

State of Illinois
Intergovernmental Agreement
between the
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
and the
DuPage County State’s Attorney
Agreement No. 2026-55-013-B

Pursuant to the authority granted by Article VII, Section 10 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*, the **Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services** (hereinafter referred to as Department), and **DuPage County State’s Attorney** (hereinafter referred to as Contractor), in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, agree as follows:

WHEREAS, the Department administers the Child Support Enforcement program under Title X of the Illinois Public Aid Code (305 ILCS 5/10-1 *et seq.*) and Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651, *et seq.*) (“Child Support Enforcement”); and

WHEREAS, the Department seeks legal services; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor desires to provide these services under the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 — DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the following meanings:

- 1.1 “Child Support Services” means the program administered by the Department under Article X of the Illinois Public Aid Code 305 ILCS 5/10-1 *et seq.*
- 1.2 The term “IV-D” refers to the Child Support Services set forth in 89 Illinois Administrative Code 160.10 established in compliance with Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651, *et seq.*).
- 1.3 The term “IV-D matter” is defined and it includes all administrative and judicial proceedings involved in the establishment of parentage and the establishment, modification, enforcement and collection of all IV-D Child Support obligations on behalf of IV-D clients. This Agreement applies to judicial proceedings IV-D matters only unless otherwise specifically provided.
- 1.4 The term “non-IV-D” is defined as that which pertains to any support matter other than IV-D as defined in Sections 1.2 and 1.3.
- 1.5 The term “TANF” is defined as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.
- 1.6 The term "KIDS" is defined as the Department's child support enforcement computer system (Key Information Delivery System).
- 1.7 The term “ALN” is defined as the Assistance Listing Number. Child Support Services’ ALN Number is 93.563.

ARTICLE 2 — TERM AND SCOPE

- 2.1 **Term.** The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, unless the Agreement is otherwise terminated as set forth herein.
- 2.2 **Renewal.** This Agreement is not subject to renewal.
- 2.3 **Entirety of Agreement.** The terms and conditions of this Agreement along with applicable Department Administrative Rules and any documents expressly incorporated herein shall constitute the entire present agreement between the parties. This Agreement constitutes a total integration of all rights, benefits and obligations of the parties, and there exist no other agreements or understandings, oral or otherwise, that bind any of the parties regarding the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes and revokes any prior Agreement between the parties as to the subject matter of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3 — TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

- 3.1 Availability of Appropriations; Sufficiency of Funds.** This Agreement is contingent upon and subject to the availability of sufficient funds. The Department and/or the DuPage County State’s Attorney may terminate or suspend this Agreement, in whole or in part, without penalty or further payment being required, if (i) sufficient State funds have not been appropriated to the Department, or sufficient Federal funds have not been made available to the Department by the Federal funding source, (ii) the Governor or the Department reserves appropriated funds, or (iii) the Governor or the Department determines that appropriated or Federal funds may not be available for payment or (iv) sufficient DuPage County funds have not been appropriated to the State’s Attorney’s Office. The Department shall provide notice, in writing, to Contractor of any such funding failure and its election to terminate or suspend this Agreement as soon as practicable. Any suspension or termination pursuant to this Section will be effective upon Contractor’s receipt of notice.
- 3.2 Termination Without Cause.** Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated at the option of the Department upon thirty (30) days’ written notice to Contractor. If the Department elects to terminate, Contractor shall be entitled to payment for satisfactory services rendered under the Agreement up to the time of termination.
- 3.3 Termination For Cause.** In the event of Contractor’s or the Department’s failure to comply with a term of this Agreement, either party may provide written notice to the other of the breach. If such breach is not cured to the satisfaction of the non-breaching party within sixty (60) days after such written notice, or within such time as reasonably determined by either party and specified in the notice, the non-breaching party may proceed to termination by serving a written notice of termination upon the breaching party, which shall immediately terminate this Agreement.
- 3.4 Notice of Change in Circumstances.** In the event Contractor becomes a party to any litigation, investigation or transaction that may reasonably be considered to have a material impact on Contractor’s ability to perform under this Agreement, Contractor will immediately notify the Department in writing.
- 3.5 Nonwaiver.** Failure of either party to insist on performance of any term or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or privilege hereunder shall not be construed as a continuing or future waiver of such term, condition, right or privilege.
- 3.6 Inability to Perform.** Failure by either party to perform its duties and obligations will be excused by unforeseeable circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including acts of nature, acts of the public enemy, riots, labor or material shortages, labor disputes, fire, flood, explosion, legislation, and governmental regulation.
- 3.7 Transition Plan.** In the event of a termination, the Contractor, the Department and the Office of the Illinois Attorney General will cooperate to create and implement a plan, including cost, to transition the child support enforcement services.
- 3.8 Other Termination Rights.** This Agreement may be terminated upon written notice by either party in the event of the following.
- 3.8.1** Failure of either party to maintain the representations, warranties and certifications set forth in this Agreement.
 - 3.8.2** Any case or proceeding is commenced by or against Contractor seeking a decree or order with respect to the other party under the United States Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable bankruptcy or other similar law, including, without limitation, laws governing liquidation and receivership, and such proceeding is not dismissed within ninety (90) days after its commencement.
 - 3.8.3** Material misrepresentation or falsification of any information provided by either party in the course of dealings between the parties.
 - 3.8.4** Failure of the parties to negotiate an amendment necessary for statutory or regulatory compliance as provided in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4 — AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT AND NOTICES

- 4.1 Agreement Management.** The Department shall designate an Agreement Manager who will facilitate communication between Contractor and various administrative units within the Department. All communications from Contractor to the Department pertaining to this Agreement are to be directed to the Agreement Manager at the

address and telephone number set forth herein. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Department's counsel from contacting Contractor or Contractor's counsel.

- 4.2 Notices.** All written notices, requests and communications, unless specifically required to be given by a specific method, may be: (i) delivered in person, obtaining a signature indicating successful delivery; (ii) sent by a recognized overnight delivery service, obtaining a signature indicating successful delivery; (iii) sent by certified mail, obtaining a signature indicating successful delivery; (iv) transmitted by telefacsimile, producing a document indicating the date and time of successful transmission, to the address or telefacsimile number set forth below, or (v) electronic mail to the e-mail address set forth below. All telephonic communications between the parties shall be made to the telephone number(s) set forth below. Either party may at any time give notice in writing to the other party of a change of name, address, telephone, telefacsimile number, or e-mail address.

