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**ONLINE CURRICULUM  
CONTRACT NUMBER CON0001314**

This contract is effective **September 1, 2021**, and is by and between the **Texas Juvenile Justice Department**, hereinafter **TJJJ**, and **Apex Learning, Inc.**, hereinafter **Service Provider**, to provide an online Curriculum.

This contract is made and entered into under the authority of Title 12 of the Texas Human Resources Code, for the mutual considerations described herein.

This Agreement is composed of the following documents:

1. This contract, including all exhibits;
2. Request for Proposal (RFP) #644-20-082720, and all RFP addenda, hereby incorporated by reference; and
3. Service Provider’s proposal dated March 9, 2021; all hereby incorporated by reference.

In the event there is conflict between the Agreement documents, the order of precedence shall be the order listed above, unless otherwise indicated.

**SECTION I: CONTRACT TERM**

This contract is effective **September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2024**. Prior to expiration of the original term, TJJJ has the option to extend the contract, by amendment, for three (3) one-year renewal options. Any extension(s) shall be at the same terms and conditions stated in the contract, including any approved changes.

**SECTION II: SERVICE PROVIDER**

**1 SCOPE**

Service Provide shall provide the following at TJJJ five secure locations:

1. 20 courses unlimited enrollment subscriptions;
  - a. Each unlimited enrollment subscription provides access for one student enrolled in any number of Courses at the same time. If a student completes or withdraws from all Courses in which he or she is enrolled, the subscription may be reused to enroll another student in any number of Courses. The number of students enrolled at the same time may not exceed the number of subscriptions purchased.
2. Unlimited enrollments district-wide in high school Courses
3. Unlimited enrollments school-wide in Tutorials

4. Five (5) 6-hour onsite or virtual sessions by August 31, 2022.
5. Ongoing consultation and updates throughout the term of the agreement

1.1 The five secure TJJD locations where services will be provided include the following:

Institutions
Evins Regional Juvenile Center 3801 E. Monte Cristo Road Edinburg, Texas 78541 (956) 289-5500 FAX (956) 381-1425
Gainesville State School 1379 FM 678 Gainesville, Texas 76240 (940) 665-0701 FAX (940) 665-0469
Giddings State School 2261 James Turman Rd. P.O. Box 600 Giddings, Texas 78942 (979) 542-4500 FAX (979) 542-0177
McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility 116 Burleson Road Mart, Texas 76664 (254) 297-8200 FAX (254) 297-8392
Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex 611 FM 3254 Brownwood, Texas 76801 P.O. Box 1267 Brownwood, Texas 76804 (325) 641-4200 FAX (325) 646-7704

### 1.2 Deliverable Schedule

Service Provide shall provide the following deliverables:

<b>Deliverable No.</b>	<b>Deliverable Description</b>	<b>Estimated Due Date</b>
1	Vendor will host and make curriculum available for access 99% of the time, while implementing security measures in line with TJJJ standards / requirements to protect against unauthorized access / use.	Ongoing
2	Vendor will provide professional development training in their online learning program to each campus, ongoing technical support as needed, updates to program as new curriculum, tools, and applications are generated, and a contact list of personnel assigned work with our District.	Ongoing
3	Apex Learning will use commercially reasonable efforts to make the Apex Curriculum available for access by Client Users ninety-nine percent (99%) of the time, measured on a monthly basis, excluding Planned Outages. "Planned Outages" means the installation of upgrades, routine application, server, or network configuration changes, and other reasonable maintenance activities. Planned Outages will be conducted during off-peak Apex Curriculum utilization times. Apex Learning will post an advance announcement of any Planned Outage on the Apex Learning website through which Client Users access the Apex Curriculum."	Ongoing

## **2 Service Level Agreement**

### **2.1 Software Requirements**

The versions of any software identified in this contract are to be considered the minimum allowed version. Service Provider will work with TJJJ technical staff to ensure that software environments remain aligned with current software releases.

### **2.2 Help Desk Support**

- a. Service Provider will establish and maintain Help Desk Support for all provided components which includes:
  - (i) Diagnosis of problems or performance deficiencies of the system;
  - (ii) A recommended resolution to the reported problem or performance deficiency; and
  - (iii) Close coordination between development resources and TJJJ technical staff regarding any testing and/or implementation of corrective actions. Service Provider

will provide primary online software support on a daily basis during standard business hours (8:00 am - 5:00 pm). Service Provider will ensure any reported/identified defects within the system are documented, assessed, and a recommended solution is defined. All issues must be tracked as part of a comprehensive ticket management system. Escalation procedures and timelines will be determined collaboratively between Service Provider and TJJJ.

