CONTRACT
FOR
BATTERY REPLACEMENT SERVICES
BETWEEN
THE TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION
AND
METRO POWER, INC.

The Texas Facilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as "TFC"), a state agency located at 1711 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, Texas 78701 and Metro Power, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"), located at P.O. Box 576, Round Rock, Texas 78680 enter into the following contract for battery replacement services (hereinafter referred to as the "Contract") pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. Ch. 2155.063 (Vernon 2012 & Supp. 2015).

I. STATEMENT OF WORK.

1.01. **SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.** Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, equipment, tools and supervision required to replace the battery string of a Toshiba G8000U Series UPS device (hereinafter referred to as the "Battery Room") as described in Subsection (a.) below. The Battery Room is located in the Brown-Heatly State Office Building, located at 4900 North Lamar, Austin, TX 78751. Work shall include all new parts and materials, demolition, haul off and proper disposal/recycling of existing batteries. Batteries shall be disposed of and/or recycled as required by law. Services performed under this contract shall be subject to inspection and approval by TFC for the protection of the building and its equipment and the facilitation of the business to be conducted therein.

(a.) Brown-Heatly Toshiba UPS.

(i.) The Battery Room contains three (3) strings of thirty (30) batteries - ninety (90) batteries total.

(ii.) Replacement batteries shall be Enersys Datasafe Series HX400-12FR (12 V with 400 W per cell). GNB Sprinter Series, Deka Unigy Series or other comparable product may be accepted at the sole discretion of TFC. Contractor shall provide a manufacturers specifications sheet for TFC approval prior to performance of any work under this Contract.

(iii.) Replacement battery strings must be new Original Equipment Manufacturer (hereinafter referred to as "OEM") factory-sealed. Refurbished battery strings will not be accepted by TFC. Date codes on the replacement batteries shall not be greater than twelve (12) months from shipment date.

(iv.) Contractor shall remove existing battery strings from the premises and dispose of and/or recycle them as required by law.

(v.) Installation technicians shall be factory certified by the battery manufacturer.

(vi.) The battery compartment is separate from the UPS.

(vii.) Once installation is completed, Contractor shall ensure that the circuits are properly calibrated, per the manufacturers specifications.

1.02. **PROJECT COMPLETION TIME.** Contractor shall deliver the batteries no later than three (3) calendar weeks from the Friday after receipt of the TFC Notice to Proceed.

1.03. **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR.** (a.) TFC shall designate a "Contract Administrator" for this Contract who will serve as the point of contact between TFC and Contractor. The instructions of the TFC Contract Administrator and/or the TFC Contract Administrator's designated representative (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "TFC Contract Administrator") are to be strictly and promptly followed by Contractor at all times. The TFC Contract Administrator is to have free access to Contractor's supplies, equipment, and work product at all times for inspection and audit. Contractor is to afford the TFC Contract Administrator all necessary assistance during those inspections and/or audits. The TFC Contract Administrator will decide any and all questions that may arise as to the quality and acceptability of work performed, and as to the manner of performance and rate of progress of the work. The TFC Contract Administrator will determine the amount of work performed and materials furnished which are to be paid under this Contract. Failure of the TFC Contract Administrator during the progress of the Contract, to: (i.) discover or reject unacceptable work; (ii.) discover work not in accordance with the Contract; or, (iii.) failure to exercise any remedies in connection therewith, shall not be deemed an acceptance thereof, nor a waiver, of TFC's right to full performance of the contract.

(b.) Contractor agrees to conduct all of its services under this Contract by and through appropriate communications with the TFC Contract Administrator. No work, installation or other services shall be undertaken by Contractor except with the prior written direction of the TFC Contract Administrator. Contractor understands and agrees that work, installation or any other service performed without the prior written direction of the TFC Contract Administrator is work outside the scope of this Contract and shall be performed exclusively at Contractor's risk and own expense. Contractor agrees to employ competent personnel meeting the requirements outlined in the terms and conditions of this Contract, who shall be satisfactory to TFC. Personnel assigned to perform services under this Contract may not be reassigned without the prior written notification to, and approval from, the TFC Contract Administrator.

1.04. **CONTRACTOR ACCESS.** (a.) Access routes, entrance gates or doors, parking and storage areas, and other necessary Contactor access, along with any imposed time limitations shall be designated by the TFC Contract Administrator. Contractor shall conduct operations in strict observation of the access routes and other areas established. Under no circumstances shall any of Contractor's personnel, vehicles, or equipment enter or move upon any area not authorized by the TFC Contract Administrator, for access by Contractor.

(b.) Parking for Contractor vehicles when performing work must be coordinated through the TFC Contract Administrator. The TFC Contract Administrator will arrange parking according to parking availability at the job site.

1.05. **CONTRACTOR SAFETY.** (a.) All Contractors and subcontractors conducting work for TFC shall abide by all Occupational Safety and Health rules and regulations provided by the Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Code of Federal

Regulations, Chapter 29. Employees of these Contractors and subcontractors shall be trained in accordance with Chapter 29, Occupational Safety and Health Regulations.

1.06. **WORKING HOURS.** All work under this Contract shall be performed during regular business hours. Regular business hours are 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

1.07. **EXISTING UTILITIES AND STRUCTURES.** Contractor shall adequately protect the work, TFC's property, adjacent property and the public. In the event of damage to facilities as a result of Contractor's operations, Contractor shall take immediate steps to notify the TFC Contract Administrator, and subsequently repair or restore all services to the satisfactory approval of the TFC Contract Administrator. Further, Contractor shall engage any additional outside services which may be necessary to facilitate repairs until services are restored. All costs involved in making repairs and restoring disrupted services shall be at the expense of Contractor, and Contractor shall be fully responsible for any and all claims resulting from the damage. The TFC Contract Administrator may elect to perform such repairs and deduct the cost of such repairs, replacements, and outside services from amounts due to Contractor. Upon the approval of the TFC Contract Administrator, Contractor shall have the right to utilize air, water, gas, steam, electricity, and similar items of expense from existing outlets on TFC's property.

1.08. **WASTE REMOVAL.** Contractor shall keep the premises clean on a continual basis, and no trash or debris will be permitted to accumulate in work areas. Contractor shall be responsible for removal and disposal of all debris and waste materials associated with this Contract.

1.09. **SECURITY AND IDENTIFICATION.** Contractor shall abide by all procedures and rules as conveyed by the TFC Contract Administrator, regarding security requirements of the property where work is to be performed. All the Contractor's and subcontractor's personnel must wear clothing and/or badges to identify the company for which they work.

1.10. **DAMAGES.** Contractor shall be responsible for all damages to existing building or previously completed work incurred by his staff or subcontractors. Contractor is to protect adjacent areas from damage and debris. It is the intent of these specifications that any item affected by the work be restored to a state equal to or better than its original condition.

1.11. **SMOKING.** All TFC facilities where work is to be performed are nonsmoking buildings. Contractor's employees are prohibited from smoking in all areas except in areas designated for smoking.

1.12. **EXAMINATION OF PREMISES.** Contractor shall be held to have examined all properties at which the work will take place and to be familiar with the conditions under which the work will be accomplished. Contractor shall inspect existing conditions prior to commencing work, including elements subject to damage or movement during any project.

1.13. **CONTAINERS.** No fuels, chemicals or other type of hazardous material shall be stored on any TFC property.

II. TERM.

2.01. **CONTRACT AWARD.** (a.) This Contract shall be effective as of the date executed by the last party and shall expire on August 31, 2016, unless renewed, extended by the parties by amendment to this Contract, or terminated earlier, as provided in Section 2.02 set forth below.

