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Request for Proposals
Investment Grade Corporate Credit
Emerging Manager
370-500-17-003

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Proposals due by 2:00 p.m. CT on October 21, 2016

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I. OVERVIEW

The Office of the Illinois State Treasurer (“Treasurer”) is issuing this Request for Proposals Investment Grade Corporate Credit Emerging Manager (“RFP”) to retain an emerging investment manager to invest approximately \$50 million in corporate bonds, held in a separately managed account in the name of the Treasurer. In addition to other requirements, it is a mandatory requirement for Respondents to be “emerging investment managers,” as defined by 30 ILCS 575/4f. Respondents shall submit responses (“Proposal”) to this RFP by 2 pm CT on October 21, 2016. The Treasurer intends to select the Respondent with the most effective, yet cost efficient Proposal. The successful Respondent (“Contractor”) shall enter into a contract with the Treasurer (“Agreement”) for a term of 4 years. Upon expiration of this term, the Treasurer may elect to extend the Agreement for a period of time agreed upon by the parties, not to exceed a total of ten (10) years, including the initial four (4) years.

II. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to 15 ILCS 520/22.5 (as amended by P.A. 99-0856), the Treasurer is authorized to purchase obligations of either corporations or limited liability companies organized in the United States with assets exceeding \$500,000,000, if the following criteria are met:

- A. The corporation or limited liability company has a significant presence in the State of Illinois;
- B. The obligations are rated at the time of purchase at one of the three (3) highest classifications established by at least two (2) standard rating services;
- C. The obligations mature more than 270 days, but equal to or less than five (5) years, from the date of purchase;
- D. The purchases do not exceed 10% of the corporation's or the limited liability company's outstanding obligations; and
- E. The corporation or the limited liability company has not been placed on the list of restricted companies by the Illinois Investment Policy Board under Section 1-110.16 of the Illinois Pension Code.

The Treasurer prefers to invest with corporate bond issuers that can meet the investment size needs of the Treasurer’s separately managed account and provide full-time employment opportunities to at least 2,500 people corporate-wide. “Significant presence in the State of Illinois” is defined as an entity that has its corporate headquarters within Illinois, possesses other physical corporate offices or operating locations in Illinois, or provides full-time employment opportunities to at least 100 people in Illinois. The Treasurer will use best efforts to use this definition as a minimum requirement for investment.

In the event a financial institution is the corporate bond issuer, the Treasurer prefers such financial institutions (parent or subsidiary) to be Community Reinvestment Act, 12 U.S.C. § 2901 *et seq.*, (“CRA”) rated as Satisfactory or above.

The Treasurer’s authorization to invest in new corporate bonds shall expire on June 30, 2019. However, for the term of the Agreement the Contractor will continue to manage the corporate bonds remaining in the Treasurer’s separately managed account in accordance with State law and The Illinois State Treasurer’s Office Investment Policy Statement for the State Investment Portfolio (“Policy”), attached hereto as Appendix A. The Treasurer may seek a renewal of its legislative authorization to purchase new corporate bonds at a later date.

III. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Contractor will perform the following services (collectively, the “Services”) in accordance with applicable State and federal laws, rules, and regulations:

- A. Establish and maintain a separately managed account with common investment management for the corporate bonds (“Portfolio”);
- B. Develop an investment strategy for the Portfolio, subject to approval by the Treasurer, that abides by the Policy;
- C. Research and invest in investment-grade corporate bonds that qualify for investment by the Treasurer;
- D. Track the performance of the Portfolio against industry benchmarks, agreed upon by the Treasurer and Contractor;
- E. Provide the Treasurer investment activity and investment performance reports of the Portfolio on a schedule provided by the Treasurer;
- F. Transfer the assets in the Portfolio, if requested by the Treasurer; and
- G. Perform any additional related investment duties, as requested by the Treasurer.

IV. RFP SCHEDULE AND PROCESS

This Section provides the schedule and process for this RFP.

A. RFP Schedule

The following is the schedule for this RFP:

Date	Event
September 23, 2016	RFP published on the Treasurer's website.
September 29, 2016	Notice of intent to participate in the Bidder's Conference due by 2:00 p.m. CT.
September 30, 2016	Optional Bidder's Conference at 3:00 p.m. CT.
October 4, 2016	All Respondent questions due by 2:00 p.m. CT.
October 11, 2016	Responses to all questions posted on the Treasurer's website by 4:00 p.m. CT.
October 21, 2016	Proposals due by 2:00 p.m. CT.
October 25 & 26, 2016	Interviews, if any, with final candidates.
October 28, 2016	If applicable, best and final offer due by 2:00 p.m. CT.
October 31, 2016	Notification of award and begin negotiation of Agreement.

