



The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston  
Purchase Order Terms and Conditions

1. **DELIVERY; SUBSTITUTIONS; INVOICES.** Contractor will keep University advised at all times of the status of delivery or performance under this Purchase Order. If delay is foreseen, Contractor will give prompt written notice to University. Upon notice, University may extend the delivery date in its sole discretion. Contractor will only tender for acceptance those goods and services that conform to the requirements of this Purchase Order. Substitutions, cancellations and price changes will require prior written consent of University. Default in promised delivery or failure to conform to the requirements of this Purchase Order authorizes University to purchase goods or services elsewhere and charge to Contractor any excess cost of such repurchase. Contractor will show this Purchase Order number on all packages, shipments, and invoices.
2. **TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS.** Title to and risk of loss to any goods to be delivered under this Purchase Order will not pass to University until University actually receives and takes possession of such goods at the point of delivery.
3. **PAYMENTS; SALES TAX; ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER.**
  - (a) So long as Contractor has provided University with its current and accurate Federal Tax Identification Number in writing, University will pay Contractor for goods and services in accordance with [Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code](#). University, an agency of the State of Texas, is exempt from Texas Sales & Use Tax on goods and services in accordance with §151.309, *Texas Tax Code*, and Title [34 Texas Administrative Code \("TAC"\) §3.322](#).
  - (b) [Section 51.012, Texas Education Code](#), authorizes University to make any payment through electronic funds transfer methods. Contractor agrees to receive payments from University through electronic funds transfer methods, including the automated clearing house system (also known as ACH). Prior to the first payment under this Purchase Order, University will confirm Contractor's banking information. Any changes to Contractor's banking information must be communicated to University in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of the effective date of the change.
4. **WARRANTIES.** In addition to all warranties established by law, Contractor hereby represents, covenants, certifies, warrants and agrees that:
  - (a) Contractor will comply with all requirements of this Purchase Order.
  - (b) If Contractor is a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of its organization and is duly authorized and in good standing to conduct business in the State of Texas.
  - (c) If Contractor is a taxable entity as defined by [Chapter 171, Texas Tax Code](#) ("**Chapter 171**"), Contractor is not currently delinquent in the payment of any taxes due under Chapter 171, or Contractor is exempt from the payment of those taxes, or Contractor is an out-of-state taxable entity that is not subject to those taxes, whichever is applicable.
  - (d) Pursuant to §§[2107.008](#) and [2252.903](#), *Texas Government Code*, Contractor agrees that any payments owing to Contractor under this Purchase Order may be applied directly toward any debt or delinquency that Contractor owes the State of Texas or any agency of the State of Texas regardless of when it arises, until such debt or delinquency is paid in full.
  - (e) In accordance with [§231.006, Texas Family Code](#), the individual or business entity named in this Purchase Order is not ineligible to receive the award of or payment under this Purchase Order and this Purchase Order may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
  - (f) All goods and services covered by this Purchase Order will conform to the specifications, drawings, samples or other descriptions furnished or adopted by University (collectively "**specifications**"), and will be new, merchantable, fit for the purpose intended, of best quality and workmanship, and free from all defects. University will have the rights of inspection and approval and may reject and return goods or require reperformance of services at Contractor's expense if defective or not in compliance with University's specifications. Defects will not be deemed waived by University's failure to notify Contractor upon receipt of goods or completion of services or by payment of invoice.
  - (g) No disclosure, description, or other communication of any sort will be made by Contractor to any third person of the fact of University's purchase of goods or services under this Purchase Order, or of the details and characteristics of the goods or services, without University's prior written consent. Anything furnished to Contractor by University pursuant to this Purchase Order including samples, drawings, patterns, and materials will remain the property of University, will be held at Contractor's risk, and will be returned to University upon University's request, and no disclosure or reproduction thereof in any form will be made without University's prior written consent.
  - (h) Contractor is familiar with and is in full compliance with its obligations, if any, under all applicable federal, state and local, laws, regulations, and ordinances (collectively, "**Applicable Laws**").
  - (i) All goods delivered or services provided pursuant to this Purchase Order will conform to standards established for such goods and services by all Applicable Laws, including those standards promulgated by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Texas Hazard Communication Act, [Chapter 502, Texas Health and Safety Code](#) ("**Texas hazard Communication Act**").
  - (j) Contractor is familiar with and in full compliance with the Texas Hazard Communication Act and will provide either (1) a Material Safety Data Sheet ("**MSDS**") for each product Contractor, its employees, agents or subcontractors brings on University's premises, or (2) a statement of exemption if the product is not covered by the Texas Hazard Communication Act.
  - (k) Use or sale of any goods delivered under this Purchase Order, except (with respect to patents) goods produced to University's detailed design, will not infringe any adverse valid patent, copyright, trademark or other intellectual property right.
  - (l) The price to be paid by University will be that contained in Contractor's bid or proposal, which Contractor warrants to be no higher than Contractor's current prices on orders by others for goods or services of the kind covered by this Purchase Order for similar quantities to similar customers under similar conditions. In the event Contractor breaches its warranty, the prices will be reduced to Contractor's current prices on orders by others or, in the alternative, University may cancel this Purchase Order without liability to Contractor.
  - (m) Contractor will make records of Contractor's costs, reimbursable expenses and payments pertaining to this Purchase Order available to University or its authorized representative during business hours and retain those records for four (4) years after final payment or abandonment of the project, unless University otherwise instructs Contractor in writing.
  - (n) If this Purchase Order requires Contractor's presence on University's premises or in University's facilities, Contractor will cause its employees, representatives, agents, and subcontractors to become aware of, fully informed about, and in full compliance with all applicable University rules and policies, including those relative to personal health, security, environmental quality, safety, fire prevention, noise, smoking, and access restrictions.
  - (o) Contractor has not given or offered to give, nor does Contractor intend to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor or service to a public servant in connection with this Purchase Order.
  - (p) The foregoing representations, covenants, certifications, warranties and agreements will survive acceptance of goods as well as performance of services under this Purchase Order.

