

<b>CETS #:</b>	<b>23347</b>
<b>Agency Reference #:</b>	<b>R10234</b>

## INTERLOCAL CONTRACT BETWEEN PUBLIC AGENCIES

A Contract Between the State of Nevada  
Acting by and through its

Public Entity #1:	<b>Department of Health and Human Services Division of Welfare and Supportive Services</b>
Address:	<b>1470 College Parkway</b>
City, State, Zip Code:	<b>Carson City, Nevada 89706-7924</b>
Contact:	<b>Monique Pomerleau</b>
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Fax:	<b>775-684-0681</b>
Email:	<a href="mailto:dwsscontracts@dwss.nv.gov">dwsscontracts@dwss.nv.gov</a>

Public Entity #2:	<b>The Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada</b>
Address:	<b>District Court Admin #82 200 Lewis Avenue</b>
City, State, Zip Code:	<b>Las Vegas, NV 89155-0001</b>
Contact:	<b>Jennifer Garcia, Fiscal Services Manager</b>
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WHEREAS, NRS 277.180 authorizes any one or more public agencies to contract with any one or more other public agencies to perform any governmental service, activity or undertaking which any of the public agencies entering into the contract is authorized by law to perform; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed that the services hereinafter set forth are both necessary and in the best interests of the State of Nevada.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the aforesaid premises, the parties mutually agree as follows:

1. **REQUIRED APPROVAL.** This Contract shall not become effective until and unless approved by appropriate official action of the governing body of each party.
2. **DEFINITIONS**

<b>TERM</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
State	The State of Nevada and any State agency identified herein, its officers, employees and immune contractors.
Contracting Entity	The public entities identified above.
Fiscal Year	The period beginning July 1 <sup>st</sup> and ending June 30 <sup>th</sup> of the following year.
Contract	Unless the context otherwise requires, 'Contract' means this document titled Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies and all Attachments or Incorporated Documents.

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3. **CONTRACT TERM.** This Contract shall be effective as noted below, unless sooner terminated by either party as specified in *Section 4, Termination*.

Effective From:	October 1, 2020	To:	September 30, 2024
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4. **TERMINATION.** This Contract may be terminated by either party prior to the date set forth in *Section 3, Contract Term*, provided that a termination shall not be effective until 30 days after a party has served written notice upon the other party. This Contract may be terminated by mutual consent of both parties or unilaterally by either party without cause. The parties expressly agree that this Contract shall be terminated immediately if for any reason State and/or federal funding ability to satisfy this Contract is withdrawn, limited, or impaired.
5. **NOTICE.** All communications, including notices, required or permitted to be given under this Contract shall be in writing and directed to the parties at the addresses stated above. Notices may be given: (a) by delivery in person; (b) by a nationally recognized next day courier service, return receipt requested; or (c) by certified mail, return receipt requested. If specifically requested by the party to be notified, valid notice may be given by facsimile transmission or email to the address(es) such party has specified in writing.
6. **INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS.** The parties agree that this Contract, inclusive of the following Attachments, specifically describes the Scope of Work. This Contract incorporates the following Attachments in descending order of constructive precedence:

ATTACHMENT A:	SCOPE OF WORK
ATTACHMENT B:	IRS SAFEGUARDING CONTRACT LANGUAGE

Any provision, term or condition of an Attachment that contradicts the terms of this Contract, or that would change the obligations of the State under this Contract, shall be void and unenforceable.

7. **CONSIDERATION.** The parties agree that the services specified in *Section 6, Incorporated Documents* at a cost as noted below:

\$76,000.00	per	Year
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Total Contract or installments payable at:	Actual per Invoice
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Total Contract Not to Exceed:	\$304,000.00
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Any intervening end to a biennial appropriation period shall be deemed an automatic renewal (not changing the overall Contract term) or a termination as the result of legislative appropriation may require.