To Contractor: Robert Berlin
DuPage County States Attorney
503 N. County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187
Telephone: 630-407-8200
Fax: 630-407-8201
Email: states.attorney@dupagecounty.gov

To Department: Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Child Support Services
Christine Towles
115 S LaSalle Street, 18th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Telephone: 630-743-9340
Email: Christine.Towles@illinois.gov

ARTICLE 5 — RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Contractor's Performance of Services and Duties.

- 5.1.1** Contractor shall perform all services and other duties as set forth in this Agreement in accordance with, and subject to, applicable Administrative Rules and Departmental policies and procedures including rules and regulations which may be issued or promulgated from time to time during the term of this Agreement. Contractor shall be provided access of such policies, procedures and policy changes.
- 5.1.2** Contractor shall ensure that its employees who provide services under this Agreement are skilled in the profession for which they will be employed. In the event that the Department determines that any individual performing services for Contractor hereunder is not providing such skilled services, the Department shall promptly so notify Contractor and Contractor shall replace that individual.
- 5.1.3** Contractor shall accept for handling all IV-D matters, as defined in Section 5.3 of this Agreement and to perform and comply with the duties set forth in the Appendices, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 5.1.4** Contractor and the Department shall provide initial and ongoing training to newly assigned and existing Contractor staff necessary to carry out the responsibilities of this Agreement, including, but not limited to IV-D policy and procedure, Key Information Delivery System (KIDS), or any successor system, statutory provisions and case decisions relating to child support and any other matters mutually agreed upon by the parties. As the Department transitions to its new statewide automated child support system, the contractor shall utilize this system to: (1) perform the services and duties as outlined in this IGA; and (2) adapt and modify their work processes and procedures to comply with the new system requirements.
- 5.1.5** Contractor shall maintain and provide to the Department and the Office of the Illinois Attorney General a copy of the Contractor's policy and procedure manual, if any, covering all IV-D activities and functions. Updates, corrections or changes affecting IV-D procedure will be submitted to the Department five (5) business days prior to their occurrence.

- 5.1.6 Contractor shall submit any reports required by the Department, the format and content of which shall be as specified by the Department after consultation with contractor, and any report required by the Federal Office of Child Support Services.
- 5.1.7 Contractor shall report to the Department, within five (5) business days any information obtained which may be relevant to the eligibility of a Title IV-D client for Public Assistance or for IV-D services.
- 5.1.8 Contractor and the attorneys it employs shall represent the Department exclusively when handling any case referrals made by the Department under this Agreement. Contractor and the attorneys it employs do not represent the custodial parent, non-custodial parent or any party to the action other than the Department. If Contractor's Office determines that there is an ethical bar to handling a legal action referral (LAR), it shall appoint or ask the court to appoint a Special Assistant State's Attorney for the purpose of representing the Department on said referral. If the State's Attorney in his or her private practice, has previously represented one of the parties in the matter referred to the State's Attorney's Office, the State's Attorney's may forward the referral to the Attorney General's Office for the purpose of representing the Department on said referral.
- 5.1.9 Contractor understands that the Attorney General is the legal representative for the Department with regard to all appellate proceedings involving Title IV-D cases. The contractor shall work with the Department and the Attorney General's Office to address and prepare cases for appeal where the decisions rendered by judiciary create disparity of treatment afforded to IV-D Client, inconsistent with State Law and State policies and procedures, Federal law and regulations, and case law.
- 5.1.10 Contractor shall prohibit attorneys employed by Contractor's Office in a full or part-time capacity from accepting any private employment or legal work or from providing any legal advice to any person or entity that would present a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest for Contractor's Office, or the attorney personally, in connection with Contractor's representation of the Department under the terms of this Agreement.

5.2 Consultation and Performance Reviews.

- 5.2.1 Contractor shall consult with and keep the Department fully informed as to the progress of all matters covered by this Agreement.
- 5.2.2 Contractor will be monitored by the Division of Child Support Services. If the Department determines that the Contractor's attempt to comply with one or more provisions of this Agreement is unacceptable, Contractor will develop and submit to the Agreement Manager or the Agreement Manager's designee a written plan for corrective action by mutual agreement with the Department. A corrective action plan must detail the steps to be taken to bring provision(s) into compliance and an estimate as to when compliance will be achieved. Within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the Department's request for a corrective action plan, Contractor shall provide a written plan to the Department. If a written corrective action plan is not received within the thirty (30) calendar day period, the Department may withhold funding. Contractor agrees to take all prescribed steps and actions to comply with the requirements of any corrective action plan agreed upon by the parties.
- 5.2.3 The Department may conduct a post-performance review of Contractor's performance under the Agreement. Contractor shall cooperate with the Department in this review, which may require Contractor to provide records of Contractor's performance, including expense information, as set forth in Section 7.4.2.

5.3 Contractor's Duties. The Contractor shall:

- 5.3.1 Act upon each referral for legal action within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt, by filing, advancing, or rejecting with cause, each child support case referred to the Contractor, consistent with the Illinois Code of Civil Procedures, Child Support Statutes and the Rules of the Circuit Court of DuPage, Illinois.
- 5.3.2 Cause or request summons, alias summons, and petitions, to be prepared and filed with the Circuit Clerk within thirty (30) calendar days after the Contractor's receipt of written notice of location of absent parent by the Department and enter all court dates into KIDS, or any successor system.
- 5.3.3 Record in KIDS, or any successor system, the successful and unsuccessful attempts to serve process within five (5) business days of receiving results of attempts.

- 5.3.4** Within five (5) business days after determining the whereabouts of the absent parent is unknown change status of current address in KIDS, or any successor system, to previous.
- 5.3.5** Within ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of referral by the Department for the establishment of a support order, either
- a.** establish an order for support regardless of whether parentage has been established on cases referred by the Department to the Contractor, or
 - b.** effect service of process necessary to commence proceedings to establish support and, if necessary, parentage (or document unsuccessful service of process, in accordance with the Department's guidelines defining diligent efforts to serve process in 89 Ill. Adm. Code 160.85 by retaining a copy of the return of service in the case file).

Contractor will also ensure that any deviation from guidelines is noted and explained on the order, and that the amount that would have been ordered under the guidelines is shown. Contractor shall follow state presumptive guidelines on parentage cases. In all parentage cases, support will be calculated from the date the respondent was served with the complaint. Retroactive support will be requested, consistent with State law and Department rules. Temporary support will be requested until a permanent support order is entered, consistent with State law.