5. **ACCESS BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.** Contractor represents and warrants (**EIR Accessibility Warranty**) the electronic and information resources and all associated information, documentation, and support Contractor provides to University under this Purchase Order (**EIRs**) comply with the accessibility requirements in federal and Texas law and regulation applicable to University and/or Contractor, including (1) [28 C.F.R. Part 35, Subpart H](#) and (2) [1 TAC Chapter 213](#) and [1 TAC §206.70](#) (ref. [Subchapter M, Chapter 2054, Texas Government Code](#)). To the extent Contractor becomes aware the EIRs, or any

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portion thereof, do not comply with the EIR Accessibility Warranty, then Contractor represents and warrants it will, at no cost to University, either (1) perform all necessary remediation to make the EIRs satisfy the EIR Accessibility Warranty or (2) replace the EIRs with new EIRs that satisfy the EIR Accessibility Warranty. If Contractor fails or is unable to do so, University may terminate this Purchase Order and, within thirty (30) days after termination, Contractor will refund to University all amounts University paid under this Purchase Order. Contractor will provide all assistance and cooperation necessary for performance and documentation of accessibility testing, planning, and execution criteria conducted by University or University's third party testing resources, as required by [1 TAC §213.38\(g\)](#).

**6. ANTITRUST LAWS; CLAIMS FOR OVERCHARGES.** Contractor warrants and represents that neither Contractor nor any party acting on behalf of Contractor has violated the antitrust laws of the United States or of the State of Texas. Contractor hereby assigns to University any and all claims for overcharges associated with this Purchase Order which arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, [15 U.S.C.A. §1](#), et seq., or of the State of Texas, [Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Sec. 15.01](#), et seq.

**7. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** In performing any services under this Purchase Order, Contractor is, and undertakes performance thereof as, an independent contractor, with sole responsibility for all persons employed in connection therewith, including exclusive liability for the payment of all federal, state, and local unemployment and disability insurance premiums and fees and all social security and other taxes and contributions payable in respect of such persons, from and against which liability Contractor agrees to indemnify, exonerate and hold harmless University.

**8. INDEMNITY.** CONTRACTOR WILL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS UNIVERSITY, THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM ("BOARD") AND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES (COLLECTIVELY THE "INDEMNIFIED PARTIES") FROM AND AGAINST ALL DAMAGES, LOSSES, LIENS, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, JUDGMENTS, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CLAIMS OF ANY NATURE, KIND, OR DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES INCURRED IN INVESTIGATING, DEFENDING OR SETTLING ANY OF THE FOREGOING (COLLECTIVELY "CLAIMS") BY ANY PERSON OR ENTITY, ARISING OUT OF, IN CONNECTION WITH OR RESULTING FROM (1) CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE UNDER OR BREACH OF THIS PURCHASE ORDER, (2) THE GOODS OR SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS PURCHASE ORDER, AND/OR (3) THE ACTS, OMISSIONS OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF CONTRACTOR OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS OR SUPPLIERS. IN ADDITION, CONTRACTOR WILL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE INDEMNIFIED PARTIES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS ARISING FROM INFRINGEMENT OR ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF ANY PATENT, COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARK OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ARISING OUT OF, IN CONNECTION WITH OR RESULTING FROM THIS PURCHASE ORDER OR THE GOODS OR SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS PURCHASE ORDER.