8. **ASSENT.** The parties agree that the terms and conditions listed in the incorporated Attachments of this Contract are also specifically a part of this Contract and are limited only by their respective order of precedence and any limitations expressly provided.
9. **INSPECTION & AUDIT**
- A. **Books and Records.** Each party agrees to keep and maintain under general accepted accounting principles full, true and complete records, agreements, books, and document as are necessary to fully disclose to the State or United States Government, or their authorized representatives, upon audits or reviews, sufficient information to determine compliance with all State and federal regulations and statutes.

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- B. **Inspection & Audit.** Each party agrees that the relevant books, records (written, electronic, computer related or otherwise), including but not limited to relevant accounting procedures and practices of the party, financial statements and supporting documentation, and documentation related to the work product shall be subject, at any reasonable time, to inspection, examination, review, audit, and copying at any office or location where such records may be found, with or without notice by the State Auditor, Employment Security, the Department of Administration, Budget Division, the Nevada State Attorney General's Office or its Fraud Control Units, the State Legislative Auditor, and with regard to any federal funding, the relevant federal agency, the Comptroller General, the General Accounting Office, the Office of the Inspector General, or any of their authorized representatives.
- C. **Period of Retention.** All books, records, reports, and statements relevant to this Contract must be retained a minimum three years and for five years if any federal funds are used in this Contract. The retention period runs from the date of termination of this Contract. Retention time shall be extended when an audit is scheduled or in progress for a period reasonably necessary to complete an audit and/or to complete any administrative and judicial litigation which may ensue.
10. **BREACH - REMEDIES.** Failure of either party to perform any obligation of this Contract shall be deemed a breach. Except as otherwise provided for by law or this Contract, the rights and remedies of the parties shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or equity, including but not limited to actual damages, and to a prevailing party reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. It is specifically agreed that reasonable attorneys' fees shall not exceed \$150.00 per hour.
11. **LIMITED LIABILITY.** The parties will not waive and intend to assert available NRS Chapter 41 liability limitations in all cases. Contract liability of both parties shall not be subject to punitive damages. Actual damages for any State breach shall never exceed the amount of funds which have been appropriated for payment under this Contract, but not yet paid, for the fiscal year budget in existence at the time of the breach.
12. **FORCE MAJEURE.** Neither party shall be deemed to be in violation of this Contract if it is prevented from performing any of its obligations hereunder due to strikes, failure of public transportation, civil or military authority, acts of public enemy, acts of terrorism, accidents, fires, explosions, or acts of God, including, without limitation, earthquakes, floods, winds, or storms. In such an event the intervening cause must not be through the fault of the party asserting such an excuse, and the excused party is obligated to promptly perform in accordance with the terms of the Contract after the intervening cause ceases.
13. **INDEMNIFICATION.** Neither party waives any right or defense to indemnification that may exist in law or equity.
14. **INDEPENDENT PUBLIC AGENCIES.** The parties are associated with each other only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Contract, and in respect to performance of services pursuant to this Contract, each party is and shall be a public agency separate and distinct from the other party and, subject only to the terms of this Contract, 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 constructed to create a partnership or joint venture, to create relationships of an employer-employee or principal-agent, or to otherwise create any liability for one agency whatsoever with respect to the indebtedness, liabilities, and obligations of the other agency or any other party.
15. **WAIVER OF BREACH.** Failure to declare a breach or the actual waiver of any particular breach of the Contract or its material or nonmaterial terms by either party shall not operate as a waiver by such party of any of its rights or remedies as to any other breach.
16. **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.
17. **ASSIGNMENT.** Neither party shall assign, transfer or delegate any rights, obligations or duties under this Contract without the prior written consent of the other party.
18. **OWNERSHIP OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.** Unless otherwise provided by law any reports, histories, studies, tests, manuals, instructions, photographs, negatives, blue prints, plans, maps, data, system designs, computer code (which is intended to be consideration under this Contract), or any other documents or drawings, prepared or in the course of preparation by either party in performance of its obligations under this Contract shall be the joint property of both parties.