- b. Service Provider shall participate in problem management meetings with TJJJ technical staff as needed/requested to review new and existing issues and to develop a remediation plan commensurate with the severity of the identified issue(s).
- c. Incident Management. In conjunction with TJJJ's existing Help Desk Services, Service Provider must be able to diagnose and correct defects in the production environment, both technical and application related, in accordance with the following service levels:
  - i. **Severity Level 1 – Critical**, defined as a problem or outage that directly impedes a user's ability to carry out essential business functions.
    - A. Response will be provided within two (2) hours for all Severity Level 1 issues.
    - B. Resolution by continuous work until resolved by either permanent fix or temporary fix that allows the user to resume essential business functions.
  - ii. **Severity Level 2 – Urgent**, defined as an issue or problem that hampers a user's ability to utilize a specific function within the system but does not prevent TJJJ from carrying out essential business functions; deemed a high-priority item for attention.
    - A. Response will be provided within two (2) calendar days for all Severity Level 2 issues.
    - B. Resolution by continuous work until resolved with either a temporary fix or patch or permanent resolution that allows the user to resume normal operation of essential business functions.
  - iii. **Severity Level 3 – Normal**, defined as a defect or issue that, if corrected, would improve the use or functionality of the system. Deemed as a low priority.
    - A. Response provided within five (5) business days for all Severity Level 3 issues.
    - B. Resolution based on joint planning to determine when to apply temporary fix or patch or to implement a permanent solution to address issue.
- d. TJJJ will make necessary initial decisions to interpret severity levels and service levels. The Service Provider will have the authority to request a conference, to occur as expeditiously as reasonably possible. The conference will be between representatives of the Service Provider and TJJJ, and will be for the purpose of discussing the severity level or service determination and attempting to resolve the disagreement.

### **2.3 Invoices**

Service Provider will submit invoices to TJJJ Claims Department via email at [tjjdinvoice@tjjd.texas.gov](mailto:tjjdinvoice@tjjd.texas.gov) and to Marilyn Harris at [marilyn.harris@tjjd.texas.gov](mailto:marilyn.harris@tjjd.texas.gov) on invoices bearing Service Provider's name, address, and TJJJ contract number. Service Provider will submit

invoices on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Invoices will be paid in accordance with Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION III TJJD**

TJJD will pay Service Provider in accordance with Exhibit B, Service Provider’s Price Form. The not to exceed amount for each year of the contract is \$68,500.00, with possible annual cost and/or licensing adjustment to be determined based upon usage, student population numbers, and/or fluctuations in funding availability. Payments will be made in accordance with Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION IV: NOTICES AND CONTACTS**

Notices shall be addressed to the Office of General Counsel, Texas Juvenile Justice Department, mailing address: P.O. Box 12757, Austin, Texas 78711; and to Service Provider at 1215 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1500, Seattle, WA 98161. The following is additional contact information for purposes of this contract:

<b>Service Provider Contact for the Contract:</b>	<b>TJJD Contact for the Contract:</b>
Name: Caroline Myers	Name: Luther Taliaferro
Phone: 956-832-3939	Phone: 512-490-7726
Email: <a href="mailto:caroline.myers@apexlearning.com">caroline.myers@apexlearning.com</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:luther.taliaferro@tjjd.texas.gov">luther.taliaferro@tjjd.texas.gov</a>

**COUNTERPARTS.** This contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the parties hereto have made and executed this contract as of the day and year first written above.

**For the Texas Juvenile Justice Department:**

  
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Camille Cain, Executive Director 8/19/21  
Date

**For Service Provider:**

  
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Signature Chuck Lanphier, SVP - Client Services  
Printed Name 8/18/2021  
Date

## **EXHIBIT A**

Referenced in Service Provider's Proposal, Exhibit A: Execution of Offer Form

## EXHIBIT B - PRICE FORM

**Proposal of:** Apex Learning Inc.  
 (Respondent Company Name)

**Reference:** Digital Curriculum/Online Learning Program

**RFO No.:** 644-20-082720

Having carefully examined all the specifications and requirements of this Request for Proposal (RFP) and any attachments thereto, the Respondent proposes to furnish the software and services required pursuant to this RFP:

**Pricing for Services Offered** (notate appropriately whether cost are one-time or ongoing)

Service	License/Subscription Cost (\$), where applicable	Estimated Cost Per Year
Unlimited enrollments in High School courses	\$25 per student	\$30,000
Unlimited enrollments in Tutorials	\$20 per student	\$24,000
Five (5) 6-hour onsite sessions delivered at TJJD facilities	\$2,200 per session	\$11,000
20 courses with unlimited enrollment	\$175 per license	\$3,500
<b>ESTIMATED YEARLY COST</b>		<b>\$68,500</b>

**EXHIBIT C  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**1. Americans with Disabilities Act and Equal Employment Opportunity**

Service Provider certifies compliance with all terms, provisions, and requirements of Titles VI and VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and any other federal, state, local, or other anti-discriminatory act, law, statute, or regulation, along with all amendments and revisions of the acts, laws, statutes, or regulations, in the performance of this contract, and will not discriminate against any child or youth, client, employee, or applicant for employment because of race, creed, religion, age, sex, color, national or ethnic origin, handicap, or any other illegal discriminatory basis or criteria.

**2. Antitrust Affirmation**

Service Provider represents and warrants that, in accordance with Section 2155.005 of the Texas Government Code, neither Service Provider nor the firm, corporation, partnership, or institution represented by Service Provider, or anyone acting for such a firm, corporation, partnership, or institution has (1) violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act of 1983, Chapter 15 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, or federal antitrust laws, or (2) if applicable, communicated directly or indirectly the contents of a response to any competitor or any other person engaged in the same line of business as Service Provider.

**3. Assignment**

Service Provider shall not assign its rights under the contract or delegate the performance of its duties under the contract without prior written approval from TJJD. Any attempted assignment in violation of this Section is void and without effect.