**9. INSURANCE.** If Contractor's employees, agents, suppliers or subcontractors will be present on University's property, Contractor will maintain and cause its agents, suppliers and subcontractors (if any) to maintain the following insurance coverages for at least the specified limits:

<u>Coverages</u>	<u>Limits</u>
Workers' Compensation	Statutory Limits
Employer's Liability	\$1,000,000 per accident and employee
Commercial General Liability (including contractual liability)	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Personal & Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Product/Completed Ops	\$2,000,000 aggregate
Business Auto Liability	\$1,000,000 combined single limit
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000 per policy limit

All policies (except Workers' Compensation) will name University, the Board, and their officers and employees as Additional Insured. A Waiver of Subrogation in favor of University and the Board and thirty (30) day notice of cancellation is required on all policies. Certificates of insurance verifying the foregoing requirements will be provided to University prior to commencement of any services under this Purchase Order. Contractor will endorse all policies to require insurance carriers to notify University of cancellation, termination, material change, or non-renewal of any policy.

**10. VENUE; GOVERNING LAW.** Harris County, Texas, will be the proper place of venue for suit on or in respect of this Purchase Order. This Purchase Order, all of its terms and conditions, all rights and obligations of the parties, and all claims arising out of or relating to this Purchase Order, will be construed, interpreted and applied in accordance with, governed by and enforced under, the laws of the State of Texas.

**11. ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION.** Contractor may not assign any of its rights or delegate any of its obligations under this Purchase Order without University's prior written consent. Any assignment or delegation attempted by Contractor in violation of this clause will be void and ineffective for all purposes.

**12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; MODIFICATIONS.** This Purchase Order supersedes all prior agreements, written or oral, between Contractor and University and will constitute the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Purchase Order and each of its provisions will be binding upon the parties and may not be waived, modified, amended or altered except in writing.

**13. BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIMS.** To the extent that [Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code](#), is applicable to this Purchase Order and is not preempted by other applicable law, the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 and the related rules adopted by the Texas Attorney General pursuant to [Chapter 2260](#), will be used by University and Contractor to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of contract made by Contractor that cannot be resolved in the ordinary course of business. The chief business officer of University will examine Contractor's claim and any counterclaim and negotiate with Contractor in an effort to resolve such claims. The parties specifically agree that (i) neither the execution of this Purchase Order by University nor any other conduct, action or inaction of any representative of University relating to this Purchase Order constitutes or is intended to constitute a waiver of University's or the state's sovereign immunity to suit; and (ii) University has not waived its right to seek redress in the courts.

**14. SUBCONTRACTING.** Contractor will use good faith efforts to subcontract the goods or services performed under this Purchase Order in accordance with the Contractor's Historically Underutilized Business Subcontracting Plan ("HSP") submitted in connection with this Purchase Order, if any. Except as specifically provided in the HSP, Contractor will not subcontract any of its duties or obligations under this Purchase Order, in whole or in part. This Purchase Order is subject to [34 TAC §20.285](#). Contractor will comply with all of its duties and obligations under [34 TAC §20.285](#). In addition to other rights and remedies, University may exercise all rights and remedies authorized by [34 TAC §20.285](#).

**15. LOSS OF FUNDING.** Performance by University under this Purchase Order may be dependent upon the appropriation and allotment of funds by the Texas State Legislature (the "Legislature") and/or allocation of funds by the Board. If the Legislature fails to appropriate or allot the necessary funds, or the Board fails to allocate the necessary funds, then University will issue written notice to Contractor and University may terminate this Purchase Order without further duty or obligation hereunder. Contractor acknowledges that appropriation, allotment, and allocation of funds are beyond the control of University.

**16. STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE.** Contractor understands that acceptance of funds under this Purchase Order constitutes acceptance of the authority of the Texas State Auditor's Office, or any successor agency (collectively, "Auditor"), to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds pursuant to

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§§51.9335(c), 73.115(c) and 74.008(c), Texas Education Code. Contractor agrees to cooperate with the Auditor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Contractor will include this provision in all contracts with subcontractors.