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19. **PUBLIC RECORDS.** Pursuant to NRS 239.010, information or documents may be open to public inspection and copying. The parties will have the duty to disclose unless a particular record is made confidential by law or a common law balancing of interests.
20. **CONFIDENTIALITY.** Each party shall keep confidential all information, in whatever form, produced, prepared, observed or received by that party to the extent that such information is confidential by law or otherwise required by this Contract.
21. **FEDERAL FUNDING.** In the event, federal funds are used for payment of all or part of this Contract, the parties agree to comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations and executive orders, including, without limitation the following:
  - A. The parties certify, by signing this Contract, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency. This certification is made pursuant to Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 and Federal Acquisition Regulation Subpart 9.4, and any relevant program-specific regulations. This provision shall be required of every subcontractor receiving any payment in whole or in part from federal funds.
  - B. The parties and its subcontractors shall comply with all terms, conditions, and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-136), 42 U.S.C. 12101, as amended, and regulations adopted thereunder, including 28 C.F.R. Section 35, inclusive, and any relevant program-specific regulations.
  - C. The parties and its subcontractors shall comply with the requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), as amended, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-112), as amended, and any relevant program-specific regulations, and shall not discriminate against any employee or offeror for employment because of race, national origin, creed, color, sex, religion, age, disability or handicap condition (including AIDS and AIDS-related conditions.)
  - D. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387), as amended. Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
22. **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 and that the parties are authorized by law to perform the services set forth in *Section 6, Incorporated Documents*.
23. **GOVERNING LAW – JURISDICTION.** 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 Nevada. The parties consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of and venue in the First Judicial District Court, Carson City, Nevada for enforcement of this Contract.
24. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION.** This Contract and its integrated Attachment(s) constitute the entire agreement of the parties and as 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 consistent with the terms of this Contract. Unless otherwise expressly authorized by the terms of this Contract, no modification or amendment to this Contract shall be binding upon the parties unless the same is in writing and signed by the respective parties hereto, approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed and intend to be legally bound thereby.




7/9/2020

Steve Grierson

Date

Eighth Judicial District Court Executive Officer

Title



07/10/2020

Steve H. Fisher

Date

Administrator,  
Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Title



7-27-20

for Richard Whitley

Date

Director,  
Department of Health and Human Services

Title



Signature – Board of Examiners

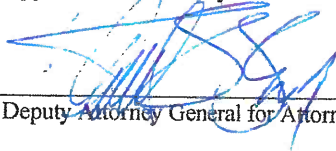
APPROVED BY BOARD OF EXAMINERS

On:

9/8/2020

Date

Approved as to form by:



Deputy Attorney General for Attorney General

On:

7/9/20

Date

## SCOPE OF WORK

### I. The Eighth Judicial District Court Agrees:

- A. To establish and administer programs to support and facilitate non-custodial parents' access to and visitation of their children, by means of activities including mediation (both voluntary and mandatory), counseling, education, development of parenting plans, visitation enforcement (including monitoring, supervision and neutral drop-off and pick-up), and development of guidelines for visitation and alternative custody arrangements.
- B. To provide the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) a projected annual budget and a plan detailing the goals and objectives to be accomplished through the use of the grant by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for each grant year which runs October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> the following year.
- C. To limit any claim for reimbursement to those costs:
  - 1. Required to provide mediation services, child interviews or parent-child reunifications to assist parents in the formulation and implementation of mutually agreed upon access and visitation arrangements to meet the purpose of the Child Support Access and Visitation grant awarded by the federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
- D. To comply with Section 508 of Public Law 103-333 which requires statements, press releases,, bid solicitations and other documents describing programs and projects funded in whole or part with federal funds to clearly state the percentage of the total costs of the program or project financed with Federal money.
- E. To comply with Title XII of Public Law 103-277, "the Pro-Kids Act of 1994", which requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or regularly used for the provision of health, day care, education or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs, whether directly or through state and local governments. Federal programs include grants, cooperative agreements, loans or loan guarantees, and contracts. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for in-patient drug and alcohol treatment.