These dates are subject to change at the Treasurer's discretion.

B. Contact Information

The Treasurer's Chief Procurement Officer ("CPO") is the sole point of contact concerning this RFP.

Respondents should submit questions about the intent or content of this RFP and request clarification of any and all procedures used for this procurement prior to the submission of a Proposal. Respondents must submit their questions in writing by e-mail to the CPO, Jim Underwood, at junderwood@illinoistreasurer.gov by 2:00 p.m. CT on October 4, 2016.

C. Optional Bidder's Conference

If a Respondent intends to participate in the Optional Bidder's Conference, Respondent must e-mail the CPO notice of intent to participate by 2:00 p.m. CT on September 29, 2016. Participation by phone is acceptable. The Bidder's Conference shall be on September 30, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. CT at the following address:

100 W. Randolph St., Suite 15-600
Chicago, IL 60601

D. Proposal Submission

All Proposals must be submitted by mail or messenger to the following address, no later than 2:00 p.m. CT on October 21, 2016:

Mr. Jim Underwood
Chief Procurement Officer
Office of the Illinois State Treasurer
400 W. Monroe Street, Suite 401
Springfield, IL 62704
Phone: 217.782.1708

E RFP Process

1. Internet/E-mail Communications

The Treasurer may also communicate with Respondents via e-mail. Each Respondent should provide an e-mail address with its response for ease of communication throughout this RFP process.

2. Verbal Communications

Any verbal communication from the Treasurer and its contractors concerning this RFP is not binding on the Treasurer, and shall in no way alter a specification, term or condition of this RFP.

3. Amendments

If it is necessary to amend this RFP, the Treasurer will post any amendments on the relevant procurement pages of its website at www.illinoistreasurer.gov.

4. Respondent's Costs

The cost of developing a Proposal is each Respondent's responsibility and shall not be charged to the Treasurer.

5. Withdrawal of Proposal

Respondent may withdraw its Proposal at any time prior to the deadline for receipt of Proposals. The Respondent must submit a written withdrawal request, addressed to the CPO and signed by the Respondent's duly authorized representative.

6. Modification of Proposal

A Respondent may submit an amended Proposal before the deadline for receipt of Proposals. Such amended Proposal must be a complete replacement for the previously submitted Proposal and must be clearly identified as such in the transmittal letter to the CPO.

7. Proposal is a firm offer

A Proposal submitted in response to this RFP is a firm and binding offer, valid for 180 days after the due date for Proposals or the due date for the receipt of a best and final offer, whichever falls later.

8. Proposal is State Property

On the Proposal due date, all Proposals and related material submitted in response to this RFP become the property of the State of Illinois.

9. CPO May Cancel RFP

If the CPO determines that it is in the Treasurer's best interest, he reserves the right to do any of the following: a) cancel this RFP; b) modify this RFP in writing as needed; or c) reject any or all Proposals received in response to this RFP.

10. Additional Information

The Treasurer reserves the right to request additional information and to request representatives of Respondent to meet with the Consortium to discuss its Proposal.

V. PROPOSAL

A. Proposal Format

The Respondent's Proposal shall contain the following:

1. Cover page – The cover page shall provide the name, physical address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the person(s) available for contact regarding the Proposal. Such person(s) must be authorized to make representations on behalf of the Respondent.
2. Table of Contents – Please list the sections in Respondent's Proposal and their corresponding page numbers.
3. Introduction - Include any introductory remarks, not to exceed two (2) pages, deemed appropriate. Briefly discuss such topics as the Respondent's background, management, facilities, staffing, related experience, and financial stability.
4. Scope of Work – Respondent shall provide a brief three (3) page narrative, describing the general conceptual approach Respondent would take to provide the Services and any other information Respondent believes is relevant. Emphasis should be on clarity, brevity and completeness of the response.
5. Answers to Questions – Respondent must respond to all of the questions presented in Section V.B of this RFP. Respondent's answers must include the headings (e.g. "Background") and be numbered in the order provided in Section V.B.
6. Service Team - Provide an organizational chart, biographies, and resumes for the proposed Service team, including research staff and support staff. Please identify the primary contact person and describe the role of each key person.
7. Subcontractors – Provide a list of the subcontractor(s) Respondent will use to provide the Services, if any, and the general type of work to be performed by each subcontractor.
8. State Certifications and Disclosures - Respondent and any subcontractor(s) must submit the following three (3) fully executed documents: Illinois State Treasurer Certifications,

Disclosures Financial Interest and Potential Conflicts of Interest (Disclosure Form A), and the Disclosures Other Contract and Procurement Related Information (Disclosure Form B).

