-1-17 NMSA 1978 or special funds of institutions may be appropriated and pledged for payments pursuant to a guaranteed utility savings contract or related lease-purchase agreement or installment payment contract pursuant to the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act [6-23-1 NMSA 1978]. Money appropriated for that purpose shall be deposited in a special fund or account of the institution or fund and that revenue and no other revenue shall be pledged for payments pursuant to the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act.

13-1-129. Procurement under existing contracts.

A. Notwithstanding the requirements of Sections 13-1-102 through 13-1-118 NMSA 1978, the state purchasing agent or a central purchasing office may contract for services, construction or items of tangible personal property without the use of competitive sealed bids or competitive sealed proposals as follows:

1. at a price equal to or less than the contractor's current federal supply contract price (GSA), providing the contractor has indicated in writing a willingness to extend such contractor pricing, terms and conditions to the state agency or local public body and the purchase order adequately identifies the contract relied upon; or

2. with a business which has a current exclusive or nonexclusive price agreement with the state
purchasing agent or a central purchasing office for the item, services or construction meeting the same standards and specifications as the items to be procured if the following conditions are met:

(a) the quantity purchased does not exceed the quantity which may be purchased under the applicable price agreement; and

(b) the purchase order adequately identifies the price agreement relied upon.

B. The central purchasing office shall retain for public inspection and for the use of auditors a copy of each federal supply contractor state purchasing agent price agreement relied upon to make purchases without seeking competitive bids or proposals.

7-1-6.4. Distribution; municipality from gross receipts tax.

A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this section, a distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 shall be made to each municipality in an amount, subject to any increase or decrease made pursuant to Section 7-1-6.15 NMSA 1978, equal to the product of the quotient of one and two hundred twenty-five thousandths percent divided by the tax rate imposed by Section 7-9-4 NMSA 1978 multiplied by the net receipts for the month attributable to the gross receipts tax from business locations:

(1) within that municipality;

(2) on land owned by the state, commonly known as the "state fairgrounds", within the exterior boundaries of that municipality;

(3) outside the boundaries of any municipality on land owned by that municipality; and

(4) on an Indian reservation or pueblo grant in an area that is contiguous to that municipality and in which the municipality performs services pursuant to a contract between the municipality and the Indian tribe or Indian pueblo if:

(a) the contract describes an area in which the municipality is required to perform services and requires the municipality to perform services that are substantially the same as the services the municipality performs for itself; and

(b) the governing body of the municipality has submitted a copy of the contract to the secretary.

B. If the reduction made by Laws 1991, Chapter 9, Section 9 to the distribution under this section impairs the ability of a municipality to meet its principal or interest payment obligations for revenue bonds outstanding prior to July 1, 1991 that are secured by the pledge of all or part of the municipality's revenue from the distribution made under this section, then the amount distributed pursuant to this section to that municipality shall be increased by an amount sufficient to meet any required payment, provided that the distribution amount does not exceed the amount that would have been due that municipality under this section as it was in effect on June 30, 1992.

C. A distribution pursuant to this section may be adjusted for a distribution made to a tax increment development district with respect to a portion of a gross receipts tax increment dedicated by a municipality pursuant to the Tax Increment for Development Act [5-15-1 NMSA 1978].
7-1-6.12. Transfer; revenues from municipal local option gross receipts taxes.
A. A transfer pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 shall be made to each municipality for which the department is collecting a local option gross receipts tax imposed by that municipality in an amount, subject to any increase or decrease made pursuant to Section 7-1-6.15 NMSA 1978, equal to the net receipts attributable to the local option gross receipts tax imposed by that municipality, less any deduction for administrative cost determined and made by the department pursuant to the provisions of the act authorizing imposition by that municipality of the local option gross receipts tax and any additional administrative fee withheld pursuant to Subsection C of Section 7-1-6.41 NMSA 1978.
B. A transfer pursuant to this section may be adjusted for a distribution made to a tax increment development district with respect to a portion of a gross receipts tax increment dedicated by a municipality pursuant to the Tax Increment for Development Act [5-15-1 NMSA 1978].