- 5.3.6** Complete actions to establish an order for support regardless of whether parentage has been established from the date of service of process within the following time frames:
- a.** 75 percent in six (6) months; and
 - b.** 90 percent in twelve (12) months.
- 5.3.7** Seek medical insurance coverage for each minor child or each special need child. Medical insurance coverage must be addressed in all support orders.
- 5.3.8** Seek entry of orders that provide for immediate income withholding.
- 5.3.9** Unless time limitations are caused by events outside the control of the Contractor, notify the Department at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the court date, of the need for Department services, including but not limited to, initial or updated arrearage calculations.
- 5.3.10** Ensure that orders are accurate and complete and submitted to the Clerk of the Circuit Court after the end of each court session.
- 5.3.11** Seek from each non-custodial parent appearing in court his or her Social Security Number, source and the amount of income, home address and employer address. Record any informational additions or changes on the order or data sheet, for data entry into KIDS, or any successor system.
- 5.3.12** Record in KIDS, or any successor system, within five (5) business days after a client fails to cooperate in court or fails to keep a scheduled appointment with a member of the Contractor's Office necessary to proceed with the case and subsequent cooperation with the Contractor in the above. Contractor will ensure all instances of client non-cooperation and cooperation are addressed in the relevant court order.
- 5.3.13** Provide to the Department a copy of all orders, including the Uniform Order of Support, and related data sheets within five (5) business days after the legal action.
- 5.3.14** Provide to the Department information on a client that the Contractor suspects is receiving TANF illegally.
- 5.3.15** Not compromise a debt owed to the Department by agreeing to the reduction of arrearage owed to the Department without the Department's expressed prior approval. Doing so shall result in a reduction of funds payable to the Contractor equal to the amount of the reduction of the debt. If the Contractor relies upon the Department calculations when providing arrearage figures to the court, the Department will not be entitled to liquidated damages. At no time will the Contractor agree to entry of an order excluding use of an Offset Program.
- 5.3.16** Not enter into or agree to the settlement of a pending action in an IV-D case to adjudicate parentage where such settlement contains the exchange of a finding of parentage for a duty of support.

5.3.17 Immediately upon becoming aware that a case decision may be appealed by the responding party, or that an adverse case decision is a likely candidate for appeal by the Department, the Contractor shall provide the Department with the notice of appeal or copy of the adverse case decision and all supporting documentation in the format prescribed by the Department to:

Illinois Department of Healthcare
and Family Services
Office of General Counsel
401 S. Clinton Street, 6th Fl.
Chicago, Illinois 60607

Illinois Department of Healthcare
and Family Services
Child Support Services
Christine Towles
115 S LaSalle Street, 18th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603

Office of the Illinois Attorney General
Public Aid Bureau
500 S. 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

5.3.18 Provide to the Department's IV-D Judicial Legal Liaison copies of orders where the Court has directed the Department to take a specific action within five (5) business days after entry of order.

5.3.19 When requested to do so by the Department, file appropriate post hearing motions in the trial court in connection with adverse case decisions.

5.3.20 Cause all Payment Patch Change Notices referred by the Department to be filed within 14 days with the Clerk of the Circuit Court and enter the data into KIDS, or any successor system.

5.3.21 Record in KIDS, or any successor system, the information required for production of complete and accurate KIDS, or any successor system, generated monthly activity reports as stipulated in the training in the manual provided by the Department for KIDS, or any successor system, data entry.

5.3.22 Keep the Department informed of Contractor staff assignments as they relate to this Agreement by notifying the Contract Manager.

5.3.23 Respond to status requests and inquiries from the Department within five (5) business days after the request or inquiry.

5.3.24 Correct technical non-substantive errors on rejected orders within two (2) weeks after being notified of the error, and file motions to correct substantive errors such that the errors are corrected within sixty (60) calendar days after being notified of the error. However, if the order was prepared pro se, by a private attorney, or by "Friend of the Court" on behalf of an NA client, the requirement to correct within deadlines specified do not take effect until the client accepts the State's Attorney's appearance in the NA case.

5.3.25 Seek an order for Court Monitored Job Search for unemployed but employable non-custodial parents, pursuant to the policy and procedures in effect for these programs.

5.3.26 Seek orders specifying the amount of arrearage owed and oppose entry of orders containing language departing from federally required distribution of child support payments. All child support orders entered must be made payable to the State Disbursement Unit.

5.3.27 **Federal Tax Information.** In performance of this agreement, the Contractor agrees to comply with and assume responsibility for compliance by its employees with the following requirements:

a. All work will be performed under the supervision of the Contractor or the Contractor's responsible employees.

b. 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.

c. All returns and return information will be accounted for upon receipt and properly stored before, during, and after processing, and will be disposed of in a manner that renders the information unreadable or unusable, such as shredding to 5/16-inch-wide or smaller strips. In addition, all related output and products will be given the same level of protection as required for the source material.

d. No work involving returns and return information furnished under this contract will be subcontracted

without prior written approval of the IRS.

- e. The Contractor will maintain a list of employees authorized access. Such list will be provided to the Department and, upon request, to the IRS reviewing office.
- f. The Department will have the right to void the contract if the Contractor fails to provide the safeguards described above.

5.4 Department's Duties. The Department shall:

- 5.4.1 Refer or cause to be referred to Contractor IV-D matters involving the establishment of parentage and the establishment, modification, enforcement and collection of child support obligations.
- 5.4.2 Inform Contractor of changes and amendments to Federal and State laws, rules, regulations, policy and procedures affecting the handling of IV-D cases by Contractor within five (5) business days after receiving said changes and amendments.
- 5.4.3 Provide assistance to Contractor in the preparation of pleadings, including a determination of arrearages owed, as reflected in Department, State Disbursement Unit and court payment records.
- 5.4.4 Review all cases referred to Contractor to ensure that information is both pertinent and accurate and that documents are complete.
- 5.4.5 Make available to Contractor the services of its State Parent Locator Service.
- 5.4.6 Provide access to IV-D case records of the Department for use by Contractor in performing its duties under this Agreement.
- 5.4.7 Inform Contractor, within time periods required by Federal regulations or Department policy, of any change in the status or composition of an IV-D case which would affect handling of the case by Contractor.
- 5.4.8 Monitor on a monthly basis Contractor's performance of and compliance with the duties undertaken in this Agreement.
- 5.4.9 Provide training to Department or Contractor staff on specific issues of mutual concern.
- 5.4.10 Furnish, at the request of Contractor, available assistance, information and documents needed by Contractor in order to verify payments, amount of collections, or reduction of claims.