Failure to comply with the provision of this law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1,000.00 per day which the Eighth Judicial District Court will responsible for paying.

- F. To comply with 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 303.109(a) to provide appropriate safeguards to ensure the safety of children and parents. Federal grant funds provided under this award may not be used by the grantee or any sub-grantee to support lobbying activities to influence proposed or pending Federal or State legislation or appropriations. This prohibition is related to the use of Federal grant funds and is not intended to affect an individual's right or that of any organization, to petition Congress, or any other level of Government, through the use of other resources. The expenditure of funds under this program are subject to the annual

audit requirements under the Single Audit Act of 1984 (P.L. 98-502) and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 (Audit of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations).

- G. Federal funds awarded under this grant must not be used for construction and/or purchase of land.
- H. Funds awarded under this grant must be obligated by the last day of each grant year. Obligations must be liquidated within one year of the last day of each grant year. Any unobligated or unliquidated funds must be returned to the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. There is no carry over of federal funds under the State Access and Visitation Program.
- I. To provide monthly reports, as requested by the agency, concerning the activity of the Access and Visitation Program.
- J. To provide monthly bills for reimbursement within thirty (30) days of the end of the month in which the expenses are incurred unless the Chief of CSEP grants an approval for an extension. All billings for dates of service prior to July 1 must be submitted to the State no later than the third Friday in July of the same calendar year. A billing submitted after the third Friday in July, which forces the State to process the billing as a stale claim pursuant to NRS 353.097, will subject the Contractor to an administrative fee not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Consideration for reimbursement will be considered if the appropriate reports are received.

## **II. DWSS Agrees:**

- A. To submit to DHHS an original financial status report (SF-269) of expenditures for each fiscal year within 90 days after the end of the obligation period.
- B. To monitor, evaluate, and report on all programs funded by the grant to assure compliance with federal requirements and that performance goals are being achieved.
- C. To use Federal State Access and Visitation grant funds to supplement state expenditures at a level at least equal to the level of state expenditures of fiscal year 1995. A state may not use Federal State Access and Visitation funds to supplement expenditures by the state for activities specified in subsection (a) of section 469B of Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996.
- D. To comply with applicable provisions of Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations(CFR):

Part 16	Procedures of the Departmental Grant Appeals Board;
Part 30	Claims Collection;
Part 80	Non-Discrimination Under Programs Receiving Federal Assistance through the DHHS Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
Part 81	Practice and Procedures for Hearing Under Part 80;
Part 84	Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance;

Part 87	Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations;
Part 91	Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Age in Health and Human Services Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance;
Part 93	New Restrictions on Lobbying;

- E. To carry out this grant in accordance with section 469B of Title IV of PRWORA of 1996, the State Access and Visitation application and plan, provision of 2 CFR Chapter I, and Chapter II, Parts 200, 215, 220, 225, and 230 governing the use of federal funds, applicable program instructions, OMB circulars, departmental regulations, and these terms and conditions.
- F. Federal funds awarded under this grant may be used to pay for 90% of the total costs of Nevada's State Access and Visitation Program, up to the State's allocation funded under this grant award. The remaining 10% must be from non-federal sources, either State or local, cash or in-kind.