(b.) Notwithstanding the termination or expiration of this Contract, the provisions of this Contract regarding confidentiality, indemnification, transition, records right to audit and independent audit, property rights, dispute resolution, invoice and fees verification, and default shall survive the termination or expiration dates of this Contract.

(c.) Contractor must achieve substantial completion within the period of time specified on the bid form as accepted by TFC within the specified time beginning upon receipt of a purchase order.

2.02. **TERMINATION.** (a.) Termination with Default. TFC may terminate this Contract immediately for default by providing written notice to Contractor of such termination if the Contractor fails to execute the work properly, performs work in an unsatisfactory manner, or fails to perform any provision of the Contract. In the event of abandonment or default, Contractor will be responsible for paying damages to TFC, including but not limited to, the cost to re-solicit this Contract and any consequential damages to the State of Texas or TFC resulting from Contractor's non-performance. The defaulting Contractor will not be considered in the re-solicitation and may not be considered in future solicitations for the same type of work, unless the scope of work is significantly changed.

(b.) Termination without Default. TFC may, at its sole option and discretion, terminate this Contract at any time, for any reason whatsoever, in whole or in part, by giving written notice (the "Notice of Termination") to Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination or reduction in the scope of work. In the event of termination by TFC under this subsection, Contractor shall be governed by the terms and conditions, and shall perform the acts outlined in Section 2.02(c.) below.

(c.) Implementation of Termination. Contractor shall terminate all work under the Contract to the extent and on the date specified in the Notice of Termination and until such date shall, to the extent stated in the Notice of Termination, do such work as may be necessary and be compensated only for such work as may be necessary as determined by the TFC Contract Administrator, to preserve the work in progress and to protect materials, properties, and equipment. In the event of termination by TFC; TFC shall pay Contractor for all work satisfactorily performed up to the effective date of termination or reduction in the scope of work in accordance with the prices included in the scope of work.

(d.) Termination by Contractor. Contractor may terminate the Contract upon providing sixty (60) days' written notice to TFC. In the event of termination by Contractor, Contractor shall be governed by the terms and conditions of this Contract, and shall perform the acts outlined in Section 2.02(c.) above. Contractor will be held responsible for additional cost incurred from the termination of this Contract.

2.03. **UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE.** (a.) If Contractor fails to maintain an acceptable level of service, or if in the judgment of the TFC Contract Administrator, Contractor's methods are not adequate to ensure completion of all required services, the TFC Contract Administrator, may direct Contractor, at no additional cost to TFC, to revise work schedules or manpower/man-hours to ensure completion of the services. Failure to perform any of the obligations in this Contract may be considered nonperformance of services and may result in informal corrective actions, formal corrective action plans, withholding of payment and/or termination of this Contract.

(b.) TFC may consider the following levels of performance by Contractor as unsatisfactory. An unsatisfactory performance determination includes, but is not limited to the following:

(i.) failure to meet agreed-upon delivery and installation schedules;

(ii.) failure to dispose of batteries as required;

(iii.) failure to provide factory certified installation technicians;

(iv.) failure to provide original OEM factory sealed replacement batteries;

(v.) use of batteries with a date code greater than twelve (12) months from shipment date; and

(vi.) failure to utilize the appropriate personal protective equipment.

2.04. **NO LIABILITY UPON TERMINATION.** If this Contract is terminated for any reason, TFC and the State of Texas shall not be liable to Contractor for any damages, claims, losses, or any other amounts arising from or related to any such termination absent an award of damages pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 2260.

III. CONSIDERATION.

3.01. **CONTRACT LIMIT AND FEES AND EXPENSES.** (a.) The total amount of this Contract shall not exceed the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Three and No/100 Dollars ($24,423.00). Pricing fees will be invoiced in accordance with Exhibit A - Compensation and Fees, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes. Any changes to the not-to-exceed amount or pricing fees set forth in Exhibit A - Compensation and Fees shall be submitted to TFC for review and shall be approved by amendment to this Contract.

3.02. **PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR.** (a.) Payments to Contractor will be made at the completion of a project and within thirty (30) days from receipt of a correct invoice or billing statement in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251, Texas Prompt Payment Act. An invoice is considered received on the date it is date stamped by TFC. Contractor will be paid for completion of work accepted and approved by the TFC Contract Administrator. For large projects, partial payment may be allowed once per month on completed work with acceptance and approval of the TFC Contract Administrator.

(b.) Contractor shall invoice TFC for work performed by vendor identification number and purchase order number. Address for submission is: Texas Facilities Commission, Accounts Payable, P.O. Box 13047, Austin, Texas 78711-3047.

(c.) At any time, TFC may adjust the Contract, in whole or in part, with thirty (30) days' notice to Contractor. Adjustments shall be in accordance with the unit prices quoted in Exhibit A – Compensation and Fees and shall be documented by amendment to this Contract.

IV. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

4.01. **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS.** Only qualified factory-certified installation technicians will be utilized to provide services under this contract.

4.02. **GENERAL AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS.** (a) Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor and Contractor's employees have not been convicted of a felony criminal offense, or that, if such a conviction has occurred, Contractor has fully advised TFC as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the conviction.

(b.) Contractor's employees and subcontractors that will complete any work on-site at a state-owned property may be subject to a criminal background check. Any expense associated with such criminal background check shall be borne by Contractor. If requested by TFC, a complete criminal background check shall be completed before any employee performs services at the site, and may be requested at any time thereafter. Criminal background checks must be accomplished by the Texas Department of Public Safety ("DPS"), which includes fingerprint processing by an independent third-party company selected by DPS. Upon receipt of the fingerprints of Contractor's employees and/or subcontractors, DPS or TFC, will adjudicate the results of the criminal background searches in accordance with the criteria set forth in Exhibit B - Criminal Background Checks and Application Guidelines, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

4.03. **REMOVAL OF PERSONNEL.** TFC may request that the Contractor replace unsatisfactory personnel, which request shall not be unreasonably denied.

4.04. **CONTRACTOR COOPERATION.** Contractor agrees to cooperate and coordinate its work with that of other contractors retained by TFC. Upon discovery of an apparent conflict in the sequencing of work with another contractor, Contractor shall report the concern to the TFC Contract Administrator, who will resolve the conflict.

4.05. **E-VERIFY.** (a.) By entering into this Contract, Contractor certifies and ensures that it utilizes and will continue to utilize, for the term of this Contract, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, in accordance with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's rules, to determine the eligibility of:

(i.) all persons employed to perform duties within the State of Texas, during the term of the Contract; and

(ii.) all persons (including subcontractors) assigned by the Contractor to perform work pursuant to the Contract, within the United States of America.

(b.) Contractor shall provide, upon request of TFC and if available, an electronic or hardcopy screenshot of the confirmation or tentative non-confirmation screen containing the E-Verify case verification number for attachment to the Form I-9 for the three (3) most recent hires that match the criteria above, by the Contractor, and Contractor's subcontractors, as proof that this provision is being followed. If this certification is falsely made, the Contract may be immediately terminated, at the discretion of TFC, and at no fault to TFC, with no prior notification. Contractor shall also be responsible for the costs of any re-solicitation that TFC must undertake to replace the terminated Contract.

(c.) For persons not eligible for E-Verify screening, Contractor (including sub-contractors) shall provide, upon request by TFC, another form of documentation of proof of eligibility to work in the United States of America.

4.06. **EMERGENCY CONTACT.** Upon execution of this Contract, Contractor shall provide the TFC Contract Administrator, the telephone number and/or pager number for a Contractor representative that can be reached all at times for emergencies.

V. STATE FUNDING.

5.01. **STATE FUNDING.** (a.) This Contract shall not be construed as creating any debt on behalf of the State of Texas and/or TFC in violation of TEX. CONST. art. III, § 49. In compliance with TEX. CONST. art. VIII, § 6, it is understood that all obligations of TFC hereunder are subject to the availability of state funds. If such funds are not appropriated or become unavailable, this Contract may be terminated. In that event, the parties shall be discharged from further obligations, subject to the equitable settlement of their respective interests accrued up to the date of termination.