5.5 Joint Obligations. The parties agree that the duties undertaken in this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with all applicable Federal and State laws, rules, regulations, policy and procedures including, but not limited to the following:

- 5.5.1 Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, 42 USC section 651 *et seq.*
- 5.5.2 Federal regulations promulgated under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act and appearing at Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations.
- 5.5.3 Department rules pertaining to the establishment of parentage and the establishment, modification and enforcement of child support and medical support obligations in IV-D cases, appearing in Article XI of the Illinois Public Aid Code and Title 89 Illinois Administrative Code.
- 5.5.4 The Department's Child Support Enforcement Manual.
- 5.5.5 Title IV-D Action Transmittals issued by the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement.
- 5.5.6 Department letters and memoranda prescribing or interpreting IV-D policy and procedures.

ARTICLE 6— BILLING AND PAYMENT

- 6.1 Amount of Payment.** The maximum amount of the Department's obligation under this Agreement is \$1,629,842 as follows: SFY26 - \$798,942; SFY27 - \$830,900. Contractor's budget (Appendix A, Part 1) and Personnel Services Detail (Appendix A, Part 2), as approved by the Department, are set forth in the Appendices and made a part hereof.

- 6.2 Billing.** Contractor shall submit reports to the Department of actual expenditures no later than the 15th day of the month following the month of service. Reports shall detail services performed by date and individual performing the services. Invoices shall meet the following requirements:
- 6.2.1** All funds under the terms of this Agreement are to be used for the express purpose of IV-D matters.
 - 6.2.2** All record keeping shall be in accordance with sound accounting standards.
 - 6.2.3** Contractor shall sign and submit to the Department reports of actual IV-D related expenditures fifteen (15) calendar days following the month of such expenditures. Any transfers of funds between budget line items will be specified. The Department will authorize payment to Contractor within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of complete, accurate and valid expenditure reports with appropriate documentation. Reports shall be mailed to:

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Division of Finance
Expenditure Processing and Reconciliation Unit
201 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois 62763
 - 6.2.4** Contractor agrees to maintain and submit to the Department records, including but not limited to, payroll records, purchase orders, leases, billings, adequate to identify total time expended each month by Contractor staff filling positions indicated in Appendix A and the purpose for which any non-personnel funds were expended under this Agreement. For purposes of amounts reimbursable under Article 6, only those expenses or portions thereof stated in Appendix A are reimbursable. For non-personnel items, Contractor agrees to provide proofs of payments, in the form of canceled checks, contractor invoices (stating paid in full) or any other proof that payment has been made. Contractor agrees to provide time sheets for any temporary employees or contractual employees hired by Contractor to fulfill the duties of this Agreement.
- 6.3. Reimbursement.** The Department shall reimburse Contractor for Contractor's performance of all duties and obligations hereunder. Unless specifically provided herein, no payment shall be made by the Department for extra charges, supplies or expenses. Reimbursement is subject to the following:
- 6.3.1** The Department shall not be liable to pay Contractor for any supplies provided or services performed, or expenses incurred prior to the term of this Agreement.
 - 6.3.2** Reimbursement will be made in the amount expended to date of expenditure report.
 - 6.3.3** All reports required under this Agreement must be received by the Department within the time period set forth in this Agreement.
 - 6.3.4** The parties will make final determination of the necessary expenditures Contractor has incurred as a result of this Agreement. Such expenditures, mutually agreed upon and subject to Federal Financial Participation (FFP), shall be determined as of the close of business on the date of termination of this Agreement from expenditure reports submitted by Contractor. The Department will reimburse Contractor for any underpayment of such finally determined expenditures and Contractor shall reimburse the Department for any overpayment.
 - 6.3.5** Reimbursements made by the Department pursuant to this article shall constitute full payment owed to Contractor by the Department or the IV-D client under Federal or State law for the duties performed by Contractor under this Agreement. Contractor shall not seek any additional payment from the Department or the IV-D client for the performance of these duties.
 - 6.3.6** Contractor shall be solely responsible and liable for all expenditure disallowance resulting from Contractor's actions as set forth in any audit by the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement or by the Department. Contractor shall reimburse the Department for any such disallowance; provided however, the Department will be required to give Contractor timely notice of any such disallowances and an opportunity to rebut any question of Contractor's liability. Contractor, however, will not be held liable for any disallowance concerning expenditures Contractor undertook at the written request of, or with the written approval of, the Department.
 - 6.3.7** All Title IV-D funds held by Contractor (not including reimbursements for expenditures made pursuant to this agreement previously made by Contractor) shall be deposited in an interest-bearing bank account and

any interest earned on this Title IV-D money shall be identified and deducted from actual expenditures reported to the Department each month.

- 6.3.8** If the Department determines that this Agreement is a grant, then the terms of the Grant Funds Recovery Act (30 ILCS 705/1 *et seq.*) shall apply.
- 6.3.9** Prior written approval from the Department's Agreement Manager must be secured by Contractor in order to receive reimbursement for the following:
- a.** The cost of new or additional leases or rental agreements for either real or personal property;
 - b.** The cost of any non-expendable personal property exceeding \$100.00 in unit cost and having a life expectancy of more than one year. After receiving said request, the Department shall provide a written response within ten (10) business days for electronic data processing (EDP) equipment requests and three (3) business days for non EDP equipment requests. Any equipment purchased during the terms of this Agreement, if approved by the Department, having a unit acquisition cost of \$25,000 or less may be claimed in the period acquired. Equipment purchased and approved by the Department under the terms of this Agreement having a unit acquisition cost of more than \$25,000 shall be depreciated in equal amounts over a five-year period, at the discretion of the Department.
- 6.3.10** Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining hardware, software and office equipment maintenance agreements, excluding software purchased by the Department and for purchasing supplies (i.e., paper, toner, ink cartridges, cleaning kits) for all equipment under this or any Agreement between the parties. All purchases made regarding this Article 6.3.10 are reimbursable up to the limit of the entire budget amount found in Appendix A of this Agreement.
- 6.3.11** Each local Contractor's Office will be connected to the HFS KIDS system, or any successor system, via a Department-provided Child Support data circuit installed to the County facility. Contractor will work with the Department's technical staff to establish this connectivity in the most cost-effective manner possible for the taxpayers of Illinois. As technology changes are made by the Department and the State of Illinois that allow more cost-effective connectivity solutions, Contractor will work with the Department's technical staff to allow these solutions to be used for Department-provided connections at Contractor's Office.
- 6.4 Retention of Payments.** In addition to pursuit of actual damages, or termination of this Agreement, if any failure of Contractor to meet any requirement of this Agreement result in the withholding of Federal funds from the State, the Department will withhold and retain an equivalent amount from payment(s) to Contractor until such Federal funds are released to the State, at which time the Department will release to Contractor the equivalent withheld funds.
- 6.5 Computational Error.** The Department reserves the right to correct any mathematical or computational error in payment subtotals or total contractual obligation. The Department will notify Contractor of any such corrections.
- 6.6 Travel.** Payment for travel expenses will be made by the Department in accordance with the Department's Employee Travel Regulations.
- 6.7 State Fiscal Year.**
- 6.7.1** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, all invoices for supplies ordered or services performed, and expenses incurred by Contractor prior to July 1 of each year must be presented to the Department no later than August 5th of each year in order to ensure payment under this Agreement. Failure by Contractor to present such invoices prior to August 5th may require Contractor to seek payment of such invoices through the Illinois Court of Claims and the Illinois General Assembly.
 - 6.7.2** All payments shall be made to conform to State fiscal year requirements regardless of what might or might not be stated elsewhere in this Agreement or any order placed pursuant to the Agreement. Contracts that extend beyond the end of the State's fiscal year (July 1 - June 30), or the payments thereon, may have to be prorated to ensure funds of the appropriate fiscal year are utilized for payment.
 - 6.7.3** It is recognized by the parties that payments at the beginning of the State's fiscal year (July and August payments) are often delayed because of the appropriation process. Such delayed payments shall not be considered late for any purpose, nor shall they constitute a breach.
- 6.8 Funding.** Funding shall be a combination of 66% federal funds and 34% state funds.