7-1-6.13. Transfer; revenues from county local option gross receipts taxes.
A. Except as provided in Subsections B and C of this section, a transfer pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 shall be made to each county for which the department is collecting a local option gross receipts tax imposed by that county in an amount, subject to any increase or decrease made pursuant to Section 7-1-6.15 NMSA 1978, equal to the net receipts attributable to the local option gross receipts tax imposed by that county, less any deduction for administrative cost determined and made by the department pursuant to the provisions of the act authorizing imposition by that county of the local option gross receipts tax and any additional administrative fee withheld pursuant to Subsection C of Section 7-1-6.41 NMSA 1978.
B. A transfer pursuant to this section may be adjusted for a distribution made to a tax increment development district with respect to a portion of a gross receipts tax increment dedicated by a county pursuant to the Tax Increment for Development Act [5-15-1 NMSA 1978].
C. Through June 30, 2009, a distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 shall be made to the sole community provider fund from revenue attributable to the county gross receipts tax imposed by a county pursuant to Section 7-20E-9 NMSA 1978, subject to the approval of the board of county commissioners of that county. The distribution shall be in an amount equal to one-twelfth of the county's annual approved contribution for support of sole community provider payments. Revenue in excess of the amount required for the contribution shall be transferred to the county pursuant to the provisions of Subsection A of this section.

7-1-6.16. County equalization distribution.
A. Beginning on September 15, 1989 and on September 15 of each year thereafter, the department shall distribute to any county that has imposed or continued in effect during the state's preceding fiscal year a county gross receipts tax pursuant to Section 7-20E-9 NMSA 1978 an amount equal to:
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(1) the product of a fraction, the numerator of which is the county's population and the denominator of which is the state's population, multiplied by the annual sum for the county; less

(2) the net receipts received by the department during the report year, including any increase or decrease made pursuant to Section 7-1-6.15 NMSA 1978, attributable to the county gross receipts tax at a rate of one-eighth percent; provided that for any month in the report year, if no county gross receipts tax was in effect in the county in the previous month, the net receipts, for the purposes of this section, for that county for that month shall be zero.

B. If the amount determined by the calculation in Subsection A of this section is zero or a negative number for a county, no distribution shall be made to that county.

C. As used in this section:

(1) "annual sum" means for each county the sum of the monthly amounts for those months in the report year that follow a month in which the county had in effect a county gross receipts tax;

(2) "monthly amount" means an amount equal to the product of:

(a) the net receipts received by the department in the month attributable to the state gross receipts tax plus five percent of the total amount of deductions claimed pursuant to Section 7-9-92 NMSA 1978 for the month plus five percent of the total amount of deductions claimed pursuant to Section 7-9-93 NMSA 1978 for the month; and

(b) a fraction, the numerator of which is one-eight percent and the denominator of which is the tax rate imposed by Section 7-9-4 NMSA 1978 in effect on the last day of the previous month;

(3) "population" means the most recent official census or estimate determined by the United States census bureau for the unit or, if neither is available, the most current estimated population for the unit provided in writing by the bureau of business and economic research at the university of New Mexico; and

(4) "report year" means the twelve-month period ending on the July 31 immediately preceding the date upon which a distribution pursuant to this section is required to be made.


A. A multi-term contract for items of tangible personal property, construction or services except for professional services, in an amount under twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000), may be entered into
for any period of time deemed to be in the best interests of the state agency or a local public body not to exceed four years; provided that the term of the contract and conditions of renewal or extension, if any, are included in the specifications and funds are available for the first fiscal period at the time of contracting. If the amount of the contract is twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) or more, the term shall not exceed eight years, including all extensions and renewals, except that for a contract entered into pursuant to the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act [6-23-1 NMSA 1978], the term shall not exceed twenty-five years, including all extensions and renewals. Payment and performance obligations for succeeding fiscal periods shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds therefor.

B. A contract for professional services may not exceed four years, including all extensions and renewals, except for the following:

(1) services required to support or operate federally certified medicaid, financial assistance and child support enforcement management information or payment systems;

(2) services to design, develop or implement the taxation and revenue information management systems project authorized by Laws 1997, Chapter 125;

(3) a multi-term contract for the services of trustees, escrow agents, registrars, paying agents, letter of credit issuers and other forms of credit enhancement and other similar services, excluding bond attorneys, underwriters and financial advisors with regard to the issuance, sale and delivery of public securities, may be for the life of the securities or as long as the securities remain outstanding;

(4) services relating to the implementation, operation and administration of the Education Trust Act [21-21K-1 NMSA 1978]; and

(5) services relating to measurement and verification of conservation-related cost savings and utility cost savings pursuant to the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act.