### **III. The Parties mutually Agree:**

- A. Reimbursement will be made by DWSS to the Eighth Judicial District Court upon receipt and review of monthly billing. Reimbursement will not exceed the approved annual budget.
- B. The parties recognize their responsibility to safeguard and hold confidential, any record or document relating to the grant participants, and both parties agree any information provided pursuant to this interlocal contract shall be used only for the purposes authorized by this interlocal contract.
- C. Each party shall indemnify and remain liable for the negligent acts of its own employees.
- F. There shall be no discrimination in employment or services on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability or handicap (including AIDS and AIDS related conditions). Each party shall comply with all terms, conditions and requirements of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-136), 42 U.S.C. 12101 and regulations adopted there under in 28 CFR subsections 36.101 through 36.999, inclusive.
- G. The parties' obligation hereunder is contingent upon the availability of funds from which payment for contract purposed can be made. No legal liability on the part of the State for payment of any money shall arise unless and until funds are made available by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families and the State Work Program Authority Funding.
- I. This contract will be reviewed periodically by DWSS, not less than once per duration of the contract, to be conducted not less than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date of this contract, to ensure that continuous mediation services are provided.



## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **IRS SAFEGUARDING CONTRACT LANGUAGE**

#### **CONTRACT LANGUAGE FOR GENERAL SERVICES**

##### **I. PERFORMANCE**

In performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with and assume responsibility for compliance by his or her employees with the following requirements:

- (1) All work will be performed under the supervision of the contractor or the contractor's responsible employees.
- (2) The contractor and the contractor's employees with access to or who use FTI must meet the background check requirements defined in IRS Publication 1075.
- (3) Any Federal tax returns or return information (hereafter referred to as returns or return information) made available shall be used only for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this contract. Information contained in such material shall be treated as confidential and shall not be divulged or made known in any manner to any person except as may be necessary in the performance of this contract. Inspection by or disclosure to anyone other than an officer or employee of the contractor is prohibited.
- (4) All returns and return information will be accounted for upon receipt and properly stored before, during, and after processing. In addition, all related output and products will be given the same level of protection as required for the source material.
- (5) No work involving returns and return information furnished under this contract will be subcontracted without prior written approval of the IRS.
- (6) The contractor will maintain a list of employees authorized access. Such list will be provided to the agency and, upon request, to the IRS reviewing office.
- (7) The agency will have the right to void the contract if the contractor fails to provide the safeguards described above.
- (8) (Include any additional safeguards that may be appropriate.)

##### **II. CRIMINAL/CIVIL SANCTIONS**

- (1) Each officer or employee of any person to whom returns or return information is or may be disclosed shall be notified in writing by such person that returns or return information disclosed to such officer or employee can be used only for a purpose and to the extent authorized herein, and that further disclosure of any such returns or return information for a purpose or to an extent unauthorized herein constitutes a felony punishable upon conviction by a fine of as much as \$5,000 or imprisonment for as long as five years, or both, together with the costs of prosecution. Such person shall also notify each such officer and employee that any such unauthorized future disclosure of

returns or return information may also result in an award of civil damages against the officer or employee in an amount not less than \$1,000 with respect to each instance of unauthorized disclosure. These penalties are prescribed by IRCs 7213 and 7431 and set forth at 26 CFR 301.6103(n)-1.

(2) Each officer or employee of any person to whom returns or return information is or may be disclosed shall be notified in writing by such person that any return or return information made available in any format shall be used only for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this contract. Information contained in such material shall be treated as confidential and shall not be divulged or made known in any manner to any person except as may be necessary in the performance of this contract. Inspection by or disclosure to anyone without an official need-to-know constitutes a criminal misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine of as much as \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for as long as 1 year, or both, together with the costs of prosecution. Such person shall also notify each such officer and employee that any such unauthorized inspection or disclosure of returns or return information may also result in an award of civil damages against the officer or employee [United States for Federal employees] in an amount equal to the sum of the greater of \$1,000.00 for each act of unauthorized inspection or disclosure with respect to which such defendant is found liable or the sum of the actual damages sustained by the plaintiff as a result of such unauthorized inspection or disclosure plus in the case of a willful inspection or disclosure which is the result of gross negligence, punitive damages, plus the costs of the action. The penalties are prescribed by IRCs 7213A and 7431 and set forth at 26 CFR 301.6103(n)-1.