9. Cost Proposal – Respondent’s Cost Proposal (“Cost Proposal”) shall be provided in a separately sealed envelope and on a separate electronic storage device.

Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope or package bearing the title “Investment Grade Corporate Credit Emerging Manager Proposal 370-500-17-003 for the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer” and the Respondent’s name and address. The package must include one (1) original and six (6) copies of the Proposal. A separate envelope must contain one (1) original and six (6) copies of the Cost Proposal. In addition, please provide seven (7) electronic copies of the Proposal and seven (7) separate electronic copies of the Cost Proposal. Each electronic Proposal copy and each electronic Cost Proposal copy shall be on a separate electronic storage device, such as a CD or thumb drive.

B. Questions to be Addressed in the Proposal

Background

1. Provide a brief overview of the Respondent. Describe Respondent’s corporate structure, including holding companies, parents, and corporate affiliates.
2. For the subcontractors listed in Respondent’s Proposal, explain why the subcontractor’s functions cannot be performed by the Respondent.
3. Are there any investigations, administrative actions and/or inquiries by any regulatory agency or self-regulatory organization including, but not limited to, the Securities and Exchange Commission, Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Federal Reserve, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, etc., in which Respondent, its officers, or principals have been involved in from January 1, 2011 to present? If so, provide a detailed explanation.
4. Provide contact information for three client references. References must be entities to which Respondent has provided services most similar to the Services.
5. Does Respondent currently have or has Respondent had in the past five (5) years any contracts that contains services similar to the Services with similar size, scope, and complexity? For each contract, provide the following information:
 - a. The entity for which Respondent is providing or has provided services and a brief description of such entity;
 - b. The contract term;
 - c. A description of the services Respondent provides or provided under the contract.

- d. The total assets under management pursuant to the contract at the time the Respondent ceased providing services or as of December 31, 2015, if the Respondent continues to provide services; and
 - e. Whether the contract involved a conversion of assets from the Respondent to another investment manager.
6. Please identify any item listed in Section III of this RFP that Respondent is unwilling or unable to perform and explain why.
 7. Provide the total assets Respondent has under management, as of December 31, 2015.
 8. Please describe Respondent's policy on soft dollar trading.

Investment Design and Strategy

9. Provide an overview of Respondent's suggested investment strategy for the Portfolio.
10. Provide in detail how Respondent would develop and implement its investment strategy for the Portfolio. Please comment specifically on:
 - a. Top-down versus bottom-up analysis, if appropriate;
 - b. Initial bond universe/benchmark;
 - c. Liquidity criteria;
 - d. Credit research;
 - e. Security selection criteria;
 - f. Buy/sell decision;
 - g. Sector weighting;
 - h. Number of portfolio holdings;
 - i. Duration positioning; and
 - j. Yield Curve positioning.
11. Describe Respondent's review process for ensuring an investment fits in the mutually agreed upon investment strategy.
12. Against what benchmark should the Portfolio be evaluated?

13. Have any of the Respondent's products, of similar nature to the proposed investment strategy, significantly underperformed its benchmark over a consecutive three-quarter period? If so, please explain.
14. Provide a performance time period that best highlights Respondent's investment style and please explain it in detail.
15. Have there been any changes to the Respondent's investment process over the past five years? If so, please describe in detail.

Due Diligence

16. Please describe Respondent's strategy for ensuring investments are in compliance with the Policy and applicable law.
17. What risk management practices would Respondent incorporate to monitor and manage credit risks, liquidity risks, market risks, operational risks, reputational risks, and legal risks? This includes the deterioration of an issuer's financial condition, such as downgrades and defaults, changes in market rates, and other market events.
18. Describe how Respondent would provide constant monitoring and timely review and analysis of key events that could potentially affect investment options, including significant market events, mergers and acquisitions, public offerings, changes in senior management, and new and proposed federal and State laws, rules, and regulations.

Reporting Abilities

19. How would Respondent communicate with the Treasurer, if awarded the Agreement?
20. What activity and performance reports would Respondent provide the Treasurer and with what frequency? Provide a sample of the activity and performance reports.