**4. Buy Texas Affirmation**

In accordance with Section 2155.4441 of the Texas Government Code, Service Provider agrees that during the performance of a contract for services it shall purchase products and materials produced in Texas when they are available at a price and time comparable to products and materials produced outside this state.

**5. Change in Law and Compliance with Laws**

In the execution of the contract, Service Provider shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws or regulations, including, but not limited to, laws governing labor, equal employment opportunity, safety, and environmental protection. Service Provider shall make itself familiar with and at all times shall observe and comply with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations which in any manner affect performance under this contract. Any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms of the contract that are required by changes in federal, state, or local laws, ordinances, or regulations are automatically incorporated into the contract without written amendment hereto, and shall become effective on the date designated by such law or by regulation.

**6. Child Support Obligation Affirmation, Section 231.006, Texas Family Code**

**Under Section 231.006, Family Code, the vendor or applicant [Service Provider] certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid, or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.** A bid or an application for a contract, grant, or loan paid from state funds must include the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity submitting the bid or application. **FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT NOTICE:** This notice is given pursuant to the Federal Privacy Act. Disclosure of your Social Security Number (SSN) is required under Section 231.006(c) and Section 231.302(c)(2) of the Texas Family Code. The SSN will be used to identify persons that may owe child support. The SSN will be kept confidential to the fullest extent allowed under Section 231.302(e), Texas Family Code.

**7. Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Act Compliance**

Service Provider certifies compliance with the applicable provisions of the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Act (Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 81).

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#### **9. Compliance with Section 572.054, Texas Government Code, Former Officer or Employee of TJJD**

Service Provider certifies compliance with Texas Government Code Section 572.054. Service Provider has not employed a former officer or employee of TJJD to perform services on Service Provider's behalf, to secure the contract, or to represent Service Provider in any manner prohibited by Section 572.054. A false certification could result in termination of this contract, withholding of payments, or other sanctions.

#### **10. Compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA)**

Service Provider shall comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) (34 U.S.C. 30301 et seq.) and with all applicable standards, rules, regulations, and TJJD policies related to PREA. Service Provider shall make itself familiar with and at all times shall observe and comply with all PREA regulations which affect performance in any manner under this contract. Failure to comply with PREA standards, rules, regulations, and TJJD policies may result in termination of this contract.

#### **11. Confidentiality and Security**

**Section 1:** Service Provider agrees that all of its employees, contractors, subcontractors, or associates will comply with all state and federal law and with TJJD policies regarding maintaining the confidentiality of TJJD youth, including, but not limited to, maintaining confidentiality of student records and identifying information.

**Section 2:** Service Provider agrees that all information regarding TJJD and/or its youth that is gathered, produced, or otherwise derived from this contract shall remain confidential and subject to release only by permission of TJJD.

**Section 3:** Service Provider's employees, contractors, subcontractors, or associates who visit any TJJD facility will comply with that facility's security regulations.

**Section 4:** Identifying pictures, appearances, films, or reports of TJJD youth may not be disclosed by Service Provider without the written consent of TJJD, of the youth and, if under age 18, of the youth's parent, guardian, or managing conservator.

#### **12. Contract Amendment and Merger Clause**

This contract encompasses the complete and entire agreement of the parties. Neither party has made nor relied on any representations, stipulations, or agreements other than those expressly contained in this contract. No other contracts or agreements, oral or written, shall constitute a part of this contract unless such is made in writing, executed by the parties hereto or their successors, and expressly made a part of this contract. This contract may only be amended or supplemented in a writing, executed by the parties hereto or their successors, and expressly made a part of this contract, except that TJJD reserves the right to make unilateral minor administrative changes to correct typographical errors, change TJJD contract identification number, or increase the "not to exceed" amount (if applicable) necessary for continuation of services.

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#### **14. Cybersecurity Training**

Service Provider represents and warrants that it will comply with the requirements of Section 2054.5192 of the Texas Government Code relating to cybersecurity training and required verification of completion of the training program.

#### **15. Dealings with Public Servants Affirmation**

Pursuant to Section 2155.003 of the Texas Government Code, Service Provider represents and warrants that it has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity,

future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the contract.

**16. Debts and Delinquencies Affirmation**

Service Provider agrees that any payments due under the contract shall be directly applied towards eliminating any debt or delinquency it has to the State of Texas including, but not limited to, delinquent taxes, delinquent student loan payments, and delinquent child support.

**17. Disaster Recovery Plan**

In accordance with 13 TAC § 6.94(a)(9), Service Provider shall provide to TJJD the descriptions of its business continuity and disaster recovery plans if it has or is to have custody of vital state records.

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**19. Dispute Resolution**

The dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code must be used to attempt to resolve any dispute arising under the contract.

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**21. Drug-Free Workplace**

Service Provider represents and warrants that it shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.) and maintain a drug-free work environment.

**22. Entities that Boycott Israel**

Pursuant to Section 2270.002 of the Texas Government Code, Service Provider certifies that either: (i) it meets an exemption criterion under Section 2270.002; or (ii) that it does not, and shall not for the duration of the contract, boycott Israel as the term is defined by 808.001(1) of the Texas Government Code.

**23. E-Verify Program**

Service Provider certifies that for contracts for services, Service Provider shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system (E-Verify) during the term of the contract to determine the eligibility of:

- A. all persons employed by Service Provider to perform duties within Texas; and
- B. all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by Service Provider to perform work pursuant to the contract within the United States of America.