ARTICLE 7 — GENERAL TERMS

- 7.1 Amendments.** This Agreement may be amended or modified by the mutual consent of the parties at any time during its term. Amendments to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by the parties. No change, in addition to, or waiver of any term or condition of this Agreement shall be binding on the Department unless approved in writing by an authorized representative of the Department.
- 7.2 Amendments Necessary for Statutory or Regulatory Compliance.** Contractor shall, upon request by the Department and receipt of a proposed amendment to this Agreement, negotiate in good faith with the Department to amend the Agreement if and when required, in the opinion of the Department, to comply with Federal or State laws or regulations. If the parties are unable to agree upon an amendment within sixty (60) days, or such shorter time required by Federal or State law or regulation, the Department may terminate this Agreement.
- 7.3 Assignment and Subcontracting.** After notice to Contractor, the Department may transfer this Agreement or payment responsibility to another State agency or assign this Agreement to a third party for financing purposes. Assignment, subcontracting, or transfer of all or part of the interests of Contractor in the work covered by this Agreement is prohibited without prior written consent of the Department. In the event the Department gives consent to Contractor to assign, subcontract or transfer all or part of the interests of Contractor in the work covered by this Agreement, the following provisions shall apply:
- 7.3.1** The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall apply to and bind the party or parties to whom such work is subcontracted, assigned, or transferred as fully and completely as Contractor is hereby bound and obligated.
- 7.3.2** Any proposed assignee, subcontractor or transferee must meet the same requirements applicable to Contractor, including, but not limited to, certifications and disclosures.
- 7.3.3** Contractor shall list the names and addresses of all subcontractors in an addendum to this Agreement, together with the anticipated amount of money that each subcontractor is expected to receive pursuant to this Agreement.
- 7.4 Audits and Records.**
- 7.4.1 Right of Audit.** This Agreement, and all books, records, and supporting documents related thereto, shall be available for review or audit by the Department, the Office of Inspector General for the Department, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Illinois Auditor General and other State and Federal agencies with monitoring authority related to the subject matter of this Agreement (“Authorized Persons”), and Contractor agrees to cooperate fully with any such review or audit. Upon reasonable notice by any Authorized Person, Contractor shall provide, in Illinois, or any other location designated by the Authorized Person, during normal business hours, full and complete access to the relevant portions of Contractor’s books and billing records as they relate to payments under this Agreement. If the audit findings indicate overpayment(s) to Contractor, the Department shall adjust future or final payments otherwise due Contractor. If no payments are due and owing Contractor, or if the overpayments(s) exceed the amount otherwise due Contractor, Contractor shall immediately refund all amounts which may be due to the Department.
- 7.4.2 Retention of Records.** Contractor shall maintain all business, professional, and other records in accordance with State law 45 CFR Part 75 subpart D, 45 CFR Part 160 and 45 CFR Part 164 subparts A and E, the specific terms and conditions of this Agreement, and pursuant to generally accepted accounting practice. Contractor shall maintain such books and records for a period of six (6) years from the later of the date of final payment under the Agreement or completion of the Agreement, adequate books, records, and supporting documents to verify the amounts, recipients, and uses of all disbursements of funds passing in conjunction with this Agreement. If an audit, litigation, or other action involving the records is begun before the end of the six-year period, the records must be retained until all issues arising out of the action are resolved. Failure to maintain the books, records, and supporting documents required by this Article shall establish a presumption in favor of the Department for the recovery of any funds paid by the Department under the Agreement for which adequate books, records, and other documents are not available to support the purported disbursement.
- 7.5 Background Checks.** The Department reserves the right to conduct background checks of Contractor’s officers, employees or agents who would directly supervise the Agreement or physically perform the Agreement requirements

at Department facilities to determine their suitability for performing this Agreement. If the Department finds such officer, employee or agent to be unsuitable, the Department reserves the right to require Contractor to provide a suitable replacement immediately. The Department reserves the right to perform, cause to be performed, or be given access to previously performed background checks of Contractor's officers, employees, or agents who have access to FTI and/or access to KIDS, or any successor system, as required and in accordance with IRS Publication 1075 (and any updates thereto).

7.6 Choice of Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. Any claim against the Department arising out of this Agreement must be filed exclusively with the Illinois Court of Claims (705 ILCS 505/1) or, if jurisdiction is not accepted by that court, with the appropriate State or Federal court located in Sangamon County, Illinois. The State shall not enter into binding arbitration to resolve any Agreement dispute. The State of Illinois does not waive sovereign immunity by entering into this Agreement.

7.7 Confidentiality.

7.7.1 Proprietary Information. Performance of the Agreement may require Contractor to have access to and use of documents and data which may be confidential or considered proprietary to the State or to a State County, or which may otherwise be of such a nature that its dissemination or use, other than in performance of the Agreement, would be adverse to the interest of the State or others. Any documents or data obtained by Contractor from the Department in connection with carrying out the services under this Agreement shall be kept confidential and not provided to any third party unless disclosure is approved in writing by the Department. Each party shall protect the confidentiality of information provided by the other party, or to which the receiving party obtains access by virtue of its performance under this Agreement, that either has been reasonably identified as confidential by the disclosing party or by its nature warrants confidential treatment. The receiving party shall use such information only for the purpose of this Agreement and shall not disclose it to anyone except those of its employees who need to know the information. These nondisclosure obligations shall not apply to information that is or becomes public through no breach of this Agreement that is received from a third party free to disclose it that is independently developed by the receiving party, or that is required by law to be disclosed. Confidential information shall be returned to the disclosing party upon request.