**17. LIMITATIONS.** THE PARTIES ARE AWARE THAT THERE MAY BE CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY LIMITATIONS ON THE AUTHORITY OF UNIVERSITY (A STATE AGENCY) TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS PURCHASE ORDER, INCLUDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS (IF ANY) RELATING TO LIENS ON UNIVERSITY'S PROPERTY; DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS OF WARRANTIES; DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES; WAIVERS, DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS OF LEGAL RIGHTS, REMEDIES, REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESSES; LIMITATIONS OF PERIODS TO BRING LEGAL ACTION; GRANTING CONTROL OF LITIGATION OR SETTLEMENT TO ANOTHER PARTY; LIABILITY FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THIRD PARTIES; PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES; DISPUTE RESOLUTION; INDEMNITIES; AND CONFIDENTIALITY (COLLECTIVELY, THE "LIMITATIONS"), AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE LIMITATIONS WILL NOT BE BINDING ON UNIVERSITY EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS AND CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

**18. ETHICS MATTERS; NO FINANCIAL INTEREST.** Contractor and its employees, agents, representatives and subcontractors have read and understand University's Conflicts of Interest Policy available at <http://www.uthouston.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=1447888>, University's Standards of Conduct Guide available at <http://www.uthouston.edu/hoop/standards-of-conduct-guide.htm>, and applicable state ethics laws and rules available at <https://www.utsystem.edu/offices/systemwide-compliance/ethics>. Neither Contractor nor its employees, agents, representatives or subcontractors will assist or cause University employees to violate University's Conflicts of Interest Policy, provisions described by University's Standards of Conduct Guide, or applicable state ethics laws or rules. Contractor represents and warrants that no member of the Board has a direct or indirect financial interest in the transaction that is the subject of this Purchase Order.

Further, Contractor agrees to comply with [§2252.908, Texas Government Code \(Disclosure of Interested Parties Statute\)](#), and [1 TAC §§46.1 through 46.5 \(Disclosure of Interested Parties Regulations\)](#), as implemented by the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC), including, among other things, providing the TEC and University with information required on the form promulgated by TEC. Contractor may learn more about these disclosure requirements, including the use of TEC's electronic filing system, by reviewing the information on TEC's website at [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/resources/FAQs/FAQ\\_Form1295.php](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/resources/FAQs/FAQ_Form1295.php).

**19. NOTICES.** Except as otherwise provided by this Section, all notices, consents, approvals, demands, requests or other communications provided for or permitted to be given under any of the provisions of this Purchase Order will be in writing and will be sent via certified mail, hand delivery, overnight courier, facsimile transmission (to the extent a facsimile number is set forth below), or email (to the extent an email address is set forth below) as provided below, and notice will be deemed given (i) if delivered by certified mail, when deposited, postage prepaid, in the United States mail, or (ii) if delivered by hand, overnight courier, facsimile (to the extent a facsimile number is set forth below) or email (to the extent an email address is set forth below), when received:

If to University: The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston  
Procurement Services  
1851 Crosspoint, OCB1.160  
Houston, Texas 77054  
Fax: 713-500-4710  
Email: [procurementservices@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:procurementservices@uth.tmc.edu)  
Attention: Procurement Services

with copy to: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

If to Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

or other person or address as may be given in writing by either party to the other in accordance with this Section.

Notwithstanding any other requirements for notices given by a party under this Purchase Order, if Contractor intends to deliver written notice to University pursuant to [§2251.054, Texas Government Code](#), then Contractor will send that notice to University as follows:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

with copy to: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

or other person or address as may be given in writing by University to Contractor in accordance with this Section.

**20. UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS.** The *Immigration and Nationality Act (8 United States Code 1324a)* ("Immigration Act") makes it unlawful for an employer to hire or continue employment of undocumented workers. The United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Service has established the Form [I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification Form \("I-9 Form"\)](#) as the document to be used for employment eligibility verification ([8 Code of Federal Regulations 274a](#)). Among other things, Contractor is required to: (1) have all employees complete and sign the I-9 Form certifying that they are eligible for employment; (2) examine verification documents required by the I-9 Form to be presented by the employee and ensure the documents appear to be genuine and related to the individual; (3) record information about the documents on the I-9 Form, and complete the certification portion of the I-9 Form; and (4) retain the I-9 Form as required by law. It is illegal to discriminate against any individual (other than a citizen of another country who is not authorized to work in the United States) in hiring, discharging, or recruiting because of that individual's national origin or citizenship status. If Contractor employs unauthorized workers during performance of this Purchase Order in violation of the Immigration Act then, in addition to other remedies or penalties prescribed by law, University may terminate this Purchase Order. Contractor represents and warrants that it is in compliance with and agrees that it will remain in compliance with the provisions of the Immigration Act.