Service Provider shall provide, upon written request by the TJJD, an electronic or hard copy screenshot of the confirmation that Service Provider is enrolled in E-Verify. Service Provider shall provide, upon written request by the TJJD, an electronic or hard copy of the confirmation or non-confirmation screen containing the E-Verify case verification number for attachment to the Form I-9 for each Service Provider employee, subcontractor, and subcontractor employee that meet the criteria above, following any required E-Verify protocols to allow for the provision of such information.

If it is determined that Service Provider has violated the certifications set forth in this provision, then (1) Service Provider shall be in breach of contract, (2) TJJD shall have the option to terminate the contract for cause without prior notice, and (3) in addition to any other rights or remedies available to TJJD under the contract, Service Provider shall be responsible for all costs incurred by TJJD to obtain substitute services to replace the terminated contract.

**24. Excess Obligations Prohibited - Funding Out Clause**

The contract is subject to termination or cancellation, without penalty to TJJD, either in whole or in part, subject to the availability of funds. TJJD is a state agency whose authority and appropriations are subject to actions of the Texas Legislature. If TJJD becomes subject to a legislative change, revocation of statutory authority, or lack of appropriated funds that would render either TJJD's or Service Provider's delivery or performance under the contract impossible or unnecessary, the contract will be terminated or cancelled and be deemed null and void. In the event of a termination or cancellation under this provision, TJJD will not be liable to Service Provider for any damages that are caused or associated with such termination or cancellation and TJJD will not be required to give prior notice.

**25. Excluded Parties**

Service Provider certifies that it is not listed in the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order No. 13224, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism", published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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**27. False Statements**

The undersigned certifies that the information contained in this contract is accurate and complete. Provider acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**28. Federal Confidentiality Compliance**

Any program that specializes, in whole or in part, in providing treatment, counseling, and/or assessment and referral services for youth with alcohol or other drug problems must comply with federal confidentiality regulations. Said regulations apply only to programs that are federally assisted either directly or indirectly. Service Provider certifies compliance with these federal requirements for confidentiality (42 USC 290dd-2; 42 CFR Part 2) and agrees to comply with said requirements for so long as this contract is in force.

**29. Financial Participation Prohibition Affirmation**

Under Texas Government Code, Section 2155.004, TJJD may not accept a bid or award a contract that includes proposed financial participation by a person who received compensation from TJJD to participate in preparing the specifications or request for proposals on which the bid or contract is based. If Service Provider is not eligible, then this contract may be immediately terminated. **Under Section 2155.004, Government Code, the vendor [Service Provider] certifies that the individual or business entity named in this bid or contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.**

**30. Fingerprinting and Background Check**

**A. Unless Service Provider is addressed in Section B below, Service Provider shall:**

1. As directed, provide information regarding persons providing services under this contract with access to TJJD youth or youth records for a criminal background checks, which may include fingerprinting, criminal records check, sex offender registration records check, PREA employment standards check, child abuse registry check, and drug test. Criminal background checks shall be conducted at TJJD's expense. Any Service Provider employee, agent, consultant, subcontractor, subcontractor employee, or volunteer worker who is unwilling to provide or who does not provide required information will not be allowed to work under this contract. Any Service Provider employee, agent, consultant, subcontractor, subcontractor employee, or volunteer worker shall not work under this contract until the criminal background check is completed and approval is obtained from TJJD's Director of Human Resources.
2. Notify TJJD's Director of Human Resources of any employee, agent, consultant, subcontractor, subcontractor employee, or volunteer worker who works with TJJD youth and who is arrested, indicted, or charged with a criminal offense or who resigns while under investigation for inappropriate conduct or policy violations. Such employee, agent, consultant,

subcontractor, subcontractor employee, or volunteer worker shall be immediately suspended from working under this contract unless authorized by TJJD's Director of Human Resources.

**B. Service Provider Licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services**

1. Employees, contractors (including subcontractors), or volunteers who provide services in a facility that contracts to accept TJJD youth and that is licensed by the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) must, in order to work with TJJD youth, obtain clearance under DFPS background check rules. Further:
  - a. Service Provider must provide sufficient information to allow TJJD to verify DFPS clearance; and
  - b. Service Provider must notify TJJD's Director of Human Resources **within 24 hours** of learning of the arrest of any employee, contractor (including subcontractor), or volunteer.

**C. TJJD Approval**

TJJD will approve or deny any Service Provider employee, agent, consultant, subcontractor, subcontractor employee, or volunteer worker in accordance with TJJD policies and procedures. TJJD's designated contact for criminal background checks is the Human Resources Department, Manager of Criminal Background Checks, (512) 490-7674.

**31. Foreign Terrorist Organizations**

Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code prohibits TJJD from awarding a contract to any person who does business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization as defined in Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code. Service Provider certifies that it is not ineligible to receive the contract.

**32. Former Agency Employees**

Service Provider represents and warrants that none of its employees including, but not limited to, those authorized to provide services under the contract, were former employees of TJJD during the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of execution of the contract.

**33. Franchise Taxes**

**Section 1:** Service Provider certifies that should Service Provider be subject to payment of Texas franchise taxes, all franchise taxes are current. If such certification is false, this contract may be terminated at the option of TJJD or other sanctions may be exercised.