7.7.2 Confidentiality of Program Recipient Identification. Contractor shall ensure that all information, records, data, and data elements pertaining to applicants for and recipients of public assistance shall be protected from unauthorized access, use, and disclosure by Contractor, Contractor's employees, and subcontractors and their employees, pursuant to 42 USC 654(26); 45 CFR 303.21; 305 ILCS 5/11-9, 11-10, and 11-12; and 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart F. Contractor shall establish appropriate safeguards to comply with the provisions of these rules and regulations.

7.8 Disputes Between Contractor and Other Parties. Any dispute between Contractor and any subcontractor or other party, shall be solely between such party or subcontractor and Contractor, and the Department shall be held harmless by Contractor.

7.9 Fraud and Abuse. Contractor shall report in writing to the Agency's Office of Inspector General (OIG) any suspected fraud, abuse or misconduct associated with any service or function provided for under this Agreement by any parties directly or indirectly affiliated with this Agreement including but not limited to, Contractor staff, Contractor Subcontractor, Agency employee or Agency contractor. Contractor shall make this report within three days after first suspecting fraud, abuse or misconduct. Contractor shall not conduct any investigation of the suspected fraud, abuse or misconduct without the express concurrence of the OIG; the foregoing notwithstanding, Contractor may conduct and continue investigations necessary to determine whether reporting is required under this paragraph. Contractor must report to OIG as described in the first sentence above. Contractor shall cooperate with all investigations of suspected fraud, abuse or misconduct reported pursuant to this paragraph. Contractor shall require adherence with these requirements in any contracts it enters with Subcontractors. Nothing in this paragraph precludes Contractor or its Subcontractors from establishing measures to maintain quality of services and control costs that are consistent with their usual business practices, conducting themselves in accordance with their respective legal or contractual obligations or taking internal personnel-related actions.

7.10 Gifts. Contractor and Contractor's principals, employees and subcontractors are prohibited from giving gifts to Department employees, and from giving gifts to, or accepting gifts from, any person who has a contemporaneous Agreement with the Department involving duties or obligations related to this Agreement.

7.11 Indemnification.

7.11.1 Contractor assumes all risk of loss and shall indemnify and hold the State, its officers, agents and employees harmless from and against any and all liabilities, demands, claims, suits, losses, damages, causes of action, fines or judgments, including costs, attorneys' and witnesses' fees, and expenses incident thereto, for any and all injuries to persons (including death), and any or all loss of, damage to, or destruction of property (including property of the State), resulting from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of Contractor or any employee, agent, or representative of Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors. Contractor shall do nothing to prejudice the State's right to recover against third parties for any loss, destruction of, or damage to State property, and shall upon request and at the State's expense, furnish to the State all reasonable assistance and cooperation, including assistance in the prosecution of suit and the execution of instruments of assignment in favor of the State in obtaining recovery.

7.11.2 Neither party shall be liable for incidental, special or consequential damages.

7.11.3 Contractor further agrees to assume all risk of loss and to indemnify and hold the Department and its officers, agents, and employees harmless from and against any and all liabilities, demands, claims, suits, losses, damages, causes of action, fines or judgments including costs, attorneys' and witnesses' fees, and expenses incident thereto, for Contractor's failure to pay any subcontractor, either timely or at all, regardless of the reason.

7.12 Media Relations and Public Information. Subject to any disclosure obligations of Contractor under applicable law, rule, or regulation, news releases pertaining to this Agreement or the services or project to which it relates shall only be made with prior approval by, and in coordination with, the Department. Contractor shall not disseminate any publication, presentation, technical paper, or other information related to Contractor's duties and obligations under this Agreement unless such dissemination has been previously approved in writing by the Department.

7.13 Multiple Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be one and the same agreement, binding on all Parties hereto, notwithstanding that all Parties are not signatories to the same counterpart. Duplicated signatures, signatures transmitted via facsimile, or signatures contained in a Portable Document Format (PDF) document shall be deemed original for all purposes.

7.14 Nondiscrimination. In compliance with the State and Federal Constitutions, the Illinois Human Rights Act, the U. S. Civil Rights Act, and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, the Department does not unlawfully discriminate in employment, Agreements, or any other activity. Contractor and Contractor's principals, employees and subcontractors shall abide by all Federal and State laws, regulations and orders which prohibit discrimination because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, or physical or mental disability, including but, not limited to, the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Illinois Human Rights Act, and Executive Orders 11246 and 11375. Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that no unlawful discrimination is committed in any manner, including, but not limited to, in the delivery of services under this Agreement.

7.15 Non-solicitation of Employees. Contractor shall give notice to the Department's Ethics Officer, or such other person as the Department may designate, if Contractor solicits or intends to solicit for employment any Department employee during any part of the term of this Agreement and for one (1) year after its termination or expiration. This notice shall be given in writing at the earliest possible time. Contractor shall not employ any person or persons employed by the Department at any time during the term of this Agreement for any work required by the terms of this agreement.

7.16 Purchase of Equipment.

7.16.1 In accordance with the provisions of 45 CFR 95.705, 44 Ill. Adm. Code 5010.660, and other State and Federal laws and regulations, Contractor shall transfer to the Department, upon request, all equipment purchased under the terms of this or any preceding Agreement between the parties, if this Agreement is terminated or if said equipment is no longer needed by Contractor to perform its duties under this Agreement.