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**21. STATE OF TEXAS COMPUTER EQUIPMENT RECYCLING PROGRAM CERTIFICATION.** If Contractor is selling or leasing computer equipment (defined in Section 361.952 (2), *Texas Health and Safety Code*) to the University under this Purchase Order, then pursuant to [§361.965, Texas Health and Safety Code](#), Contractor certifies that it is full compliance with the *State of Texas Manufacturer Responsibility and Consumer Convenience Computer Equipment Collection and Recovery Act* set forth in [Subchapter Y, Chapter 361, Texas Health and Safety Code](#), and the rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under that Act as set forth in [30 TAC §§328.131 through 328.155](#). Contractor acknowledges that this Purchase Order may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**22. TELEVISION EQUIPMENT RECYCLING PROGRAM CERTIFICATION.** If Contractor is selling or leasing television equipment to the University under this Purchase Order, then pursuant to [§361.991, Texas Health and Safety Code](#), Contractor certifies that it is full compliance with the Television Equipment Recycling Program set forth in [Subchapter Z, Chapter 361, Texas Health and Safety Code](#) and [30 TAC Chapter 328, Subchapter J](#). Contractor acknowledges that this Purchase Order may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**23. RESPONSIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING WORK; CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS.** Each individual who is assigned to perform services under this Purchase Order will be an employee of Contractor or an employee of a subcontractor engaged by Contractor. Contractor is responsible for the performance of all individuals performing services under this Purchase Order. Prior to commencing services, Contractor will (1) provide University with a list ("List") of all individuals who may be assigned to perform services, and (2) have an appropriate criminal background screening performed on all the individuals. Contractor will determine on a case-by-case basis whether each individual assigned to perform services is qualified to provide the services. Contractor will not knowingly assign any individual to provide services on University's campus who has a history of criminal conduct unacceptable for a university campus or healthcare center, including violent or sexual offenses. Contractor will update the List each time there is a change in the individuals assigned to perform services. Prior to commencing performance of services under this Purchase Order, Contractor will provide University a letter signed by an authorized representative of Contractor certifying compliance with this Section. Contractor will provide University an updated certification letter each time there is a change in the individuals assigned to perform services.

**24. FORCE MAJEURE.** Neither party hereto will be liable or responsible to the other for any loss or damage or for any delays or failure to perform due to causes beyond its reasonable control including acts of God, strikes, epidemics, war, riots, flood, fire, sabotage, or any other circumstances of like character ("force majeure occurrence"). *Provided, however*, in the event of a force majeure occurrence, Contractor agrees to use its best efforts to mitigate the impact of the occurrence so that University may continue to provide services during the occurrence. Taxes, tariffs, or other charges imposed by a governmental entity do not constitute a force majeure occurrence.

**25. TERMINATION.**

(a) Upon written notice to Contractor, University may terminate this Purchase Order, in whole or in part, without cause. If University terminates without cause, University will pay Contractor all reasonable costs incurred up to the date of termination. Under no circumstance will University pay Contractor for anticipatory or lost profits.

(b) In the event of a material failure by Contractor to perform in accordance with the terms of this Purchase Order ("default"), University may terminate this Purchase Order upon ten (10) days' written notice of termination setting forth the nature of the default; *provided that*, the default is through no fault of University. Termination will not be effective if the default is fully cured by Contractor prior to the end of the ten-day period.

**26. EXTERNAL TERMS.** This Purchase Order completely supplants, replaces, and overrides all other terms and conditions or agreements, written or oral, concerning Contractor's performance or provision of goods or services under this Purchase Order ("[External Terms](#)"). The External Terms are null and void and will have no effect under this Purchase Order, regardless of whether University or its employees, contractors, or agents express assent or agreement to the External Terms. The External Terms include any shrinkwrap, clickwrap, browsewrap, web-based terms and conditions of use, and any other terms and conditions displayed in any format that University or its employees, contractors, or agents are required to accept or agree to before or in the course of accessing or using any goods or services provided by Contractor.

**27. PUBLIC INFORMATION.** University strictly adheres to all statutes, court decisions and opinions of the Texas Attorney General with respect to disclosure of public information under the *Texas Public Information Act* ("TPIA"), [Chapter 552, Texas Government Code](#). In accordance with [§552.002](#) of TPIA and [§2252.907, Texas Government Code](#), and at no additional charge to University, Contractor will make any information created or exchanged with University pursuant to this Purchase Order (and not otherwise exempt from disclosure under TPIA) available in a format reasonably requested by University that is accessible by the public.