(b.) Furthermore, any damages due under this Contract should not exceed the amount of funds appropriated for payment under this Contract, but not yet paid to Contractor, for the fiscal year budget in existence at the time of the breach; **provided, however, the foregoing shall not be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity.**

VI. RECORDS, AUDIT, PROPRIETARY INFORMATION, AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.

6.01. **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, RETENTION; RIGHT TO AUDIT; INDEPENDENT AUDITS.** (a.) Contractor shall maintain and retain supporting fiscal and any other documents relevant to showing that any payments under this Contract were expended in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Texas, including but not limited to, requirements of the Comptroller of the State of Texas and the State Auditor. Contractor shall maintain all such documents and other records relating to this Contract and the State's property for a period of four (4) years after the date of submission of the final invoices or until a resolution of all billing questions, whichever is later. Contractor shall make available at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, and for reasonable periods, all documents and other information related to the Contract. Contractor and any subcontractors shall provide the State Auditor with any information that the State Auditor deems relevant to any investigation or audit. Contractor must retain all work and other supporting documents pertaining to this Contract, for purposes of inspecting, monitoring, auditing, or evaluating by TFC and any authorized agency of the State of Texas, including an investigation or audit by the State Auditor.

(b.) Contractor shall cooperate with any authorized agents of the State of Texas and shall provide them with prompt access to all of such State's work as requested. The acceptance of funds by Contractor or any other entity or person directly under this Contract, or indirectly through a subcontract under this Contract, shall constitute acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Contractor acknowledges and understands that the acceptance of funds under this Contract shall constitute consent to an audit by the State Auditor, Comptroller or other agency of the State of Texas. Contractor shall ensure that this paragraph concerning the State's authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through Contractor and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards. Furthermore, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the State Auditor must provide the State Auditor with access to any information the State Auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit.

6.02. **CONFIDENTIALITY.** Contractor shall keep confidential all information, in whatever form, produced, prepared, observed or received by Contractor to the extent that such information is:

(i.) confidential by law;

(ii.) marked or designated "confidential" (or words to that effect) by TFC; or,

(iii.) information that Contractor is otherwise required to keep confidential by this Contract.

6.03 **PUBLIC RECORDS.** Notwithstanding any provisions of this Contract to the contrary, Contractor understands that TFC will comply with the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 552. If contacted by TFC, Contractor will cooperate with TFC in the production of documents responsive to the request. Contractor agrees to provide the documents responsive to the request in the format and within the time frame specified by TFC. Contractor may request that TFC seek an opinion from the Office of the Texas Attorney General. However, the final decision whether to seek a ruling from the Office of the Texas Attorney General will be made by TFC in its sole discretion to comply with the legal requirements of the Texas Public Information Act. Additionally, Contractor will notify TFC's general counsel within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of any third-party requests for information written, produced, collected, assembled, or maintained in connection with this Contract and/or any amendment to this Contract. This Contract and/or any amendment to this Contract and all data and other information generated or otherwise obtained in its performance is subject to the Texas Public Information Act. Contractor agrees to maintain the confidentiality of information received from the State of Texas during the performance of this Contract, including information which discloses confidential personal information particularly, but not limited to, social security numbers. Furthermore, Contractor is required to make any information created or exchanged with the State pursuant to this Contract, and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, available in a format that is accessible by the public as specified by TFC at no additional charge to the State.

6.04. **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.** No public disclosures or news releases pertaining to this Contract shall be made without prior written approval of TFC.

VII. CONTRACATOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND WARRANTIES.

7.01. **CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES**. Contractor shall be responsible for damage to TFC's facilities and all associated systems by its work, its negligence in work, its personnel, or its equipment by Contractor's staff or subcontractors. Contractor shall be responsible and liable for the safety, injury, and health of its working personnel while its employees are performing work for TFC.

7.02. **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.** All work performed under this Contract shall be in accordance with applicable terms and conditions of this Contract and shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules and codes.

7.03. **WARRANTY ON SAFETY AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**. Contractor shall procure, at Contractor's expense, all necessary and required licenses and permits necessary for the performance of this Contract. Contractor represents and warrants that the services provided under this Contract comply with all applicable federal health and safety standards, including but not limited to, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and all Texas health and safety standards.

7.04. **PERFORMANCE WARRANTY.** All work performed under this Contract shall be in accordance with applicable terms and conditions of this Contract and of local codes and ordinances and any other authority having lawful jurisdiction. Work performed under this Contract shall meet all applicable requirements of the latest revision of the International Building and National Electric Code, and all other applicable codes. Contractor shall guarantee all work included in the Contract against any defects in workmanship and shall satisfactorily correct, at no cost to TFC, any such defect that may become apparent within a period of one (1) year after completion of work. The warranty period shall commence upon the date of acceptance by TFC. TFC reserves the right to expand or add to the system during the warranty period by using either in-house technicians or firms other than Contractor for such expansion without affecting the Contractor's warranty responsibilities, provided that the expansion is done by an authorized technician.

7.05. **MATERIAL WARRANTY.** All material and equipment furnished under this Contract is guaranteed by Contractor to be in compliance with this Contract, fit and sufficient for the purpose intended, new and free from defects. The warranty period for Contractor-provided materials shall be for a period of one (1) year after completion of the installation or within the manufacturer's warranty, whichever is longer. The warranty period shall commence upon date of acceptance by TFC. Contractor shall provide the TFC Contract Administrator, with all manufacturers' warranty documents within five (5) business days of completion of each project.

VIII. BONDS, INSURANCE, INDEMNIFICATION AND LEGAL OBLIGATIONS.

8.01. **BONDS.** (a.) Prior to commencement of work under this Contract, Contractor is required to tender payment and performance bonds to TFC, as required by Texas Government Code, Chapter 2253, when the following circumstances apply:

(i.) A performance bond is required if the Contract amount is in excess of $100,000.00. The performance bond is solely for the protection of TFC. The performance bond is to be for the sum of the Contract to guarantee the faithful performance of the work in

accordance with the Contract. The performance bond shall be effective through Contractor's warranty period. When submitting a proposal for services as requested by the TFC Contract Administrator, Contractor shall provide documentation for the cost of the performance bond.

(ii.) A payment bond is required if the Contract amount is in excess of $25,000.00. The payment bond is to be for the sum of the Contract and is payable to TFC solely for the protection and use of payment bond beneficiaries who have a direct contractual relationship with Contractor or a subcontractor. When submitting a proposal for services as requested by the TFC Contract Administrator, Contractor shall provide documentation for the cost of the payment bond.

(b.) Each bond shall be executed by a corporate surety or sureties authorized to do business in the State of Texas and acceptable to TFC, on TFC's form, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit C – TFC Bond Forms, and in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Texas Insurance Code. If any bond is for more than ten (10) percent of the surety's capital and surplus, TFC may require certification that the company has reinsured the excess portion with one or more reinsurers authorized to do business in the State. A reinsurer may not reinsure for more than ten (10) percent of its capital and surplus. If a surety upon a bond loses its authority to do business in the State, Contractor shall, within thirty (30) days after such loss, furnish a replacement bond at no added cost to TFC.

(c.) Each bond shall be accompanied by a valid power of attorney (issued by the surety company and attached, signed and sealed with the corporate embosses seal, to the bond) authorizing the attorney in fact who signs the bond to commit the company to the terms of the bond, and stating any limit in the amount for which the attorney can issue a single bond.