**Section 2:** If Service Provider is exempt from payment of Texas franchise taxes, Service Provider shall so indicate by attachment to this contract.

**Section 3:** If Service Provider's payment of Texas franchise taxes becomes delinquent during the term of this contract, Service Provider will notify TJJD within twenty-four (24) hours. If such delinquency cannot be cured within twenty-four (24) hours and a copy of the Certification of Account Status proving payment of delinquent taxes cannot be provided to TJJD, this contract may be terminated at the option of TJJD or other sanctions may be exercised under the provisions of this contract.

**34. Governing Law and Venue**

The contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions. The venue of any suit arising under the contract is fixed in any court of competent jurisdiction of Travis County, Texas, unless the specific venue is otherwise identified in a statute which directly names or otherwise identifies its applicability to TJJD.

**35. Human Immunodeficiency Virus Services Act Compliance**

**Section 1:** Service Provider certifies compliance with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus Services Act (Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 85) requirements for maintenance of confidentiality regarding the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and its related conditions, including acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

**Section 2:** Service Provider further certifies that workplace guidelines have been developed and implemented in accordance with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus Services Act. Service Provider may

elect to use workplace guidelines developed and implemented by the TJJJ. Should Service Provider not elect to use workplace guidelines developed and implemented by the TJJJ, Service Provider agrees that its workplace guidelines shall be similar to the TJJJ's as required by Section 85.113 of the Texas Health and Safety Code

**Section 3:** In the absence of confidentiality guidelines, Service Provider is not eligible to receive state funds, and Service Provider agrees to refund to the state any state funds Service Provider receives while ineligible.

### **36. Human Trafficking Prohibition**

**Under Section 2155.0061, Government Code, the vendor [Service Provider] certifies that the individual or business entity named in this bid or contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.**

### **37. Indemnification (General)**

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

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### **40. Independent Contractor - Relationship of the Parties**

The contract shall not create any joint venture, partnership, agency, or employment relationship between Service Provider and TJJJ. Service Provider and Service Provider's employees, representatives, agents, subcontractors, suppliers, and third-party service providers shall serve as independent contractors in providing the services under the contract. Neither Service Provider nor TJJJ is an agent of the other and neither may make any commitments on the other party's behalf. Should Service Provider subcontract any of the services required in the contract, Service Provider expressly understands and acknowledges that in entering into such subcontract(s), TJJJ is in no manner liable to any subcontractor(s) of Service Provider. In no event shall this provision relieve Service Provider of the responsibility for ensuring that the services performed under all subcontracts are rendered in compliance with the contract.

Service Provider agrees and acknowledges that during the existence of the contract, Service Provider shall be entirely responsible for the liability and payment of Service Provider's and Service Provider's employees' taxes of whatever kind, arising out of the performance of the contract. Service Provider agrees to comply with all state and federal laws applicable to any such persons, including laws regarding wages, taxes, insurance, and workers' compensation. TJJJ shall not be liable to Service Provider, its employees, agents, or others for the payment of taxes or the provision of unemployment insurance and/or workers' compensation or any benefit available to a TJJJ or other state employee. Service Provider shall have no claim against TJJJ for vacation pay, sick leave, retirement benefits, social security, worker's compensation, health or disability benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, or employee benefits of any kind. Further,

Service Provider shall indemnify and hold harmless TJJD, state agencies, the State of Texas, and/or their employees, agents, representatives, and/or assignees from any liability, actions, claims, demands, or suits, and all related costs, attorneys' fees, and expenses relating to tax liability, unemployment insurance, and/or workers' compensation payments.

**41. Insurance**

**Section 1:** Service Provider shall maintain liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for each occurrence of negligence. The insurance must also cover injury to a youth that occurs when the youth is in Service Provider's care, custody, or control.

**Section 2:** Service Provider shall provide the TJJD Contracts Department proof of insurance listing TJJD as an additional insured upon contract execution, upon insurance renewal if coverage expires during the contract term (including contract extensions, if any), and upon request.

**Section 3:** The required insurance coverage, in the above-stated amount, must be maintained during the term of this contract and through any subsequent extensions. Failure to maintain the required insurance coverage may result in termination of this contract or sanctions.

**42. Lobbying Prohibition**

Service Provider represents and warrants that TJJD's payments to Service Provider and Service Provider's receipt of appropriated or other funds under the contract are not prohibited by Sections 556.005 or 556.0055 of the Texas Government Code.

**43. No Conflicts of Interest**

Service Provider represents and warrants that the provision of goods and services or other performance under the contract will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or reasonably create the appearance of impropriety. Service Provider has disclosed in writing to TJJD all existing or potential conflicts of interest relative to the performance of the contract. And if circumstances change during the course of the contract, Service Provider shall promptly notify TJJD.

**44. No Implied Waiver**

The failure of a party to insist at any time upon the strict performance of any covenant or agreement or to exercise any option, right, power, or remedy contained in the contract shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment thereof for the future.

**45. No Quantity Guarantees**

TJJD makes no express or implied warranty whatsoever that a minimum number of referrals will be guaranteed under this contract.

**46. No Third-Party Beneficiaries**

The contract is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the parties named herein and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person shall have any right, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits pursuant to or on account of the contract as a third-party beneficiary or otherwise.