**28. CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING BOYCOTTING ISRAEL.** Pursuant to [Chapter 2271, Texas Government Code](#), Contractor certifies Contractor (1) does not currently boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the Term of this Purchase Order. Contractor acknowledges this Purchase Order may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**29. CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING BUSINESS WITH CERTAIN COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.** Pursuant to [Subchapter F, Chapter 2252, Texas Government Code](#), Contractor certifies Contractor is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization. Contractor acknowledges this Purchase Order may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**30. CYBERSECURITY TRAINING PROGRAM.** If Contractor and/or its subcontractors, officers, or employees will have an account on a state computer system (for example, an account to an application, database, or network), then pursuant to Section 2063.104, *Texas Government Code*, Contractor and its subcontractors, officers, and employees must complete a cybersecurity training program certified under Section 2063.102, *Texas Government Code* and selected by the University. The cybersecurity training program must be completed by Contractor and its subcontractors, officers, and employees during the term and any renewal period of this Purchase Order. Contractor shall verify completion of the program to the University.

**31. TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT - SUBCHAPTER J REQUIREMENTS.** If applicable, pursuant to [Section 552.372 of the Texas Government Code](#), Contractor must:

(1) preserve all contracting information (ref. [Section 552.003\(1-a\), Texas Government Code](#)) related to this Purchase Order as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to University for the duration of this Purchase Order;

(2) promptly provide to the University any contracting information related to this Purchase Order that is in the custody or possession of Contractor on request of the University; and

(3) on completion of this Purchase Order, either:

(A) provide at no cost to the University all contracting information related to this Purchase Order that is in the custody or possession of Contractor, or

(B) preserve the contracting information related to this Purchase Order as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to the University.

If applicable, the requirements of [Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code](#) ("Subchapter J") may apply to this Purchase Order and Contractor agrees that the Purchase Order can be terminated if Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of Subchapter J.

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University may not accept a bid for a contract described by [Section 552.371, Texas Government Code](#) or award the contract to an entity that the University has determined has knowingly or intentionally failed to comply with Subchapter J in a previous bid or contract described by Section 552.371 unless the University determines and documents that the entity has taken adequate steps to ensure future compliance with the requirements of Subchapter J.

If Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of Subchapter J applicable to Contractor, then University shall provide written notice to Contractor stating the requirement(s) of Subchapter J that Contractor has violated. If applicable, such notice will also advise Contractor that University may terminate this Purchase Order without further obligation to Contractor if (a) Contractor does not cure the violation on or before the 10th business day after the date the University provides the notice, (b) the University determines that Contractor has intentionally or knowingly failed to comply with a requirement of that Subchapter J, and (c) the University determines that Contractor has not taken adequate steps to ensure future compliance with the requirements of Subchapter J. For purposes of the above, Contractor has taken adequate steps to ensure future compliance with Subchapter J if: (1) Contractor produces contracting information requested by the University that is in the custody or possession of Contractor not later than the 10th business day after the date the University makes the request and (2) Contractor establishes a records management program to enable Contractor to comply with Subchapter J.

**32. CONTRACTOR VERIFICATION REGARDING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FIREARM ENTITIES OR TRADE ASSOCIATIONS.** Pursuant to [Chapter 2274, Texas Government Code](#), Contractor verifies (1) it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and (2) it will not discriminate during the term of this Purchase Order against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. Contractor acknowledges this Purchase Order may be terminated and payment withheld if this verification is inaccurate.

**33. CONTRACTOR VERIFICATION REGARDING BOYCOTTING ENERGY COMPANIES.** Pursuant to [Chapter 2276, Texas Government Code](#), Contractor verifies (1) it does not boycott energy companies and (2) it will not boycott energy companies during the term of this Purchase Order. Contractor acknowledges this Purchase Order may be terminated and payment withheld if this verification is inaccurate.

**34. CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING COVID-19 VACCINATION.** Pursuant to Section 161.0085, *Texas Health and Safety Code (enacted by SB 968, 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2021))*, Contractor certifies that it does not require a customer to provide any documentation certifying the customer's COVID-19 vaccination or post-transmission recovery on entry to, to gain access to, or to receive service from Contractor's business. Contractor acknowledges this Purchase Order may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**35. FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES.**

(a) Contractor represents that it will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services, as defined in 2 CFR § 200.216, to University in the performance of this Purchase Order or any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument resulting from this Purchase Order.

(b) In the event Contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services, as defined in 2 CFR § 200.216, used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during performance of this Purchase Order, or Contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, Contractor shall report information about the contract, equipment item, and mitigation measures to University within one business day, and provide University with an update within ten business days that includes measures to prevent recurrence.