7.16.2 Contractor shall establish, maintain and update complete inventory lists of all equipment purchased and received with contract funds. Separate inventory lists shall be kept for EDP equipment and for other equipment and shall include all existing equipment which had been previously purchased with contract funds and all equipment purchased and received with contract funds during the period of this Agreement. Contractor must conduct an annual inventory and submit a detailed report of equipment and furniture to the Department's Agreement Manager. This report must list information stipulated in 45 CFR 74.34(f) and must be signed by

a responsible party attesting to the accuracy and completeness of the report. This report must list at a minimum the following information:

- a. Description
- b. Manufacturer's serial number, model number, Federal stock number, national stock number or other identification number
- c. Acquisition date
- d. Location and condition of equipment and date information was reported
- e. Unit acquisition cost

Contractor shall submit this report no later than December 31st to:

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Division of Child Support Services
Attn: Christine Towles
115 S LaSalle Street, 18th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603

7.17 Rules of Construction. Unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise specified, the following rules of construction apply to this Agreement:

7.17.1 Provisions apply to successive events and transactions;

7.17.2 "Or" is not exclusive;

7.17.3 References to statutes and rules include subsequent amendments and successors thereto;

7.17.4 The various headings of this Agreement are provided for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement or any provision hereof;

7.17.5 If any payment or delivery hereunder shall be due on any day which is not a business day, such payment or delivery shall be made on the next succeeding business day;

7.17.6 "Days" shall mean calendar days; "business day" shall mean a weekday (Monday through Friday), excluding State holidays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. Central Time and 5:00 p.m. Central Time;

7.17.7 Use of the male gender (e.g., "he", "him," "his") shall be construed to include the female gender (e.g., "she", "her"), and vice versa; and

7.17.8 Words in the plural which should be singular by context shall be so read, and vice versa.

7.17.9 References to "Department," "Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services" or "HFS" shall include any successor agency or office charged with administering the Child Support Enforcement Program under the Illinois Public Aid Code (305 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq.*).

7.18 Severability. In the event that any provision, term or condition of this Agreement is declared void, unenforceable, or against public policy, then said provision, term or condition shall be construed as though it did not exist and shall not affect the remaining provisions, terms, or conditions of this Agreement, and this Agreement shall be interpreted as far as possible to give effect to the parties' intent.

7.19 Sexual Harassment. Contractor shall have written sexual harassment policies which shall comply with the requirements of 775 ILCS 5/2-105.

7.20 Survival of Obligations. Those obligations under this Agreement which by their nature are intended to continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8 - CERTIFICATIONS

By signing this Agreement, Contractor makes the following certifications and warranties. This Agreement may be terminated immediately or upon notice by the Department in its sole discretion upon Contractor's failure to maintain these certifications and warranties.

8.1 General Warranties of Contractor.

8.1.1 The services and deliverables products herein required to be performed or provided will be completed in a good and professional manner.

- 8.1.2** The person executing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor is duly authorized to execute the Agreement and bind Contractor to all terms and conditions hereunder.
- 8.1.3** For a period of ninety (90) days after completion of all services and deliverable products provided for under this Agreement and any subsequent related Agreement, and acceptance of the same by the Department, any defects or problems found in the work performed or submitted by Contractor will be expeditiously corrected by Contractor without additional charge to the Department.
- 8.1.4** Violation of any of these warranties by Contractor shall subject this Agreement to automatic termination.
- 8.2 Bribery.** Contractor is not barred from being awarded an Agreement or subcontract under Section 50-5 of the Illinois Procurement Code, 30 ILCS 500/1-1 *et seq.*
- 8.3 Child Support.** Contractor shall ensure that its employees who provide services to the Department under this Agreement are in compliance with child support payments pursuant to a court or administrative order of this or any other State. Contractor will not be considered out of compliance with the requirements of this Article if, upon request by the Department, Contractor provides:
- 8.3.1** Proof of payment of past due amounts in full;
- 8.3.2** Proof that the alleged obligation of past due amounts is being contested through appropriate court or administrative proceedings and Contractor provides proof of the pendency of such proceedings; or
- 8.3.3** Proof of entry into payment arrangements acceptable to the appropriate State agency.
- 8.4 Conflict of Interest.** Contractor is not prohibited from contracting with the Department on any of the bases provided in 30 ILCS 500/50-13. Contractor and Contractor's principals, employees and subcontractors neither have nor shall acquire any interest, public or private, direct or indirect, which may conflict in any manner with performance under this Agreement, and Contractor shall not employ any person having such an interest in connection with Contractor's performance under the Agreement. Contractor shall be under a continuing obligation to disclose any conflicts to the Department, which shall, in its sole good faith discretion, determine whether such conflict is cause for the non-execution or termination of the Agreement.
- 8.5 Debarment and Suspension.** Contractor shall review the list of sanctioned persons maintained by the Agency's Office of Inspector General (OIG) (available at <http://www.state.il.us/agency/oig>), and the Excluded Parties List System maintained by the U.S. General Services Administration (available at <http://epls.arnet.gov>). Contractor shall terminate its relations with any Ineligible Person immediately upon learning that such Person or Provider meets the definition of an Ineligible Person and notify the OIG of the termination.
- 8.6 Federal Taxpayer Identification Number and Legal Status Disclosure.** Contractor has completed Attachment A and certifies, under penalties of perjury, that the information contained thereon is correct.
- 8.7 Legal Ability To Contract:** Contractor certifies it is under no legal prohibition on contracting with the State of Illinois, has no known conflicts of interest and further specifically certifies that:
- 8.7.1** Contractor, its employees and subcontractors will comply with applicable provisions of the U.S. Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*) and applicable rules in performance under this Contract.
- 8.7.2** Contractor will provide a drug free workplace, pursuant to the Drug Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580).
- 8.7.3** Neither Contractor nor any substantially owned affiliate is participating or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979 or the applicable regulations of the U.S. Department of Commerce. This certification applies to contracts that exceed \$10,000 (30 ILCS 582).
- 8.7.4** Contractor complies with the Illinois Department of Human Rights Act and rules applicable to public contracts, including equal employment opportunity, refraining from unlawful discrimination, and having written sexual harassment policies (775 ILCS 5/2-105).
- 8.7.5** Contractor does not pay dues to, or reimburse or subsidize payments by its employees for, any dues or fees to any "discriminatory club" (775 ILCS 25/2).
- 8.7.6** Contractor complies with the State Prohibition of Goods from Forced Labor Act, and certifies that no foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State under the contract have been or will be produced in whole or in part by forced labor, convict labor, or indentured labor under penal sanction (30 ILCS 583/1 *et seq.*).