(3) Additionally, it is incumbent upon the contractor to inform its officers and employees of the penalties for improper disclosure imposed by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. Specifically, 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(1), which is made applicable to contractors by 5 U.S.C. 552a(m)(1), provides that any officer or employee of a contractor, who by virtue of his/her employment or official position, has possession of or access to agency records which contain individually identifiable information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by the Privacy Act or regulations established thereunder, and who knowing that disclosure of the specific material is so prohibited, willfully discloses the material in any manner to any person or agency not entitled to receive it, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.

(4) Granting a contractor access to FTI must be preceded by certifying that each individual understands the agency's security policy and procedures for safeguarding IRS information. Contractors must maintain their authorization to access FTI through annual recertification. The initial certification and recertification must be documented and placed in the agency's files for review. As part of the certification and at least annually afterwards, contractors must be advised of the provisions of IRCs 7431, 7213, and 7213A ([see Exhibit 4, Sanctions for Unauthorized Disclosure](#), and [Exhibit 5, Civil Damages for Unauthorized Disclosure](#)). The training provided before the initial certification and annually thereafter must also cover the incident response policy and procedure for reporting unauthorized disclosures and data breaches. (See Section 10 ) For both the initial certification and the annual certification, the contractor must sign, either with ink or electronic signature, a confidentiality statement certifying their understanding of the security requirements.

### **III. INSPECTION**

The IRS and the Agency, with 24 hour notice, shall have the right to send its inspectors into the offices and plants of the contractor to inspect facilities and operations performing any work with FTI under this contract for compliance with requirements defined in IRS Publication 1075. The IRS' right of inspection shall include the use of manual and/or automated scanning tools to perform compliance and vulnerability assessments of information technology (IT) assets that access, store, process or transmit FTI. On the basis of such inspection, corrective actions may be required in cases where the contractor is found to be noncompliant with contract safeguards.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **IRS SAFEGUARDING CONTRACT LANGUAGE**

#### **CONTRACT LANGUAGE FOR TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

##### **I. PERFORMANCE**

In performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with and assume responsibility for compliance by his or her employees with the following requirements:

- (1) All work will be done under the supervision of the contractor or the contractor's employees.
- (2) The contractor and the contractor's employees with access to or who use FTI must meet the background check requirements defined in IRS Publication 1075.
- (3) Any return or return information made available in any format shall be used only for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this contract. Information contained in such material will be treated as confidential and will not be divulged or made known in any manner to any person except as may be necessary in the performance of this contract. Disclosure to anyone other than an officer or employee of the contractor will be prohibited.
- (4) All returns and return information will be accounted for upon receipt and properly stored before, during, and after processing. In addition, all related output will be given the same level of protection as required for the source material.
- (5) The contractor certifies that the data processed during the performance of this contract will be completely purged from all data storage components of his or her computer facility, and no output will be retained by the contractor at the time the work is completed. If immediate purging of all data storage components is not possible, the contractor certifies that any IRS data remaining in any storage component will be safeguarded to prevent unauthorized disclosures.
- (6) Any spoilage or any intermediate hard copy printout that may result during the processing of IRS data will be given to the agency or his or her designee. When this is not possible, the contractor will be responsible for the destruction of the spoilage or any intermediate hard copy printouts, and will provide the agency or his or her designee with a statement containing the date of destruction, description of material destroyed, and the method used.
- (7) All computer systems receiving, processing, storing or transmitting FTI must meet the requirements defined in IRS Publication 1075. To meet functional and assurance requirements, the security features of the environment must provide for the managerial, operational, and technical controls. All security features must be available and activated to protect against unauthorized use of and access to Federal Tax Information.
- (8) No work involving Federal Tax Information furnished under this contract will be subcontracted without prior written approval of the IRS.

(9) The contractor will maintain a list of employees authorized access. Such list will be provided to the agency and, upon request, to the IRS reviewing office.(10) The agency will have the right to void the contract if the contractor fails to provide the safeguards described above.