(d.) The process of requiring and accepting bonds and making claims thereunder shall be conducted in compliance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 2253. **IF FOR ANY REASON A STATUTORY PAYMENT OF PERFORMANCE BOND IS NOT HONORED BY THE SURETY, CONTRACTOR SHALL FULLY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD OWNER HARMLESS OF AND FROM ANY COSTS, LOSSES, OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITIES IT INCURS AS A RESULT.**

(e.) TFC shall furnish certified copies of the payment bond and the related Contract to any qualified person seeking copies who complies with Texas Government Code, Section 2253.026.

(f.) Claims on payment bonds must be sent directly to Contractor and its surety in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 2253.041. All payment bond claimants are cautioned that no lien exists on the funds unpaid to Contractor on such Contract, and that reliance on notices sent to TFC may result in loss of their rights against Contractor and/or its surety. TFC is not responsible in any manner to a claimant for collection of unpaid bills, and accepts no such responsibility because of any representation by any agent or employee.

(g.) The rights of subcontractors regarding payment are governed by Texas Property Code, Sections 53.231–53.239 when the value of the Contract is less than $25,000.00. These provisions set out the requirements for filing a valid lien on funds unpaid to Contractor as of the time of filing the claim, actions necessary to release the lien and satisfaction of such claim.

(h.) Sureties shall be listed on the US Department of the Treasury's Listing Approved Sureties stating companies holding Certificates of Authority as acceptable sureties on federal bonds and acceptable reinsuring companies (Department Circular 570).

8.02. **INSURANCE.** Prior to the commencement of work under this Contract, Contractor agrees to carry and maintain insurance in the following types and amounts for the duration of this Contract, to furnish certificates of insurance, and make available, at no cost to TFC, copies of policy declaration pages and policy endorsements as evidence thereof:

(a.) Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability coverage with minimum policy limits for employers' liability of $100,000.00 bodily injury per accident, $500,000.00 bodily injury disease policy limit and $100,000.00 per disease, per employee. Workers' compensation insurance coverage must meet the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(46). Certification in writing from Contractor and subcontractors shall be provided to TFC in accordance with Texas Labor Code, Section 406.096.

(b.) Commercial General Liability with a combined single limit of $1,000,000.00 per occurrence for coverage A and B including products/completed operations, where appropriate, with a separate aggregate of $2,000,000.00 for bodily injury and for property damages. The policy shall contain the following provisions:

(i.) blanket contractual liability coverage for liability assumed under the Contract;

(ii.) independent contractors' coverage;

(iii.) State of Texas, TFC, its officials, directors, employees, representatives and volunteers must be listed as additional insureds;

(iv.) thirty (30) day Notice of Cancellation in favor of TFC; and

(v.) Waiver of Transfer Right of Recovery Against Others in favor of TFC.

(c.) Business Automobile Liability Insurance for all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles with a minimum combined single limit of $500,000.00 per accident for bodily injury and property damage. Alternate acceptable limits are $250,000.00 bodily injury per person, $500,000.00 bodily injury per accident and at least $100,000.00 property damage liability per accident. The policy shall contain the following endorsements in favor of TFC:

(i.) Waiver of Subrogation endorsement;

(ii.) Thirty (30) day Notice of Cancellation endorsement; and

(iii.) Additional Insured endorsement.

(d.) Umbrella Liability Insurance for an amount of not less than $1,000,000.00 that provides coverage at least as broad as and applies in excess and follows the form of the primary liability coverage's required hereinabove. The policy shall provide "drop down" coverage where underlying primary insurance coverage limits are insufficient or exhausted.

8.03. **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE.** (a.) Contractor shall be responsible for deductibles and self-insured retention, if any, stated in policies. All deductibles or self-insured retention shall be disclosed on the certificate of insurance required above. If coverage is underwritten on a claims-made basis, the retroactive date shall be coincident with the date of this Contract and the certificate of insurance shall state that the coverage is claims made and the retroactive date.

(b.) Contractor shall maintain coverage for the duration of this Contract. Coverage, including any renewals, shall have the same retroactive date as the original policy applicable to the Contract. Contractor shall, on at least an annual basis, provide TFC with an insurance certificate as evidence of such insurance. The premium for this extended reporting period shall be paid by Contractor.

(c.) Contractor shall not commence work under this Contract until they have obtained the required insurance and until such insurance has been reviewed by TFC. Contractor shall not allow any subcontractors to commence work until the required insurance has been obtained and approved. Approval of insurance by TFC shall not relieve or decrease the liability of Contractor hereunder.

(d.) Insurance shall be written by a company licensed to do business in the State of Texas at the time the policy is issued and shall be written by a company with an A.M. Best rating of A- or better.

(e.) Contractor shall produce endorsements upon TFC's request to each affected policy:

(ii.) That obligates the insurance company to notify the TFC Contract Administrator, TFC, P.O. Box 13047, Austin, Texas 78711, of any non-renewal, cancellations or material changes, including erosion of the aggregate limit, at least thirty (30) days prior to change or cancellation; and,

(iii.) That the "other" insurance clause shall not apply to the State where TFC is an additional insured shown on the policy. It is intended that policies required in this Contract, covering both TFC and Contractor, shall be considered primary coverage as applicable.

(f.) TFC shall be entitled, upon request and without expense, to receive copies of policies and endorsements thereto and may make any reasonable requests for deletion or revision or modification of particular policy terms, conditions, limitations, or exclusions except where policy provisions are established by law or regulations binding upon either of the parties hereto or the underwriter on any such policies and if such request for deletions, revisions, or modifications are commercially available.

(g.) Contractor shall not cause any insurance required under this Contract to cancel nor permit any insurance to lapse during the term of this Contract.

(h.) TFC reserves the right to review the insurance requirements of this section during the effective period of the Contract and to make reasonable adjustments to insurance coverage and their limits when deemed necessary and prudent by TFC based upon changes in statutory

law, court decisions or the claims history of the industry as well as Contractor (such adjustments shall be commercially available to Contractor).

(i.) Actual losses not covered by insurance as required by this Contract shall be paid by Contractor.

8.04. ACTS OR OMISSIONS. **Contractor SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND CUSTOMERS, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF, OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF CONTRACTOR OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, ORDER FULFILLERS, OR SUPPLIERS OF SUBCONTRACTORS IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THE AGREEMENT AND ANY PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE AGREEMENT. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY CONTRACTOR WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND CONTRACTOR MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. CONTRACTOR AND TFC AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.**

8.05. INFRINGEMENTS. (a) **CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND TFC, AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL THIRD PARTY CLAIMS INVOLVING INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS, TRADE AND SERVICE MARKS, AND ANY OTHER INTELLECTUAL OR INTANGIBLE PROPERTY RIGHTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCES OR ACTIONS OF CONTRACTOR PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT. CONTRACTOR AND TFC AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY CONTRACTOR WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND CONTRACTOR MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. (b) CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT IS CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY: (i) USE OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE FOR A PURPOSE OR IN A MANNER FOR WHICH THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE WAS NOT DESIGNED, (ii) ANY MODIFICATION MADE TO THE PRODUCT WITHOUT CONTRACTOR'S WRITTEN APPROVAL, (iii) ANY MODIFICATIONS MADE TO THE PRODUCT BY THE CONTRACTOR PURSUANT TO TFC'S SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS, (iv) ANY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT OWNED BY OR LICENSED TO TFC, OR (V) ANY USE OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE BY TFC THAT IS NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE TERMS OF ANY APPLICABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT. (C) IF CONTRACTOR BECOMES AWARE OF AN ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CLAIM, OR TFC PROVIDES CONTRACTOR WITH NOTICE OF AN ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CLAIM, CONTRACTOR MAY (OR IN THE CASE OF AN INJUNCTION AGAINST TFC, SHALL), AT CONTRACTOR'S SOLE OPTION AND EXPENSE; (I) PROCURE FOR TFC THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE TO USE THE AFFECTED PORTION OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE, OR (II) MODIFY OR REPLACE THE AFFECTED PORTION OF THE**

PRODUCT OR SERVICE WITH FUNCTIONALLY EQUIVALENT OR SUPERIOR PRODUCT OR SERVICE SO THAT TFC'S USE IS NON-INFRINGING.