**47. Notice**

Any written notice required under this contract will be either through hand delivery or by U.S. Mail, certified, return receipt requested, to Service Provider at the address indicated on page 1 of the contract and to TJJD at Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Office of General Counsel, P.O. Box 12757, Austin, Texas 78711-2757 or 1711 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, Texas 78701.

**48. Notice of Changes**

**Section 1:** Service Provider shall notify TJJD immediately in writing in advance of any significant change affecting Service Provider, including, but not limited to, change of Service Provider's name or identity, location of services, ownership or control, operating entity, governing board membership, key personnel,

payee identification number, and any other significant changes that may affect the delivery of services under the terms of this contract.

**Section 2:** Service Provider shall not transfer or assign this contract or enter into any subcontract for the services under this contract without prior written approval from TJJD.

**Section 3:** Service Provider shall not relocate the services provided under this contract from the location stated in the preamble, if applicable, without prior written approval from TJJD and a certification that the location to which services are to be relocated is in compliance with Chapter 244, Texas Local Government Code, if applicable.

#### **49. Permits, Certifications, and Licenses**

Service Provider represents and warrants that it has determined what licenses, certifications, and permits are required under the contract and has acquired all applicable licenses, certifications, and permits and shall maintain them as necessary throughout the term of the contract.

#### **50. Prompt Payment**

Payment shall be made in accordance with Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code, commonly known as the Texas Prompt Payment Act. Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code shall govern remittance of payment and remedies for late payment and non-payment.

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#### **52. Problem Solving in the Ordinary Course of Business**

**Section 1:** The parties to the contract shall use the procedures contained in this provision for routine problem solving. These procedures may also be used if a party is asserting a claim for breach of contract. Should these procedures not resolve claims for breach of the contract, the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code must be used.

**Section 2:** Informal Resolution: Service Provider and TJJD staff will communicate regularly and engage in informal problem-solving efforts as a routine measure, thus preventing differences from becoming major problems. When routine measures have been exhausted, Service Provider and TJJD staff are encouraged to utilize the following mechanism to resolve problems.

**Section 3:** Formal Resolution:

1. Service Provider or TJJD staff who wish to submit problems for resolution may do so in writing, including all relevant information and a recommended resolution (Statement of Problem).
2. The Statement of Problem will be submitted to the designated contact unless the problem specifically involves the designated contact, in which case, it will be submitted to the designated contact's supervisor.
3. Problems are to be addressed within ten (10) working days; a written decision will be sent to the individual or program that submitted it, with copies retained by the designated contact and the designated contact's supervisor.

**Section 4:** Appeal: Service Provider or TJJD staff desiring to appeal the decision may do so in writing, within ten (10) working days from the date of written decision, by providing all pertinent information relevant to the appeal to the designated contact's supervisor if the problem was originally addressed by the designated contact, or to TJJD's Office of General Counsel if the problem was addressed by the designated contact's supervisor. When appealed, the problem shall be addressed within fourteen (14) working days, with written responses sent to the individual or program who submitted it, and copies retained by the designated contact, the designated contact's supervisor, and TJJD's Office of General Counsel.

#### **53. Public Information Act**

Information, documentation, and other material in connection with this contract may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (the "Public Information Act"). In accordance with Section 2252.907 of the Texas Government Code, Service Provider is required to make any information created or exchanged with the State pursuant to the contract, and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, available in a format that is accessible by the public

at no additional charge to the State. Such formats include, but are not necessarily limited to, in a non-encrypted electronic format, PDF, and HTML.

**54. Restricted Employment for Certain State Personnel**

Pursuant to Section 572.069 of the Texas Government Code, Service Provider certifies that it has not employed and will not employ a former state officer or employee who participated in a procurement or contract negotiations for TJJD involving Service Provider within two (2) years after the date that the contract is signed or the procurement is terminated or withdrawn. This certification applies to former state officers or employees whose state service or employment ceased on or after September 1, 2015.

**55. Restriction on Possession of Weapons**

Service Provider agrees that Service Provider or any employees, contractors, subcontractors, or associates providing services on behalf of Service Provider shall not carry or possess any type of firearm or other weapon listed in Texas Penal Code Section 46.01 while rendering services to TJJD youth under this contract. This prohibition includes the carrying of a handgun licensed under the authority of Chapter 411, Subchapter H, Texas Government Code. Service Provider shall be under an affirmative duty to keep weapons out of the possession of TJJD youth in Service Provider's care.

**56. Sanctions**

**Section 1:** In addition to its authority to terminate this contract under the termination provision or other provisions of this contract, TJJD, based on information from monitoring or other verifiable sources, may take other actions including, but not limited to:

1. Requiring Service Provider to take specific corrective actions in order to remain in compliance with the terms of this contract; and/or
2. Recouping payment made to Service Provider; and/or
3. Imposing recommendations from audit or investigative findings, and minor or major sanctions; and/or
4. Assessing liquidated damages to the extent allowed by Texas law for each instance of non-compliance; and/or
5. Suspending, placing into abeyance, or removing any contractual rights including, but not limited to, withholding payment.

**Section 2:** Service Provider shall fully cooperate with TJJD and its authorized representatives in carrying out corrective action plans.