(10) (Include any additional safeguards that may be appropriate.)

## **II. CRIMINAL/CIVIL SANCTIONS**

(1) Each officer or employee of any person to whom returns or return information is or may be disclosed will be notified in writing by such person that returns or return information disclosed to such officer or employee can be used only for a purpose and to the extent authorized herein, and that further disclosure of any such returns or return information for a purpose or to an extent unauthorized herein constitutes a felony punishable upon conviction by a fine of as much as \$5,000 or imprisonment for as long as 5 years, or both, together with the costs of prosecution. Such person shall also notify each such officer and employee that any such unauthorized further disclosure of returns or return information may also result in an award of civil damages against the officer or employee in an amount not less than \$1,000 with respect to each instance of unauthorized disclosure. These penalties are prescribed by IRCs 7213 and 7431 and set forth at 26 CFR 301.6103(n)-1.

(2) Each officer or employee of any person to whom returns or return information is or may be disclosed shall be notified in writing by such person that any return or return information made available in any format shall be used only for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this contract. Information contained in such material shall be treated as confidential and shall not be divulged or made known in any manner to any person except as may be necessary in the performance of the contract. Inspection by or disclosure to anyone without an official need-to-know constitutes a criminal misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine of as much as \$1,000 or imprisonment for as long as 1 year, or both, together with the costs of prosecution. Such person shall also notify each such officer and employee that any such unauthorized inspection or disclosure of returns or return information may also result in an award of civil damages against the officer or employee [United States for Federal employees] in an amount equal to the sum of the greater of \$1,000 for each act of unauthorized inspection or disclosure with respect to which such defendant is found liable or the sum of the actual damages sustained by the plaintiff as a result of such unauthorized inspection or disclosure plus in the case of a willful inspection or disclosure which is the result of gross negligence, punitive damages, plus the costs of the action. These penalties are prescribed by IRC 7213A and 7431 and set forth at 26 CFR 301.6103(n)-1.

(3) Additionally, it is incumbent upon the contractor to inform its officers and employees of the penalties for improper disclosure imposed by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. Specifically, 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(1), which is made applicable to contractors by 5 U.S.C. 552a(m)(1), provides that any officer or employee of a contractor, who by virtue of his/her employment or official position, has possession of or access to agency records which contain individually identifiable information, the disclosure of which is

prohibited by the Privacy Act or regulations established thereunder, and who knowing that disclosure of the specific material is prohibited, willfully discloses the material in any manner to any person or agency not entitled to receive it, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.

(4) Granting a contractor access to FTI must be preceded by certifying that each individual understands the agency's security policy and procedures for safeguarding IRS information. Contractors must maintain their authorization to access FTI through annual recertification. The initial certification and recertification must be documented and placed in the agency's files for review. As part of the certification and at least annually afterwards, contractors must be advised of the provisions of IRCs 7431, 7213, and 7213A (see [Exhibit 4, Sanctions for Unauthorized Disclosure](#), and [Exhibit 5, Civil Damages for Unauthorized Disclosure](#)). The training provided before the initial certification and annually thereafter must also cover the incident response policy and procedure for reporting unauthorized disclosures and data breaches. (See [Section 10](#)) For both the initial certification and the annual certification, the contractor must sign, either with ink or electronic signature, a confidentiality statement certifying their understanding of the security requirements.

### **III. INSPECTION**

The IRS and the Agency, with 24 hour notice, shall have the right to send its inspectors into the offices and plants of the contractor to inspect facilities and operations performing any work with FTI under this contract for compliance with requirements defined in IRS Publication 1075. The IRS' right of inspection shall include the use of manual and/or automated scanning tools to perform compliance and vulnerability assessments of information technology (IT) assets that access, store, process or transmit FTI. On the basis of such inspection, corrective actions may be required in cases where the contractor is found to be noncompliant with contract safeguards.