8.06. **TAXES/WORKERS' COMPENSATION/UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – INCLUDING INDEMNITY.** **(a) CONTRACTOR AGREES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR SHALL BE ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIABILITY AND PAYMENT OF CONTRAOCTOR'S AND CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEES' TAXES OF WHATEVER KIND, ARISING OUT OF THE PERFORMANCES IN THIS AGREEMENT. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS APPLICABLE TO ANY SUCH PERSONS, INCLUDING LAWS REGARDING WAGES, TAXES, INSURANCE, AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION. TFC AND/OR THE STATE SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO THE CONTRACTOR, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR OTHERS FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OR THE PROVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/OR WORKERS' COMPENSATION OR ANY BENEFIT AVAILABLE TO A STATE EMPLOYEE OR EMPLOYEE OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY CUSTOMER.** (b) **CONTRACTOR AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS TFC, THE STATE OF TEXAS AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, AND/OR ASSIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND EXPENSES, RELATING TO TAX LIABILITY, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/OR WORKERS' COMPENSATION IN ITS PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY CONTRACTOR WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND CONTRACTOR MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. CONTRACTOR AND TFC AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.**

8.07. **LEGAL OBLIGATIONS.** Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Contract any state, county, city, or federal license, authorization, insurance, waiver, permit, qualification or certification required by statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by Contractor to provide the goods or services required by this Contract. Contractor will be responsible to pay all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. Contractor agrees to be responsible for payment of any such government obligations not paid by its subcontractors during performance of this Contract.

IX. CONTRACTOR GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS.

9.01. **FINANCIAL INTERESTS/GIFTS.** (a.) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 572.051 and 2255.001 and Texas Penal Code Section 36.09, Contractor has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with this Contract.

(b.) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 573 and Section 2254.032, if applicable, Contractor certifies that Contractor knows of no officer or employee of TFC, nor any relative within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity of an officer or employee of TFC, that has a financial interest in Contractor's company or corporation. Contractor further certifies that no partner, corporation, or unincorporated association which employs, retains or contracts with, or which may employ, retain, or contract with any of the above, has a financial interest in any entity with which Contractor will be dealing on behalf of TFC.

9.02. **PRIOR EMPLOYMENT.** Contractor certifies that Contractor shall comply with all applicable Texas and federal laws and regulations relating to the hiring of former state employees including "revolving door" provisions. Furthermore, Contractor certifies that if it employs any former employee of TFC, such employee will perform no work in connection with this Purchase Order during the twelve (12) month period immediately following the employee's last date of employment at TFC.

9.03. **ELIGIBILITY.** Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2155.004(b), Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract is not ineligible to receive the specified Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

9.04. **FAMILY CODE.** Pursuant to the requirements of Texas Family Code Section 231.006, regarding delinquent child support, the undersigned signatory certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract is not ineligible to receive payment under this Contract and, if applicable, Contractor has provided the name and Social Security number of each person (sole proprietors, firm owners, partners, or shareholders) with at least 25% ownership of the business entity entering into this Contract prior to its execution. Contractor acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

9.05. **DEBTS OR DELINQUENCIES TO STATE.** Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 403.055, Contractor understands and agrees that any payment due under this Contract may be applied toward payment of any debt that is owed to the State of Texas including, but not limited to, delinquent taxes and child support.

9.06. **BUY TEXAS.** If Contractor is authorized to make purchases under this Contract, Contractor certifies that Contractor will buy Texas products, services, and materials when available at a comparable price and in a comparable period of time pursuant to Texas Government Code Ch. 2155.

9.07. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.** Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, sex, religion, age, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees or applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination article. Contractor shall include the above provisions in all subcontracts pertaining to the work.

9.08. **DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE; UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES.** Contractor represents and warrants that it has not been the subject of allegations of Deceptive Trade Practices violations under the Texas Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 17, or allegations of any unfair business practice in any administrative hearing or court suit and that Contractor has not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings. Contractor certifies that it has no officers who have served as officers of other entities' who have been the subject allegations of Deceptive Trade Practices violations or allegations of any unfair business practices in an

administrative hearing or court suit and that such officers have not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings.

9.09. **AGENCY EXECUTIVE HEAD.** Under Texas Government Code Section 669.003 relating to contracting with an executive of a state agency, Contractor represents that no person who, in the past four (4) years, served as an executive of TFC or any other state agency, was involved with or has any interest in this Contract or any contract resulting from this Contractor. If Contractor employs or has used the services of a former executive head of TFC or any other state agency, then Contractor shall provide the following information : the name of the former executive, the name of the state agency, the date of separation from the state agency, the position held with Contractor, and the date of employment with Contractor.

9.10. **LIABILITY FOR TAXES.** Contractor represents and warrants that it shall pay all taxes or similar amounts resulting from this Contract, including, but not limited to, any federal, state, or local income, sales or excise taxes of Contractor or its employees. TFC shall not be liable for any taxes resulting from this Contract.

9.11. **NO CONFLICTS.** Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor has no actual or potential conflicts of interest in providing services to the State of Texas under this Contract and that Contractor's provision of services under this Contract would not reasonably create an appearance of impropriety.

9.12. **PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN BIDS AND CONTRACTS.** Under Texas Government Code, Section 2155.006, relating to the prohibition of certain bids and contracts, Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract is not ineligible to receive the specified Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate. Contractor represents and warrants that during the five (5) year period preceding the date of this Contract, Contractor has not been: (i) convicted of violating a federal law in connection with a contract awarded by the federal government for relief, recovery, or reconstruction efforts as a result of Hurricane Rita, as defined by Texas Utilities Code, Section 39.459, Hurricane Katrina, or any other disaster occurring after September 24, 2005; or (ii) assessed a penalty in a federal civil or administrative enforcement action in connection with a contract awarded by the federal government for relief, recovery, or reconstruction efforts as a result of Hurricane Rita, as defined by Texas Utilities Code, Section 39.459, Hurricane Katrina, or any other disaster occurring after September 24, 2005.

9.13. **IMMIGRATION REFORM.** The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and 1990 requires that all employees hired since 1986 provide proof of identity and employment eligibility before they can work in the United States. TFC is committed to complying with all applicable immigration laws of the United States and requires compliance by all contractors and subcontractors who contract with the State. Contractor shall not place any employee of Contractor at a worksite, nor shall Contractor permit any employee, nor any Subcontractor, to perform any Professional Services on behalf of or for the benefit of the State, without first confirming said employee's authorization to lawfully work in the United States.

(a.) Contractor warrants that Contractor: (i) maintains and follows an established policy to verify the employment authorization of its employees and to ensure continued compliance for the duration of employment; (ii) has verified the identity and employment eligibility of all employees in compliance with applicable law; (iii) has established internal safeguards and reporting policies to encourage its employees to report any suspected violations of immigration policies or of immigration law promptly to Contractor's

senior management; and (iv) is without knowledge of any fact that would render any employee or Subcontractor ineligible to legally work in the United States.