19-1-17. Permanent, income and current funds; creating deposits.

A. The following funds are created.

B. To the credit of these funds, in the respective proportions to which they are by law entitled, all money derived from state lands shall be deposited by the commissioner with the state treasurer, as nearly as possible, on the first day of each calendar month. The commissioner shall keep an accurate record of all such deposits. The funds are:

(1) common school current fund;

(2) common school permanent fund;

(3) university income fund;

(4) university permanent fund;
(5) university saline income fund;
(6) New Mexico state university income fund;
(7) New Mexico state university permanent fund;
(8) western New Mexico university income fund;
(9) western New Mexico university permanent fund;
(10) New Mexico highlands university income fund;
(11) New Mexico highlands university permanent fund;
(12) northern New Mexico state school income fund;
(13) northern New Mexico state school permanent fund;
(14) eastern New Mexico university income fund;
(15) eastern New Mexico university permanent fund;
(16) New Mexico institute of mining and technology income fund;
(17) New Mexico institute of mining and technology permanent fund;
(18) New Mexico military institute income fund;
(19) New Mexico military institute permanent fund;
(20) New Mexico boys' school income fund;
(21) New Mexico boys' school permanent fund;
(22) miners' hospital income fund;
(23) miners' hospital permanent fund;
(24) New Mexico behavioral health institute at Las Vegas income fund;
(25) New Mexico behavioral health institute at Las Vegas permanent fund;
(26) penitentiary income fund;
(27) penitentiary permanent fund;
(28) state charitable, penal and reformatory institutions income fund;
(29) state charitable, penal and reformatory institutions permanent fund; to be equally distributed among the institutions as defined in Article 14, Section 1 of the constitution of New Mexico;
(30) New Mexico school for the blind and visually impaired income fund;
(31) New Mexico school for the blind and visually impaired permanent fund;
(32) New Mexico school for the deaf income fund;
(33) New Mexico school for the deaf permanent fund;
(34) permanent reservoirs for irrigation purposes income fund;
permanent reservoirs for irrigation purposes permanent fund;
(36) improvement of Rio Grande income fund;
(37) improvement of Rio Grande permanent fund;
(38) public buildings at capital income fund;
(39) public buildings at capital permanent fund;
(40) Santa Fe and Grant county railroad bond fund, to be applied as provided by Article 9, Section 4 of the constitution of New Mexico; and
(41) state lands maintenance fund.

Sections 1 through 7 [21-21K-1 to 21-21K-7 NMSA 1978] of this act may be cited as the "Education Trust Act".

As used in the Education Trust Act [21-21K-1 NMSA 1978]:
A. "beneficiary" means a person who is entitled to receive benefits under a college investment agreement or a prepaid tuition contract;
B. "board" means the education trust board;
C. "commission" means the commission on higher education;
D. "college investment agreement" means an agreement entered into by the board and an investor, pursuant to the provisions of the Education Trust Act, to defray the costs of attendance of a beneficiary at an institution of higher education;
E. "council" means the state investment council;
F. "fund" means the education trust fund;
G. "institution of higher education" means a state public post-secondary educational institution as defined in Section 6-17-1-1 NMSA 1978, a branch college, an independent community college, a technical and vocational institute or, if approved by the board, another public or private post-secondary educational institution located in this state or any other state;
H. "investor" means a person who has entered into a college investment agreement with the board;
I. "prepaid tuition contract" means a contract entered into by the board and a purchaser, pursuant to the provisions of the Education Trust Act, to provide for the payment of higher education tuition and required fees of a beneficiary; and
J. "purchaser" means a person who is obligated to make payments under a prepaid tuition contract.

21-21K-3. Education trust fund; creation.