**36. CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.**

If Contractor will be granted direct or remote access to or control of critical infrastructure in the State of Texas pursuant to [Chapter 2275, Texas Government Code](#), Contractor certifies (A) it is neither owned by nor is the majority of stock or other ownership interest of the Contractor held or controlled by (i) individuals who are citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a country designated by the Governor of Texas as a threat to critical infrastructure under Section 2275.0103 of the *Texas Government Code* (a "designated country") or (ii) a company or other entity, including a governmental entity, that is owned or controlled by citizens of or is directly controlled by the government of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country; and (B) it is not headquartered in China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country. Contractor understands that the prohibitions set forth in the preceding sentence apply regardless of whether (1) Contractor's or its parent company's securities are publicly traded or (2) Contractor or its parent company is listed on a public stock exchange as either (a) a Chinese, Iranian, North Korean, or Russian company or (b) a company of a designated country. Contractor acknowledges that this Purchase Order may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

Pursuant to [Executive Order GA-48 of the Governor of Texas effective November 19, 2024](#), if Contractor will research, work on, or have access to critical infrastructure as defined in [Section 117.001\(2\), Texas Business and Commerce Code](#), Contractor represents and warrants that it and its Personnel will maintain the security or integrity of that infrastructure. Contractor and its Personnel must be routinely reviewed to determine whether or not their backgrounds, criminal history, or continuous connections to the government or political apparatus of a foreign adversary might prevent Contractor or its Personnel from being able to maintain the security or integrity of the infrastructure. If agreed to in writing by University Contractor will be responsible for performing such reviews and will provide University with a written report detailing the results of each review. Otherwise, University will conduct such reviews or, in the University's sole discretion, have such reviews performed by a cyber intelligence company or other similar third-party engaged by the Texas Department of Public Safety or by University. Contractor must fully cooperate in the conduct of such reviews. Contractor must cooperate with the University and the State of Texas in any investigation into whether it and its Personnel are able to maintain the security or integrity of such critical infrastructure, including providing all information and documentation requested by the University or the State of Texas. Before commencing the performance of research or work on or any access to such critical infrastructure, Contractor will provide University with a list of all Personnel who may be assigned to perform that research or work or provided such access. Contractor will update that list each time there is a change in such Personnel. **Personnel** means any and all persons associated with Contractor who provide any work or work product pursuant to this Purchase Order, including officers, managers, supervisors, full-time employees, part-time employees, and independent contractors. Contractor acknowledges University may immediately terminate and withhold payment under this Purchase Order if Contractor does not comply with this Section, including but not limited to University's determination, in its sole discretion, that Contractor or any of its Personnel has (1) failed to maintain the security or integrity of critical infrastructure, (2) failed to perform or cooperate in the performance of required reviews or investigations, or (3) provided materially inaccurate or incomplete reports, information, or documentation as required by this Section.

**37. CONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE AND WARRANTY RELATING TO CLOUD COMPUTING SERVICES.** Pursuant to Section 2063.408 of the *Texas Government Code*, the Texas Cyber Command has established and implemented a state risk and authorization management program providing a standardized approach for security assessment, authorization, and continuous monitoring of cloud computing services (**CCSs**) that store, process, or transmit the data of Texas state agencies (**TX-RAMP**).

Therefore, if Contractor will be providing CCSs under this Purchase Order, Contractor represents and warrants that throughout the term of this Purchase Order it will comply with the requirements of TX-RAMP and that all CCSs subject to TX-RAMP will comply with the requirements of and be certified under TX-RAMP. The CCSs subject to TX-RAMP include those provided by Contractor either through this Purchase Order or in furtherance of this Purchase Order, including CCSs provided through Contractor's subcontractors or third-party providers. A CCS used in furtherance of this Purchase Order includes a CCS that Contractor or its subcontractors or third-party providers use to store, process, or transmit University data, even if the University itself does not access or use that CCS. Contractor's subcontractors or third-party providers responsible solely for servicing or supporting a CCS provided by Contractor or another Contractor subcontractor or third-party provider shall not be required to provide evidence of TX-RAMP certification; instead, Contractor will be responsible for providing such evidence.

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Contractor understands and agrees that the University may not enter into or renew a contract with Contractor to purchase CCSs that are subject to TX-RAMP unless Contractor demonstrates compliance with TX-RAMP requirements. Contractor acknowledges this Purchase Order may be terminated and payment withheld if Contractor does not comply with TX-RAMP or this Section.