(b.) Contractor further acknowledges, agrees, and warrants that Contractor: (i) has complied, and shall at all times during the term of the Agreement comply, in all respects with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and 1990, the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, as amended, and all of the laws, rules, and regulations relating thereto; (ii) has properly maintained, and shall at all times during the term of the Agreement properly maintain, all records required by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("DHS–ICE"), including, without limitation, the completion and maintenance of the Form I-9 for each of Contractor's employees; and (iii) has responded, and shall at all times during the term of the Agreement respond, in a timely fashion to any inspection requests related to such I-9 Forms. During the term of the Agreement, Contractor shall, and shall cause its directors, officers, managers, agents and employees to, fully cooperate in all respects with any audit, inquiry, inspection or investigation that may be conducted by TFC or any state agency of Contractor or any of its employees.

(c.) Contractor acknowledges, agrees, and warrants that all Subcontractors permitted by it to perform Professional Services will be required to agree to these same terms as a condition to being awarded any Subcontract for such work.

9.14. **MINIMUM WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, Contractor hereby represents and warrants that the Contractor shall pay to each of its employees a wage not less than what is currently known as the "Federal Minimum Wage" and any increase or amendments thereto. Furthermore, Contractor shall produce proof of compliance with this provision by Contractor to TFC. TFC shall withhold payments due to Contractor until Contractor has complied with this provision. Prior to any payment being made for work satisfactorily completed and accepted, Contractor shall submit Wage Rate Affidavits with its billing documents affirming that all employees have been paid not less than the current "Federal Minimum Wage".

X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

10.01. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS.** (a.) Contractor shall neither assign, transfer, nor delegate any rights, obligations, or duties under this Contract without the prior written consent of TFC.

(b.) Notwithstanding this provision, it is mutually understood and agreed that Contractor may subcontract with others for some or all of the services to be performed. TFC shall approve all subcontractors. Subcontractors providing service under this Contract shall meet the same requirements and level of experience as required of the Contractor. No subcontract under the Contract shall relieve Contractor of responsibility for the service. If Contractor uses a subcontractor for any or all of the work required, the following conditions shall apply under the listed circumstances:

(i.) Subcontracting shall be at the Contractor's expense.

(ii.) TFC retains the right to check any subcontractor's background and make the determination to approve or reject the use of submitted subcontractors.

(iii.) Contractor shall be the only contact for TFC and subcontractors. Contractor shall list a designated point of contact for all TFC and subcontractor inquiries.

10.02. **HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES (HUBS).** In accordance with State law, it is TFC's policy to assist HUBs, whether minority or women-owned, whenever possible, to participate in providing goods and services to the agency. TFC encourages those parties with whom it contracts for the provision of goods and services to adhere to this same philosophy in selecting subcontractors to assist in fulfilling Contractor's obligations with TFC. If Contractor subcontracts with others for some or all of the services to be performed under this Contract, Contractor shall comply with all HUB requirements pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 2161.

10.03. **FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS.** Contractor shall demonstrate on-site compliance with the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986, Section 1706, amending Section 530 of the Revenue Act of 1978, dealing with issuance of Form W-2's to common law employees. Contractor is responsible for both federal and State unemployment insurance coverage and standard Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage. Contractor shall comply with all federal and State tax laws and withholding requirements. The State of Texas shall not be liable to Contractor or its employees for any unemployment or workers' compensation coverage, or federal or State withholding requirements. Contractor shall indemnify the State of Texas and shall pay all costs, penalties, or losses resulting from Contractor's omission or breach of this Section.

10.04. **PATENT, TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT AND OTHER INFRINGEMENT CLAIMS.** Contractor shall indemnify, save and hold harmless the State of Texas from and against claims of patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights, violations or infringements arising from the State's or Contractor's use of or acquisition of any services or other items provided to the State of Texas by Contractor or otherwise to which the State of Texas has access as a result of Contractor's performance under this Contract, provided that the State shall notify Contractor of any such claim within a reasonable time of the State's receiving notice of any such claim. If Contractor is notified of any claim subject to this section, Contractor shall notify TFC of such claim within five (5) business days of such notice. No settlement of any such claim shall be made by Contractor without TFC's prior written approval. Contractor shall reimburse the State of Texas for any claims, damages, losses, costs, expenses, judgments or any other amounts, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and court costs, arising from any such claim. Contractor shall pay all reasonable costs of the State's counsel and shall also pay costs of multiple counsel, if required to avoid conflicts of interest. Contractor represents that it has determined what licenses, patents and permits are required under this Contract and has acquired all such licenses, patents and permits.

10.05. **ELECTRONIC AND INFORMATION RESOURCES ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS.**(a.) Effective September 1, 2006, all state agencies and institutions of higher education shall procure products which comply with the State of Texas accessibility requirements for electronic and information resources specified in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 213 when such products are available in the commercial marketplace or when such products are developed in response to a procurement solicitation.

(b.) If applicable, Contractor shall provide the Texas Department of Information Resources ("DIR") with the universal resource locator ("URL") to its Voluntary Product

Accessibility Template (VPAT) for reviewing compliance with the State of Texas Accessibility requirements (based on the federal standards established under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act), or indicate that the product/service accessibility information is available from the General Services Administration "Buy Accessible Wizard" (*http://www.buyaccessible.gov*). Contractors not listed with the "Buy Accessible Wizard" or supplying a URL to their VPAT must provide DIR with a report that addresses the same accessibility criteria in substantively the same format. Additional information regarding the "Buy Accessible Wizard" or obtaining a copy of the VPAT is located at *http://www.section508.gov/*.

10.06. **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.** Contractor is associated with TFC only for the purposes and to the extent specified in this Contract, and with respect to performance of the contracted services pursuant to this Contract, Contractor is and shall be an independent contractor. Subject only to the terms of this Contract, Contractor shall have the sole right to supervise, manage, operate, control, and direct performance of the details incident to its duties under this Contract. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed or construed to create a partnership or joint venture, to create relationships of an employer-employee or principal-agent, or to otherwise create any liability for TFC whatsoever with respect to the indebtedness, liabilities, and obligations of Contractor or any other party. Contractor shall be solely responsible for, and TFC shall have no obligation with respect to:

(a.) withholding of income taxes, FICA or any other taxes or fees;

(b.) industrial or workers compensation insurance coverage;

(c.) participation in any group insurance plans available to employees of the State of Texas;

(d.) participation or contributions by the State of Texas to the State Employees Retirement System;

(e.) accumulation of vacation leave or sick leave; or

(f.) unemployment compensation coverage provided by the State.

10.07. **DRUG FREE WORK PLACE.** Contractor shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988 (Public Law No. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701 et seq.) and maintain a drug-free work environment; and the final rule, government-wide requirements for drug-free work place (grants), issued by the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Defense (32 CFR Part 280, Subpart F) to implement the provisions of the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988 is incorporated by reference and Contractor, Contractor's employees, and Subcontractors shall comply with the relevant provisions thereof, including any amendments to the final rule that may hereafter be issued.

10.08. **COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS.** In the execution of this Contract, Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including laws governing labor, equal employment opportunity, safety, and environmental protection. Contractor shall make itself familiar with and at all times shall observe and comply with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations which in any manner affect performance under this Contract.

10.09. **NOTICES.** Any notice required or permitted to be delivered under this Contract shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to TFC or Contractor, as the case may be, at the address set forth below:

For TFC:
Texas Facilities Commission
1711 San Jacinto Blvd., Room 400
Austin, TX 78701
Attention: Legal Services Division
Phone: (512) 463-3446
Fax: (512) 236-6171

For Contractor:
Metro Power, Inc.
P.O. Box 576
Round Rock, TX 78680
Attention: Michael Tunks
Phone: 512-650-0917
Email: michael.tunks@metropower.com

Notice given in any other manner shall be deemed effective only if and when received by the party to be notified. Either party may change its address for notice by written notice to the other party as herein provided.

