

Master Agreement Certification

Vendor certifies, at execution of the Master Agreement, to each of the following by initialing the line before the statement and signing:

_____ that it is in sound financial condition; has no outstanding liabilities, including tax and judgment liens, to the Internal Revenue Service and any other government entity; is current on all amounts due for payments of federal and state taxes and required employment-related contributions and withholdings; is not the subject of any current litigation or findings of noncompliance under federal or state law; has not been the subject of any past or current litigation, findings in any past litigation, or findings of noncompliance under federal or state law that may impact in any way its ability to fulfill the requirements of The Contract.

_____ that to the best of Vendor's knowledge and belief, that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal or State department or agency.

_____ that none of its officers, directors or controlling owners has been convicted of any violations of Chapter 78A of the General Statutes, the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (G.S. 143-59.2);

_____ that no employee or agent of Vendor has offered, and no State employee has accepted, any gift or gratuity in connection this contract, in violation of N.C.G.S. § 133-32;

_____ that it, and each of its sub-contractors under this contract, complies with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the NC General Statutes, including the requirement for each employer with more than 25 employees in North Carolina to verify the work authorization of its employees through the federal E-Verify system, as required by G.S. §143-48.5;

_____ that the Vendor is not an ineligible vendor due to being identified on the Final Divestment List of entities that the State Treasurer has determined engages in investment activities in Iran, in accordance with the Iran Divestment Act of 2015, G.S. 147-86.55 et seq.; and

_____ that the vendor will not use a former employee of the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) in the administration of this contract with the Department in violation of the provisions of subsection (a) of § 143B-139.6C, which prohibits the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services from contracting for goods or services with a vendor that employs or contracts with a person who is a former employee of the Department and uses that person in the administration of a contract with the Department. Vendor understands that a violation of the provisions of § 143B-139.6C shall void the contract.

- "Administration of a contract" means that the former employee's duties and responsibilities for the vendor include oversight of the performance of this contract, or authority to make decisions regarding this contract, including interpretation of this contract, development of specifications or terms of this contract, or award of this contract.
- "Former employee of the Department" means a person who, for any period within the preceding six months, was employed as an employee or contract employee of the Department of Health and Human Services and personally participated in any of the following:
 - a. The award of a contract to the vendor.
 - b. An audit, decision, investigation, or other action affecting the vendor.
 - c. Regulatory or licensing decisions that applied to the vendor.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title