**38. CERTIFICATION REQUIRED BY TEXAS GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER GA-48.** Pursuant to [Executive Order GA-48 of the Governor of Texas effective November 19, 2024](#), Contractor certifies that it and, if applicable, any of its holding companies or subsidiaries, is not:

- a. Listed in Section 889 of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA); or
- b. Listed in Section 1260H of the 2021 NDAA; or
- c. Owned by the government of a country on the U.S. Department of Commerce's foreign adversaries list under 15 C.F.R. § 791.4; or
- d. Controlled by any governing or regulatory body located in a country on the U.S. Department of Commerce's foreign adversaries list under 15 C.F.R. § 791.4.

**39. SECURITY INCIDENT NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Purchase Order, any terms and conditions in, incorporated into, or referenced by this Purchase Order (including, but not limited to, any contract language in a cybersecurity insurance contract) that prohibit or restrict the University or the State of Texas from complying with Section 2054.603 of the *Texas Government Code* or that otherwise circumvent the requirements of that Section 2054.603 are void and unenforceable. (Ref. [House Bill 5331, 89<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Texas Legislature.](#))

**40. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.** Contractor represents, certifies, and warrants that Contractor and its employees, agents, representatives, and subcontractors (1) have not violated and will not violate Chapter 2261, Subchapter G of the *Texas Government Code* ("Subchapter G"), including engaging in any of the prohibited activities identified in Subchapter G and (2) will fully cooperate in any investigations conducted under Subchapter G. Contractor understands and agrees that violations of Subchapter G may result in enforcement actions, contract terminations (including, but not limited to, termination of this Purchase Order), liabilities, disqualifications, causes of action, lawsuits, damages, costs, and injunctive relief as provided by Subchapter G.

**41. PROHIBITION ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION.** Contractor must perform all Work under this Purchase Order in full compliance with Section [51.3525, Texas Education Code](#). Specifically, in its performance of Work Contractor must not:

- (A) establish, maintain, use, or perform the duties of a diversity, equity, and inclusion office as defined in Section 51.3525;
- (B) compel, require, induce, or solicit any person to provide a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement or give preferential consideration to any person based on the provision of such a statement;
- (C) give preference on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin to any applicant for University employment or for participation in any function of the University, including in the course of Contractor's identification of persons for University's consideration as a potential applicant, employee, or participant; or
- (D) require any person to participate in diversity, equity, and inclusion training.

**42. Ownership of Work Material.** Contractor understands and agrees that all rights to, title to, and interest in the goods and services rendered by Contractor under this Order (individually the "Work", collectively "Work Materials") will vest in University and any work or development on the Work or Work Materials done by Contractor or any employee of Contractor under this Order shall be deemed to be a work made for hire in the course of the Work rendered under this Order. To the extent that title to any portion of Work or Work Materials may not, by operation of law, vest in University or any Work or Work Materials may not be considered a work made for hire, Contractor hereby irrevocably assigns, conveys, and transfers to University and its successors, licensees, and assigns all rights, title and interest worldwide in and to the Work and Work Materials and all proprietary rights therein, including copyrights, trademarks, service marks, patents, trade secrets, moral rights, all contract and licensing rights and all claims and causes of action with respect to Work and Work Materials, whether now known or hereafter to become known. In the event Contractor has any rights in Work or Work Materials which cannot be assigned, Contractor agrees to waive enforcement worldwide of the rights against University, its successors, licensees, assigns, distributors, and customers or, if necessary, to exclusively license the rights, worldwide to University with the right to sublicense. These rights are assignable by University.

**43. Language Model Program.** Contractor agrees that all data provided by UTHealth Houston is confidential and shall be used solely for the purposes outlined in this agreement. Other than what we explicitly outlined in this agreement, Contractor shall not use, disclose, or permit the use of UTHealth Houston data to develop, train, or enhance any artificial intelligence or machine learning models, including Generative AI, Attention-based, or Generative Pre-Trained Transformer (GPT) technologies, without prior written consent from UTHealth Houston. All data rights and ownership remain with UTHealth Houston, and any unauthorized use is strictly prohibited. Contractor must implement appropriate security measures to protect UTHealth Houston data, including encryption, backup, and access controls, and shall destroy or return all data upon termination of this agreement.

**44. Security of Genetic Information.** Contractor warrants, represents, covenants, and agrees that it is in compliance in all respects with Chapter 174, Texas Health and Safety Code, and any implementing regulations ("Texas Genomic Act of 2025"), and shall not cause UTHealth Houston to be in non-compliance with the Texas Genomic Act of 2025 through Contractor's performance of its obligations under this Purchase Order.