10.10. **NAME AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES.** (a.) Contractor must provide TFC with written notification of all name changes and organizational changes relating to Contractor including, but not limited to, merger, acquisition or sale no later than ten (10) business days of such change. Contractor, in its notice, shall describe the circumstances of the name change or organizational change, state its new name, provide the new Tax Identification Number, and describe how the change will impact its ability to perform under the Contract. If the change entails personnel changes for personnel performing the responsibilities of the Contract for Contractor, Contractor shall identify the new personnel and provide resumes to TFC, if resumes were originally required by the solicitation. TFC may request other information about the change and its impact on the Contract and Contractor shall supply the requested information within five (5) working days of receipt of the request. All written notifications of organizational change must include a detailed statement specifying the change and supporting documentation evidencing continued right of Contractor or successor entity, as applicable, to maintain its status as a party to this Contract.

(b.) TFC may terminate the Contract due to any change to Contractor that materially alters Contractor's ability to perform under the Contract.

10.11. **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE.** This Contract and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by, and construed according to, the laws of the State of Texas, exclusive of conflicts of law provisions. Venue of any suit brought under this Contract shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Travis County, Texas. Contractor irrevocably waives any objection, including any objection to personal jurisdiction or proper venue or based on the grounds of forum non conveniens, which it may now or hereafter have to the filing of any action or proceeding in such jurisdiction in respect of this Contract or any document related hereto. **Nothing in this section shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity by TFC.**

10.12. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision contained in this Contract is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, this Contract shall be construed as if such provision did not exist and the non-enforceability of such provision shall not be held to render any other provision or provisions of this Contract unenforceable.

10.13. **PROPER AUTHORITY.** The parties hereto represent and warrant that the person executing this Contract on behalf of each party has full power and authority to enter into this Contract. Contractor acknowledges Contract is effective for the period of time specified in the Contract. Any services performed by Contractor before this Contract is effective or after it ceases to be effective are performed at the sole risk of Contractor.

10.14. **FORCE MAJEURE.** Any delays in or failure of performance by either party, except in respect of the obligation of payments under this Contract, shall not constitute default hereunder if and to the extent such delays or failure of performance are caused by occurrence(s) beyond the reasonable control of the party affected, and which by the exercise of due diligence such party is unable to prevent, herein called "Force Majeure", including acts of God or the public enemy, sabotage, war, mobilization, revolution, civil unrest, riots, strikes, lockouts, fires, accidents breakdowns, or floods, earthquakes, hurricanes or any other natural disaster or governmental actions. In any such event, the party claiming Force Majeure shall promptly notify the other party of the Force Majeure event in writing and, if possible, such notice shall set forth the extent and duration thereof. The party claiming Force Majeure shall exercise due diligence to prevent, eliminate, or overcome such Force Majeure event where it is possible to do so and resume performance at the earliest possible date. However, if non-performance continues for more than thirty (30) days, TFC may terminate this Contract immediately upon written notification to Contractor.

10.15. **LABOR ACTIVITY.** If any strike, boycott, picketing, work stoppage, slowdown, or other labor activity is directed against the Contractor at TFC's facility, which results in the curtailment or discontinuation of services performed herein, TFC shall have the right during said period to employ any means legally permissible to have the work performed.

10.16. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code must be used by the parties to attempt to resolve all disputes arising under this Contract.

10.17. **COUNTERPARTS.** This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and each such counterpart shall together constitute but one and the same agreement.

10.18. **NO WAIVER.** Nothing in this Contract shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity by the State of Texas. This Contract shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver of any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the State of Texas. The failure to enforce, or any delay in the enforcement, of any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the State of Texas under this Contract or under applicable law shall not constitute a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities or be considered as a basis for estoppel. TFC does not waive any privileges, rights, defenses, or immunities available to TFC by entering into this Contract or by its conduct prior to or subsequent to entering into this Contract.

10.19. **FALSE STATEMENTS; BREACH OF REPRESENTATIONS.** By signature to this Contract, Contractor makes all the representations, warranties, guarantees, certifications and affirmations included in this Contract. If Contractor signs this Contract with a false statement or it is subsequently determined that Contractor has violated any of the representations, warranties, guarantees, certifications or affirmations included in this Contract, Contractor shall be in default under this Contract, and TFC may terminate or void this Contract for cause and pursue other remedies available to TFC under this Contract and applicable law.

10.20. **SURVIVAL OF TERMS.** Termination of the Purchase Order for any reason shall not release Vendor from any liability of obligation set forth in the Purchase Order that is expressly stated to survive any such termination or by its nature would be intended to be applicable following any such termination, including the provisions regarding confidentiality, indemnification, transition, records, audit, property rights, dispute resolution and invoice and verification.

10.21. **ENTIRE CONTRACT & MODIFICATION.** This Contract and its integrated attachment(s) constitute the entire agreement of the parties and such are intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Unless an integrated attachment to this Contract specifically displays a mutual intent to amend a particular part of this Contract, general conflicts in language between any such attachment and this Contract shall be construed consistently with the terms of this Contract. Unless otherwise expressly authorized by the terms of this Contract, no modification, renewal, extension or amendment to this Contract shall be binding upon the parties unless the same is in writing and signed by the respective parties hereto.

TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION

Sign: _____

Kay Molina

General Counsel

Date: 5/4/16

DIR. CPW

DED

METRO POWER, INC.

Sign: Michael Tunks

Name: Michael Tunks

Title: Manager

Date: 05-03-2016

EXHIBIT A

TFC CONTRACT NO. 16-095-000

COMPENSATION AND FEES

EXHIBIT A - COMPENSATION AND FEES (Effective 05/03/2016)

COMPENSATION AND FEES: Responding bidders shall provide a project cost as indicated below. **Bidders may not add qualifications, conditions or exceptions to the provided specifications.** Any such modifications will not be considered for evaluation, and may be cause for rejection of the bid, at the full and sole discretion of TFC.

a. **Material Cost: $19,854.82**

b. **Labor Cost: $4,568.18**

c. **Total Cost (Sum of lines a and b): $24,423.00**

d. Number of **Calendar** Days to complete installation: 90 days after receipt of Purchase Order.

e. Replacement batteries shall be Enersys Datasafe Series HX400-12FR, GNB Sprinter Series or Deka Unigy Series batteries. Batteries must be 12 V with 400 W per cell. If Proposed Materials are other than those stated, Respondent shall provide a manufacturers specification sheet with bid. Proposed Materials other than those stated are subject to review and approval at the sole discretion of TFC. Proposed Materials: Enersys DataSafe 12HX400-12FR, 12V, 381 Wpc, 94 Ah. 3 year full / 7-year Pro-rated warranty.

f. Are Installation Technicians factory certified? Yes Please provide verification with your bid.

EXHIBIT B

TFC CONTRACT NO. 16-095-000

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

It is the policy of the Texas Facilities Commission ("TFC") that all contractor employees and subcontractors that will complete any work on-site at a state-owned property may be subject to a criminal background check. Any expense associated with such criminal background check shall be borne by the contractor. Contractor employees and subcontracts who work in case-sensitive areas shall be required to submit to a criminal history background check. If requested by TFC, a complete criminal background check shall be completed before any employee performs services at the site. Criminal background checks must be performed by the Texas Department of Public Safety ("DPS") and must be on the form provide by TFC.

I. CRIMINAL HISTORY CRITERIA

Employers should use the following criminal history criteria when hiring employees to perform work for TFC. Any employee failing to meet the minimum standard will be denied. If special circumstances exist, please contact the TFC representative for clarification or further consideration.

A conviction or deferred adjudication for one of the following offenses will result in the **permanent disqualification** of a person from eligibility to provide contractual services with Texas Facilities Commission:

(i) any act causing death as defined in Texas Penal Code; and

(ii) any felony or misdemeanor involving arson, burglary, breach of computer security, credit card abuse, counterfeiting, forgery, kidnapping, robbery, stalking, terroristic threat, theft, and any sexual offense designated as a felony in Texas Penal Code.