A. The "education trust fund" is created in the state treasury. The board shall deposit all money received pursuant to college investment agreements and prepaid tuition contracts into the fund. Money in the fund shall consist of appropriations, investments, payments, gifts, bequests and donations. All money invested in the fund is appropriated to the board. Money in the fund shall not revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year. The board shall account for each payment from an investor or purchaser on behalf of a beneficiary pursuant to a college investment agreement or prepaid tuition contract. The board shall provide that all money in the fund shall be invested either by the state investment officer according to rules promulgated by the council, subject to the approval of the board, or by a private investment advisor, approved by the council, pursuant to a contract between the board and the investment advisor. The board shall review investments made pursuant to this subsection at least quarterly.

B. Expenditures from the fund shall be for payments to institutions of higher education on behalf of beneficiaries or for refunds, in accordance with the provisions of the Education Trust Act [21-21K-1 NMSA 1978], and for costs of administering that act.

C. In no event shall any liability of, or contractual obligation incurred by, the program established pursuant to the provisions of the Education Trust Act obligate or encumber any of the state's land grant permanent funds, the severance tax permanent fund or any money that is a part of a state-funded financial aid program. Nothing in the Education Trust Act creates any obligation, legal, moral or otherwise, to fulfill the terms of any college investment agreement or prepaid tuition contract out of any source other than the education trust fund.

D. The board may create within the fund separate trust funds or accounts for college investment agreements and prepaid tuition contracts, and may deposit all money received pursuant to college investment agreements and prepaid tuition contracts into the related separate trust funds or accounts. The board may appoint one or more custodians of the separate trust funds or accounts that shall be a state or national bank authorized to do business in the United States. No member of the board, while acting within the scope of his authority or while acting as a trustee of any trust fund or account of the board, shall be subject to any personal liability for any action taken or omitted within that scope of authority.

21-21K-4. Board created; members; appointment; terms of office; powers and duties.

A. There is created the "education trust board". The board is administratively attached to the commission, and the commission shall provide administrative support for the board in carrying out its
duties pursuant to the Education Trust Act [21-21K-1 NMSA 1978]. The board shall consist of the following voting members:

(1) the executive director of the commission, or his designee, who shall be the ex-officio chair of the board;

(2) the state investment officer, or his designee;

(3) one member appointed by the governor;

(4) one member representing institutions of higher education appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

(5) one member representing students at institutions of higher education appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

B. The appointed members must possess knowledge, skill and experience in higher education, business or finance.

C. The appointed members shall serve six-year terms, with the exception of the member representing students, who shall be appointed for a two-year term. Vacancies on the board shall be filled by the respective appointing authority for the remainder of the vacating member's term.

D. Members of the board shall be subject to the provisions of the Per Diem and Mileage Act [10-8-1 NMSA 1978] and shall receive no other compensation, perquisite or allowance for their service on the board.

E. The board is authorized to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of the Education Trust Act, protect the financial integrity of the fund, preserve the program's benefits and assure the appropriate use of the tax benefits. The board shall also determine and adopt by regulation the cost of attendance at institutions of higher education, provided that the cost of attendance shall include the same components and allowances as are used to determine cost of attendance for the federal student financial assistance programs.

21-21K-5. College investment agreement.

A. An investor may enter into a college investment agreement with the board under which the investor agrees to make investments into the fund from time to time for the purpose of defraying the costs of attendance billed by institutions of higher education. An investor may enter into a college investment agreement on behalf of any beneficiary. The board shall adopt a form of the college investment agreement to be used by the board and investors.

B. The board shall provide for the direct payment of principal, investment earnings and capital appreciation accrued pursuant to a college investment agreement to the institution of higher education that the beneficiary actually attends.

C. A college investment agreement may be terminated by the investor at any time. The investor may
modify the college investment agreement to designate a new beneficiary instead of the original beneficiary if the new beneficiary meets the requirements of the original beneficiary on the date the designation is changed and if the original beneficiary:

(1) dies;
(2) is not admitted to an institution of higher education following proper application;
(3) elects not to attend an institution of higher education or, if attending, elects to discontinue higher education; or
(4) for any other circumstance approved by the board, does not exercise his rights under the college investment agreement.

D. The board shall provide, by rule, procedures for determining the amount to be refunded for college investment agreements terminated pursuant to the provisions of this section. The balance of the accrued investment earnings and capital appreciation less the amount refunded and administrative costs shall be credited to the fund.