**57. Severability**

If any provision of the contract is construed to be illegal or invalid, such construction will not affect the legality or validity of any of its other provisions. The illegal or invalid provision will be deemed severable and stricken from the contract as if it had never been incorporated herein, but all other provisions will continue in full force and effect.

**58. Signature Authority**

Service Provider represents and warrants that the individual signing this contract is authorized to sign this document on behalf of Service Provider and to bind Service Provider under this contract. This contract shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of TJJD and Service Provider and to their representatives, successors, and assigns.

**59. Sovereign Immunity**

The Parties expressly agree that no provision of the contract is in any way intended to constitute a waiver by the TJJD or the State of Texas of any immunities from suit or from liability that the TJJD or the State of Texas may have by operation of law.

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**61. Specifications**

Service Provider shall provide services in accordance with the specifications contained in this contract. TJJJ will determine the answers to all questions that may arise as to the interpretation of the specifications and the quality or acceptability of work performed. Substitutions cannot be made without TJJJ prior approval. TJJJ will decide the rate of progress of the work and the acceptable fulfillment of services on the part of Service Provider.

**62. State Auditor's and TJJJ's Right to Audit**

Pursuant to Section 2262.154 of the Texas Government Code, the state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under any contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the contract. The acceptance of funds by Service Provider or any other entity or person directly under the contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, Service Provider or other entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. Service Provider shall ensure that this paragraph concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through the contract and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards.

Service Provider shall maintain and retain supporting fiscal documents adequate to ensure that claims for contract funds are in accordance with TJJJ and State of Texas requirements. Service Provider shall maintain all such documents and other records relating to this contract and the State's property for a period of seven (7) years after the date of submission of the final invoices or until a resolution of all billing questions or contract issues, whichever is later. Service Provider shall make available at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, and for reasonable periods, all information related to the State's property, such as work papers, reports, books, data, files, software, records, and other supporting documents pertaining to this contract, for purposes of inspecting, monitoring, auditing, or evaluating by TJJJ, the State of Texas, or their authorized representatives. Service Provider shall cooperate with auditors and other authorized TJJJ and State of Texas representatives and shall provide them with prompt access to all of such State's property as requested by TJJJ or the State of Texas. Service Provider's failure to comply with this provision shall constitute a material breach of this contract and shall authorize TJJJ to immediately terminate and/or assess liquidated damages to the extent allowed by Texas law. TJJJ may require, at Service Provider's sole cost and expense, independent audits by a qualified certified public accounting firm of Service Provider's books and records or the State's property. The independent auditor shall provide TJJJ with a copy of such audit at the same time it is provided to Service Provider. TJJJ retains the right to issue a request for proposals for the services of an independent certified public accounting firm under this contract.

The contract may be amended unilaterally by TJJJ to comply with any rules and procedures of the state auditor in the implementation and enforcement of Section 2262.154 of the Texas Government Code.

**63. Subcontractors**

Service Provider may not subcontract any or all of the work and/or obligations due under this contract without prior written approval of the TJJJ. Subcontracts, if any, entered into by the Service Provider shall be in writing and be subject to the requirements of this contract. Should Service Provider subcontract any of the services required in this contract, Service Provider expressly understands and acknowledges that in entering into such subcontract(s), TJJJ is in no manner liable to any subcontractor(s) of Service Provider. In no event shall this provision relieve Service Provider of the responsibility for ensuring that the services performed under all subcontracts are rendered in compliance with this contract.

**64. Survival**

Expiration or termination of the contract for any reason does not release Service Provider from any liability or obligation set forth in the contract that is expressly stated to survive any such expiration or termination,

that by its nature would be intended to be applicable following any such expiration or termination, or that is necessary to fulfill the essential purpose of the contract, including without limitation the provisions regarding warranty, indemnification, confidentiality, and rights and remedies upon termination.

#### **65. Suspension and Debarment**

Service Provider certifies that it and its principals are eligible to participate in this transaction and have not been subjected to suspension, debarment, or similar ineligibility determined by any federal, state, or local governmental entity. Entities ineligible for federal procurement are listed at <http://www.sam.gov>.

#### **66. Termination**

**Section 1:** Service Provider may terminate the contract for convenience by giving one hundred eighty (180) calendar days' written notice to TJJJ.

**Section 2:** TJJJ may terminate the contract for convenience on thirty (30) calendar days' written notice. Excepting payment for implementation costs incurred by Service Provider, not to exceed twenty-percent (20%) of the value of the first year of the contract, there is no buy out or other amounts due if TJJJ terminates early. Upon termination under this provision, Service Provider shall refund to TJJJ any amounts attributable to the terminated months within thirty (30) days of the termination.

**Section 3:** TJJJ shall terminate this contract in the event that TJJJ is not granted funding to pay for the herein described services or in the event that funding is lost due to either a reduction in the budget or a reallocation of budgeted funds.

**Section 4: Cause/Default/Breach:** If Service Provider fails to provide the goods or services contracted for according to the provisions of this contract, or fails to comply with any terms or conditions of this contract, TJJJ may, upon written notice of default or breach to Service Provider, immediately terminate all or any part of this contract. Termination is not an exclusive remedy, but exists in addition to any other rights and remedies provided in equity, by law, or under this contract. TJJJ may exercise any other right, remedy, or privilege available to it under applicable law or may proceed by appropriate court action to enforce the provisions of this contract. The exercise of any of the foregoing remedies will not constitute a termination of this contract unless TJJJ notifies Service Provider in writing prior to the exercise of such remedy. Service Provider shall be liable for all costs and expenses, including court costs, incurred by TJJJ with respect to the enforcement of any of the remedies listed herein.