Additionally, anyone who has a current duty to register as a sex offender, is under indictment or is a fugitive from justice is disqualified.

For individuals who have a conviction or deferred adjudication for felonies not enumerated above, 10 years must have passed from the time of disposition or discharge of probation in order for that person to be eligible to provide contractual services with the TFC.

For individuals who have a misdemeanor conviction or deferred adjudication for misdemeanors not enumerated above, 5 years must have passed from the time of disposition or discharge of probation in order for that person to be eligible to provide contractual services with the TFC.

II. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND PROCESS

DPS has entered into an exclusive contract with IdentoGO Centers, formerly L-1 Enrollment Services, operated by MorphoTrust USA. IdentoGO by MorphoTrust is the exclusive live scan fingerprinting provider for DPS. All TFC contractors that are subject to TFC criminal background check requirements must create an account with IdentoGO in accordance with the IdentoGO Account Application and requirements attached hereto as "Attachment A". Thereafter, all contractor employees and subcontractors must follow the registration procedures attached hereto as "Attachment A" including using the ***Texas Facilities Commission Service Code 11G6ZN.*** All necessary instructions and information to schedule a fingerprint appointment is included in Attachment A. In addition, the only service code accepted by DPS for a TFC criminal background check is the service code provided in Attachment A, hereto, therefore, if an individual does not use the service code in Attachment A, he or she may be required to repeat the process at the expense of contractor. Contractors can began the process by simply clicking on this link: **https://uenroll.identogo.com/servicecode/11G6ZN**

Additionally, forms and instructions can be found on the IdentoGO website at http://www.identogo.com by clicking on the State of Texas. Links on that page include one for online scheduling and a list for the state-wide fingerprinting locations. The waiver form for the criminal background check is attached hereto as "Attachment B". In the event Contractor needs to set up a new account, please refer to the attached link for instructions: http://www.l1enrollment.com/state/forms/tx/566718664f05a.pdf.

III. CRIMINAL HISTORY ERROR RESOLUTION

The Error Resolution Unit ("ER") is responsible for updating and evaluating possible errors in criminal history records. Potential errors are reported to ER by law enforcement, judicial agencies, as well as private citizens.

If an applicant would like to make a request that a criminal history record be updated or corrected, the applicant will need to supply certified documents to the ER. Required forms and additional information submit a correction request to the ER can be found at:

http://txdps.state.tx.us/administration/crime_records/pages/errorresolution.htm.

IV. TFC CONTACTS

For any questions involving the TFC criminal background check process, please contact the following:

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ATTACHMENT A

Facilities Commission (ORI Facilities Commission/Service Code 11G6ZN)

The general process for electronic fingerprinting is:

1. Schedule an appointment to be electronically fingerprinted by MorphoTrust USA at one of their IdentoGo enrollment centers.
    - Internet based scheduling is the quickest and most convenient way to obtain a fingerprint appointment.
        a. **You may begin the process now by simply clicking on this link: https://uenroll.identogo.com/servicecode/11G6ZN**
        b. Provide all required pre-enrollment data and select a convenient date and time for your appointment
    - If you prefer to schedule over the telephone, you must:
        a. Have your Service Code ready (**11G6ZN**), then call **888.467.2080**;
        b. MorhphoTrust will prompt you for the Service Code (**11G6ZN**);
        c. Provide all required pre-enrollment data and select a convenient date and time for your appointment
2. Arrive at your scheduled appointment with your photo identification and fee
    - If you plan on bringing a form of identification other than a valid (unexpired) TX Driver License, please refer to the Department of Public Safety's acceptable document types here: http://www.l1enrollment.com/state/forms/tx/55fc619a7f7aa.doc
    - MorphoTrust accepts Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express, business checks, money orders and coupon codes (employer accounts) at the time of service.
    - Please note that personal checks and cash are **not accepted**.
3. Your fingerprints will be submitted electronically to DPS and the FBI. You will not receive a printed fingerprint card.
4. At the conclusion of your appointment, the MorphoTrust enrollment agent will provide you with an IdentoGo receipt stating that you were fingerprinted.
    - Do not throw away the receipt;
    - You may check status on your submission by clicking on this link: **https://uenroll.identogo.com/servicecode/11G6ZN** and then;
    - Click "**Check Status**"

Fingerprints provided for this application shall be used to check criminal history records of the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in accordance with applicable statutes.

ATTACHMENT B

IdentoGO
By MorphoTrust USA

Texas Fingerprint Service Code Form

Facilities Commission

Service Name: Facilities Commission

To schedule your ten-minute fingerprint appointment, simply visit **https://uenroll.identogo.com** and enter the following Service Code

11G6ZN

Service Code is unique to your hiring/licensing agency. Do not use this code for another purpose.

Background Check Waiver

I certify that all information I provided in relation to this criminal history record check is true and accurate. I authorize the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to access Texas and Federal criminal history record information that pertains to me and disseminate that information to the designated Authorized Agency or Qualified Entity with which I am or am seeking to be employed or to serve as a volunteer, through the DPS Fingerprint-based Applicant Clearinghouse of Texas and as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 411 and any other applicable state or federal statute or policy.

I authorize the Texas Department of Public Safety to submit my fingerprints and other application information to the FBI for the purpose of comparing the submitted information to available records in order to identify other information that may be pertinent to the application. I authorize the FBI to disclose potentially pertinent information to the DPS during the processing of this application and for as long hereafter as may be relevant to the activity for which this application is being submitted. I understand that the FBI may also retain my fingerprints and other applicant information in the FBI's permanent collection of fingerprints and related information, where all such data will be subject to comparisons against other submissions received by the FBI and to further disseminations by the FBI as may be authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a). I understand my fingerprints will be searched by and against civil, criminal and latent fingerprints in the Next Generation Identification (NGI) system. I understand I am entitled to obtain a copy of any criminal history record check and challenge the accuracy and completeness of the information before a final determination is made by the Qualified Entity. I also understand the Qualified Entity may deny me access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities until the criminal history record check is completed. If a need arises to challenge the FBI record response, you may contact the agency that submitted the information to the FBI, or you may send a written challenge request to the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division at FBI CJIS Division, Attention: Correspondence Group, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, WV 26306.

Don't have access to the Internet? You can still schedule an appointment by calling 888.467.2080

EXHIBIT C

TFC CONTRACT NO. 16-095-000

TFC BOND FORMS

PAYMENT BOND

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF _____

LET IT BE KNOWN BY THIS INSTRUMENT:

That we, _____ as principal

and we _____ a corporation duly authorized to do business in this State, as Surety(s), are this date held and firmly bound unto the State of Texas in the amount of _____

_____ Dollars $ _____
for payment of which indemnity the said Principal and Surety, by this declaration, do firmly bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and individually.

Since a Contract, which by reference is made a part hereof, exists between Principal and the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Facilities Commission, and dated _____ for the _____

_____

The conditions of this obligation are, therefore, such that it shall remain in full force and effect unless and until the Principal shall faithfully perform the Contract in accordance with the Contract Documents.

The liabilities, rights, limitations, and remedies concerning this Bond shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code, amended by Acts of 73rd Legislature, 1993 pursuant to which Bond is executed.

IN WITNESS TO THIS DECLARATION, the said Principal and Surety(s) have signed and sealed this instrument

this _____ day of _____

PRINCIPAL

By _____

SURETY

By _____

Bond Identification No. _____

_____
Address of Attorney-In-Fact

_____
Telephone No. of Attorney-In-Fact

(Use of this form for the purposes indicated has been approved by the Attorney General of Texas)