E. The board shall establish a refund policy if a beneficiary receives additional student financial aid.

F. The board shall specify, by rule, appropriate provisions for the term and termination of college investment agreements.

G. Gifts and bequests to the fund may be made in the name of a specific beneficiary or in the name of the fund in general. Gifts and bequests given for the benefit of a specific beneficiary shall be credited to that beneficiary, and gifts and bequests given to the fund in general shall be credited equally to each beneficiary of a college investment agreement.

H. Principal paid into the fund, together with accrued investment earnings and capital appreciation, shall be excluded from any calculation of a beneficiary's state student financial aid eligibility.

I. The board shall annually notify each investor of the status of the fund.

21-21K-6. Prepaid higher education tuition program: rules.

A. The board may promulgate rules in order to establish a prepaid higher education tuition program. Prior to the establishment of the program, the board will contract for a thorough feasibility study of the proposed prepaid higher education tuition program, including an actuarial analysis of the assumptions underlying the proposed program, and report to the appropriate interim committee of the legislature. The report shall include a recommendation from the board regarding whether it is feasible to proceed with the adoption of the proposed program based on the findings of the feasibility study.

B. The rules regarding the prepaid higher education tuition program shall specify at least the following:

(1) that prepaid tuition contracts, once paid, will cover all tuition and required fees of state public institutions of higher education;
(2) that payments for prepaid tuition contracts may be made either in a lump sum or in installments;
(3) that the prepaid tuition contracts shall include at least the following:
(a) provisions that allow purchasers to choose from payment plans that pay the tuition and required fees for institutions of higher education;
(b) provisions that allow for rollover of prepaid higher education tuition benefits from one plan to another and that provide that benefits may be used at any institution of higher education;
(c) penalties for termination of the contract or default on any of the contract’s terms or conditions; and
(d) provisions that allow purchasers to change or switch beneficiaries;
(4) that beneficiaries must meet certain minimum eligibility requirements as determined by the board;
(5) that the board shall consider at least the following variables when setting contract prices:
(a) the amount and estimated rate of increase of tuition and fees at institutions of higher education;
(b) estimated investment returns;
(c) estimated administrative costs; and
(d) the period between the date the contract is entered into and the date the beneficiary is projected to graduate from high school;
(6) that gifts or bequests may be made to the fund, either on behalf of a beneficiary or to the fund generally;
(7) how and when institutions of higher education become eligible to participate in the program;
(8) that benefits under a prepaid tuition contract are excluded from any calculation of a beneficiary's state student financial aid eligibility; and
(9) that the board shall annually provide for audited statements and actuarial studies on the condition of the fund.

21-21K-7. Reports.
A. The board shall annually submit to the governor and to the appropriate interim legislative committee a report including:
(1) the board's fiscal transactions during the preceding fiscal year;
(2) the market and book value of the fund as of the end of the preceding fiscal year;
(3) the asset allocations of the fund expressed in percentages of stocks, fixed income securities, cash or other financial assets;
(4) the rate of return on the investment of the fund's assets during the preceding fiscal year;
an actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the program, including the extent to which the program's liabilities are unfunded; and

(6) complete prepaid tuition contract sales information, including projected enrollments of beneficiaries at institutions of higher education.

B. The board shall make the report described by Subsection A available to purchasers of prepaid tuition contracts and investments under college investment agreements.

22-8-25. State equalization guarantee distribution; definitions; determination of amount.

A. The state equalization guarantee distribution is that amount of money distributed to each school district to ensure that its operating revenue, including its local and federal revenues as defined in this section, is at least equal to the school district's program cost. For state-chartered charter schools, the state equalization guarantee distribution is the difference between the state-chartered charter school's program cost and the two percent withheld by the department for administrative services.

B. "Local revenue", as used in this section, means seventy-five percent of receipts to the school district derived from that amount produced by a school district property tax applied at the rate of fifty cents ($0.50) to each one thousand dollars ($1,000) of net taxable value of property allocated to the school district and to the assessed value of products severed and sold in the school district as determined under the Oil and Gas Ad Valorem Production Tax Act [7-32-1 NMSA 1978] and upon the assessed value of equipment in the school district as determined under the Oil and Gas Production Equipment Ad Valorem Tax Act [7-34-1 NMSA 1978].