- 8.7.7** Contractor complies with the State Prohibition of Goods from Child Labor Act, and certifies that no foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State under the contract have been produced in whole or in part by the labor of any child under the age of 12 (30 ILCS 584/1 *et seq.*).
- 8.7.8** Contractor certifies that it is not in violation of Section 50-14.5 of the Illinois Procurement Code that states, “Owners of residential buildings who have committed a willful or knowing violation of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act (410 ILCS 45) are prohibited from doing business with the State of Illinois or any State agency until the violation is mitigated.”
- 8.7.9** In accordance with 30 ILCS 587/1 *et seq.*, all information technology, including electronic information, software, systems and equipment, developed or provided under this contract must comply with the applicable requirements of the Illinois Information Technology Accessibility Act Standards as published at www.dhs.state.il.us/iitaa.
- 8.7.10** If required, Contractor has disclosed on forms provided by the State, and agrees it is under a continuing obligation to disclose to the State, financial or other interests (public or private, direct or indirect) that may be a potential conflict of interest or which would prohibit Contractor from having or continuing the Agreement. This includes but is not limited to conflicts under the “Infrastructure Task Force Fee Prohibition” section of the State Finance Act (30 ILCS 105/8.40 or those which may conflict in any manner with Contractor’s obligation under this Agreement. Contractor shall not employ any person with a conflict to perform under this Agreement. If any elected or appointed State officer or employee, or the spouse or minor child of same has any ownership or financial interest in the Contractor or the Agreement, Contractor certifies it has disclosed that information to the State if required, on forms provided by the State, and any waiver of the conflict has been issued in accordance with applicable law and rule.
- 8.8 Licenses and Certificates.** Contractor and Contractor’s principals, employees, and subcontractors possess all certificates or licenses, including professional, necessary to perform the duties and obligations under this Agreement; any certificates or licenses are currently in good standing with the certifying or licensing entity or entities; any certificates or licenses will continue to be maintained in good standing. Contractor may meet the license requirement through use of a subcontractor; provided however, Contractor's use of a subcontractor in that circumstance does not relieve Contractor of any obligations under the Agreement.
- 8.9 New Hire Reporting and Electronic Funds Transfer of Child Support Payments.** Contractor certifies that it shall comply with the requirements of 820 ILCS 405/1801.1 and 750 ILCS 28.35.
- 8.10 Non-solicitation of Agreement.** Contractor has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Department shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from compensation otherwise due Contractor such commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.
- 8.11 Prevailing Wage.** Contractor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 USC 276a, and the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/0.01, *et seq.*, as applicable.

In Witness Whereof, the parties have hereunto caused this Agreement to be executed on the dates shown, by their duly authorized representatives.

**THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE
AND FAMILY SERVICES**

DuPage COUNTY, ILLINOIS

By: _____
Elizabeth M. Whitehorn
Director

By: _____
Robert B. Berlin
State's Attorney

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED:

By: _____
Kwame Raoul
Illinois Attorney General

By: _____
Chairman
DuPage County Board

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX A Part 1 of 2
DUPAGE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY BUDGET
JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026
Individual Line Item Amounts Are Estimated

DIRECT COSTS	SFY 26 Budget
Personnel Services	
Salaries – Full Time <i>(See list of positions-Part 2 of 2)</i>	\$649,870
Fringe Benefits	\$119,488
SUBTOTAL	\$769,358
 Non Personnel Services	
Advertising, Legal Notices	\$0
Audit & Accounting Fees	\$0
Books & Periodicals	\$0
Computer Equipment	\$0
Computer Equipment Maintenance	\$0
Computer Software	\$0
Computer Software Maintenance	\$0
Copying	\$0
Court Related	\$0
Dues & Licenses	\$2,500
Education, Conference Fees	\$1,302
Misc. Administrative Expenses	\$3,866
Office Equipment	\$0
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$0
Office Supplies	\$0
Postage	\$2,000
Printing	\$0
Rent	\$0
Service of Process Fees	\$17,916
Subcontracts, Special ASA, Investigators	\$0
Telephone Service	\$0
Travel	\$2,000
Utilities	\$0
SUBTOTAL	\$29,584
TOTAL	\$798,942

APPENDIX A Part 1 of 2
DUPAGE COUNTY STATE’S ATTORNEY BUDGET
JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027
Individual Line Item Amounts Are Estimated

DIRECT COSTS	SFY 27 Budget
Personnel Services	
Salaries – Full Time <i>(See list of positions-Part 2 of 2)</i>	\$662,868
Fringe Benefits	\$138,448
SUBTOTAL	\$801,316
 Non Personnel Services	
Advertising, Legal Notices	\$0
Audit & Accounting Fees	\$0
Books & Periodicals	\$0
Computer Equipment	\$0
Computer Equipment Maintenance	\$0
Computer Software	\$0
Computer Software Maintenance	\$0
Copying	\$0
Court Related	\$0
Dues & Licenses	\$2,500
Education, Conference Fees	\$1,302
Misc. Administrative Expenses	\$3,866
Office Equipment	\$0
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$0
Office Supplies	\$0
Postage	\$2,000
Printing	\$0
Rent	\$0
Service of Process Fees	\$17,916
Subcontracts, Special ASA, Investigators	\$0
Telephone Service	\$0
Travel	\$2,000
Utilities	\$0
SUBTOTAL	\$29,584
TOTAL	\$830,900

APPENDIX A *Part 2 of 2*
AUTHORIZED POSITIONS – SFY 26 and SFY 27
DUPAGE COUNTY STATE’S ATTORNEY

POSITION TITLES	IV-D%	Number of Positions
 Full Time Positions:		
Assistant State’s Attorney	100%	3
Paralegal	100%	4
Legal Secretary	100%	1
 Part Time Positions:		
None	0%	0

Attachment A

Taxpayer Identification Certification

- A. Contractor certifies that:
1. The number shown on this form is Contractor’s correct taxpayer identification number (or Contractor is waiting for a number to be issued to Contractor); **and**
 2. Contractor is not subject to backup withholding because:
 - a. Contractor is exempt from backup withholding, or
 - b. Contractor has not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that Contractor is subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or
 - c. The IRS has notified Contractor that Contractor is no longer subject to backup withholding, **and**
 3. Contractor is a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).
- B. Contractor’s Name: **DuPage County State’s Attorney**
- C. Contractor’s Taxpayer Identification Number:

Social Security Number (SSN):
or
Employer Identification Number (EIN): **36-6006551**

(If Contractor is an individual, enter Contractor’s name and SSN as it appears on Contractor’s Social Security Card. If Contractor is completing this certification for a sole proprietorship, enter the owner’s name followed by the name of the business and the owner’s SSN or EIN. For all other entities, enter the name of the entity as used to apply for the entity’s EIN and the EIN.)

- D. Contractor’s Legal Status (*check one*):
- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governmental |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonresident alien |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership/Legal Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Estate or trust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Exempt | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy (Non-Corp.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation providing or billing medical or health care services | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy/Funeral Home/Cemetery (Corp) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation NOT providing or billing medical or health care services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

THE UNDERSIGNED AFFIRMS, UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, THAT HE OR SHE IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THIS CERTIFICATION ON BEHALF OF DUPAGE COUNTY STATE’S ATTORNEY.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Robert B. Berlin
DuPage County State’s Attorney

Date