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#### **68. Unfair Business Practices**

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

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Additionally, pursuant to House Bill 1295 and Texas Government Code Section 2252.908, Service Provider must submit a Certificate of Interested Parties or disclosure of interested parties on a form prescribed by the Texas Ethics Commission, currently identified as Form 1295. Prior to submission of this signed contract to TJJJ, Service Provider must file Form 1295 through the online filing application process on the Texas Ethics Commission website at [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm). TJJJ will acknowledge Service Provider's Form 1295 within thirty (30) days of submission.

### **71. Use of Contract by Local and State Agencies**

This contract shall be available for use by all local governments and state agencies also known as "Customer," **provided** there are no conflicts with any applicable statutes, rules, policies, or procedures.

This contract was competitively solicited, negotiated and awarded or **directly awarded** in accordance with applicable State of Texas purchasing statutes, rules, policies, and procedures. State agencies and local governments may use the prices shown in this contract to issue their own contract or may negotiate lower rates based on the increase in capacity. Arrangements for delivery of services are contingent upon mutual agreement of the state agency or local government and Service Provider. The state agency's or local government's contract shall reference the TJJD's contract number and be sent directly to the Service Provider.

The terms and conditions set forth herein shall govern all transactions by Customers under this contract. Customers shall not have the authority to modify the terms of this contract, except as to receive better terms or pricing for a particular procurement than those set forth herein. In such event, Service Provider shall furnish a copy of such better offerings to the TJJD. Any savings or rate reductions offered to the other local governments and state agencies as a result of those local governments and state agencies using this contract will be offered to the TJJD. The TJJD shall have the right to modify the original contract to reflect those cost savings and rate reductions. No additional term or condition of a contract issued by a Customer can modify a term or condition of this contract, unless approval is obtained from the TJJD. In the event of a conflict between a Customer's purchase order and this contract, this contract shall prevail.

The Service Provider shall provide services as per the requirements, terms, and conditions of the established contract. The Customer may not deviate from the material requirements of this contract, as Service Provider is not obligated to perform other than as stated within this contract, unless a change is approved by the TJJD. The Customer shall use this contract exclusively while identified as an authorized user. If the Customer procures services from another provider, Customer's status as an authorized user will be terminated.

The Customer shall request services directly from Service Provider. The Customer shall receive and reconcile invoices and client participation reports independent from the TJJD. The Customer shall work directly with the Service Provider in resolving all issues, including litigation, as they relate to services performed under their contract with Service Provider. The Customer shall be billed directly by the Service Provider and make monthly payments from local funds as per the rates in this contract. The TJJD shall have no obligation to pay Service Provider for monies the Customer may owe Service Provider."

The Customer agrees to indemnify and hold the TJJD harmless from any and all of the following whether the same be actual or alleged: all loss, damage, claims, suits, taxes, liens, penalties, fines, liability, and expense (including attorneys' fees) howsoever arising or incurred as a result of this contract, including, but not limited to, damages or injuries or death to persons, or injury to or destruction of property.

### **72. Disentanglement Services**

(a) The following definitions are incorporated into the contract and relevant to this Article:

- (1) **Disentanglement Period** - the period of time during and after the contract terminates that is necessary to provide disentanglement services.
- (2) **Disentanglement Services** - the obligations of each party imposed upon notice of contract termination or expiration that are designed to extract and protect proprietary data, databases, and structure.

(b) Service Provider must provide disentanglement services as soon as possible after Notice of Contract Termination or contract expiration. The disentanglement period shall be for one month unless otherwise agreed upon. If disentanglement services cannot be completed during the agreed disentanglement

period, Service Provider must notify TJJJ in writing 14 days before the end of the disentanglement period and must include an explanation of the cause for delay and a proposed timeframe for completion.

- (c) Disentanglement services that Service Provider must provide include: (1) Up-to-date documentation of data format and structure; and (2) documentation of what, if any, of Service Provider's proprietary information is embedded within TJJJ data. Service Provider should also provide TJJJ with their proprietary data in the same format and structure as used in Service Provider's system before Contract Termination. If Service Provider is unwilling to provide data in the same format and structure, then Service Provider must work with TJJJ or a 3rd party of TJJJ's choice to provide the data and appropriate documentation in an acceptable alternate format agreed to by TJJJ. After completion of the aforementioned obligations, TJJJ shall continue to allow Service Provider access to its shared servers so Service Provider may uninstall their software, databases, and proprietary data and information. After removal of all proprietary data, Service Provider shall confirm removal with written certification of such.
- (d) Both parties shall have full access to shared servers, including source code and technical documentation, during the disentanglement period. If any disagreement between the parties arises before disentanglement services are completed, both parties shall continue to have full access while seeking resolution.
- (e) Confidentiality requirements, restrictions on use of data, and intellectual property rights described in the contract remain effective until disentanglement services are completed.

**73. Taxes**

Purchases made for state uses are exempt from Texas State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax. An Excise Tax Exemption Certificate will be furnished upon written request to TJJJ.