C. "Federal revenue", as used in this section, means receipts to the school district, excluding amounts that, if taken into account in the computation of the state equalization guarantee distribution, result, under federal law or regulations, in a reduction in or elimination of federal school funding otherwise receivable by the school district, derived from the following:

(1) seventy-five percent of the school district's share of forest reserve funds distributed in accordance with Section 22-8-33 NMSA 1978; and

(2) seventy-five percent of grants from the federal government as assistance to those areas affected by federal activity authorized in accordance with Title 20 of the United States Code, commonly known as "PL 874 funds" or "impact aid".

D. To determine the amount of the state equalization guarantee distribution, the department shall:

(1) calculate the number of program units to which each school district or charter school is entitled using an average of the MEM on the second and third reporting dates of the prior year; or

(2) calculate the number of program units to which a school district or charter school operating under an approved year-round school calendar is entitled using an average of the MEM on appropriate dates established by the department; or
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(3) calculate the number of program units to which a school district or charter school with a MEM of two hundred or less is entitled by using an average of the MEM on the second and third reporting dates of the prior year or the fortieth day of the current year, whichever is greater; and

(4) using the results of the calculations in Paragraph (1), (2) or (3) of this subsection and the instructional staff training and experience index from the October report of the prior school year, establish a total program cost of the school district or charter school;

(5) for school districts, calculate the local and federal revenues as defined in this section;

(6) deduct the sum of the calculations made in Paragraph (5) of this subsection from the program cost established in Paragraph (4) of this subsection;

(7) deduct the total amount of guaranteed energy savings contract payments that the department determines will be made to the school district from the public school utility conservation fund during the fiscal year for which the state equalization guarantee distribution is being computed; and

(8) deduct ninety percent of the amount certified for the school district by the department pursuant to the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Bonding Act.

E. Reduction of a school district's state equalization guarantee distribution shall cease when the school district's cumulative reductions equal its proportional share of the cumulative debt service payments necessary to service the bonds issued pursuant to the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Bonding Act [6-21D-1 NMSA 1978].

F. The amount of the state equalization guarantee distribution to which a school district is entitled is the balance remaining after the deductions made in Paragraphs (6) through (8) of Subsection D of this section.

G. The state equalization guarantee distribution shall be distributed prior to June 30 of each fiscal year. The calculation shall be based on the local and federal revenues specified in this section received from June 1 of the previous fiscal year through May 31 of the fiscal year for which the state equalization guarantee distribution is being computed. In the event that a school district or charter school has received more state equalization guarantee funds than its entitlement, a refund shall be made by the school district or charter school to the state general fund.

A. As used in this section:

(1) "department" means the energy, minerals and natural resources department;

(2) "new building" means a building to be constructed that is designed with a square footage of three thousand or more square feet;

(3) "selected building addition" means an addition to a building that increases the square footage of the building by three thousand or more square feet; and

(4) "selected building renovation" means a renovation of a building that includes upgrade or replacement of at least two of the following:

(a) heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems;

(b) electrical systems, including lighting systems; and

(c) the components that separate the interior and the exterior environments of a building and serve to protect the indoor environment and facilitate climate control.

B. Except as provided in Subsection C of this section, a new building, selected building addition or selected building renovation that is financed to any extent with legislative appropriations of state general fund revenues, severance tax bond proceeds, supplemental severance tax bond proceeds or state general obligation bond proceeds shall be designed and constructed to attain the energy star qualification of the United States environmental protection agency, or an alternative, equivalent standard specified by rule of the department.

C. The requirements of this section do not apply to:

(1) a new building, a selected building addition or a selected building renovation for which the initial legislative appropriation is made prior to January 1, 2011;

(2) a new building, a selected building addition or a selected building renovation for which, in the department's opinion, substantial design expenditures have been made prior to July 1, 2010;

(3) a selected building addition to an existing building or a selected building renovation to an existing building if the existing building is listed in the state register of cultural properties of the national register of historic places; or

(4) a new building, selected building addition or selected building renovation if the department determines that the costs of compliance with the requirements of this section would exceed the estimated life-cycle savings of the building, addition or renovation.