Diversity

21. Please provide documentation, confirming Respondent's qualification as an "emerging investment manager," as defined by 30 ILCS 575/4f.
22. Please provide the number and percentage of Respondent's senior leaders (e.g. partner, president, COO, or managing director) who are female, minority, persons with disabilities, or military veterans. Please cite with supporting data.
23. Please provide the number and percentage of Respondent's professional investment staff who are female, minority, persons with disabilities, or military veterans. Please cite with supporting data.
24. Is the Respondent or its affiliates female, minority, persons with disabilities, or veteran owned or managed? For purposes of this RFP, "female, minority, persons with disabilities, or veteran owned or managed" shall mean being owned or managed by 51% or more of a combination of female, minority, persons with disabilities, or military

veteran. Please cite with supporting data.

25. Using the definition provided above, what is the percentage of Respondent's intended use of subcontractors for this project, if any, that are female, minority, persons with disabilities, or veteran owned or managed? Please cite with supporting data.

26. Does Respondent utilize minority-owned brokerage firms for trades?

Illinois Presence

27. Please describe what presence the Respondent has in the State of Illinois. Such "presence" can be demonstrated by the percentage of Respondent's full-time employees or employees who spend more than half their time in Illinois and having physical offices or a principal place of business located in Illinois.

28. Using the definition provided above, what is the percentage of Respondent's subcontractors for this Project, if any, that have an Illinois presence?

VI. EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

This Section explains how the Evaluation Team will evaluate the Proposals.

A. Mandatory Requirements

Respondent must meet the following mandatory requirements:

1. The Respondents must answer all of the questions listed in Section V.B of this RFP;
2. Respondent must qualify as an "emerging investment manager," as defined by 30 ILCS 575/4f;
3. The Respondent must submit the name, physical address, e-mail address, and telephone number of an individual with authority to answer questions or clarify their responses; and
3. The Respondent may not respond that it is unwilling or unable to provide the Treasurer investment activity and investment performance reports of the Portfolio on a schedule provided by the Treasurer.

B. Scoring

The following table shows the maximum number of points that can be awarded for each evaluation factor that will be used in reviewing the Proposals:

Evaluation Factor	Maximum Number of Points Possible
Background and Experience	10
Investment Design & Strategy	20
Due Diligence	15
Reporting Abilities	10
Cost Proposal	25
Diversity	10
Illinois Presence	5
Interview, if applicable	10
TOTAL	105

C. Evaluation Factors

1. Background and Experience
Scoring will be based on Respondent’s demonstrated talent and experience of assigned personnel. The breadth and depth of similar engagements will be considered. The evaluation will also include reference checks regarding the Respondent's work for other clients who received or are receiving services similar to those required by this RFP.
2. Investment Design & Strategy
Scoring will be based on Respondent’s answers to the questions in Section V.B.9 through 15 of this RFP. The detail and quality of the answers provided will be evaluated.
3. Due Diligence
Scoring will be based on Respondent’s answers to the questions in Section V.B.16 through 18 of this RFP. The detail and quality of the answers provided will be evaluated.
4. Reporting Abilities
Based on the answers to the questions in Section V.B.19 through 20 of this RFP, the Evaluation Team will assess the Respondent’s ability to provide timely and accurate reports, as required under federal and state law, and detailed in this RFP, as well as the quality of such reports.
5. Cost Proposal
Respondent’s Cost Proposal score will be scored based on an evaluation of its cost-effectiveness.

6. Diversity
Respondent's diversity score will be scored based on the answers the Respondent provides to the diversity questions in Section V.B.21 through 26 of this RFP. The Evaluation Team shall award a higher diversity score to Respondents (including subcontractors) that are female, minority, person with disabilities, or veteran owned or managed. Having a higher percentage of subcontractors that are female, minority, person with disabilities, or veteran owned or managed shall also result in higher scores.
7. Illinois Presence
Respondent's diversity score will be scored based on the answers the Respondent provides, to the Illinois presence questions in Section V.B.27 through 28 of this RFP. The Evaluation Team shall award a higher Illinois Presence score to Respondents (including subcontractors) that have demonstrated presence by the number of full-time employees, or employees who spend more than half their time in Illinois, and physical offices located in the State.
8. Interview
In the event the Treasurer does not conduct interviews, all Respondents will be awarded zero (0) points for this evaluation factor.

D. Evaluation Process

All Proposals will be reviewed for compliance with the RFP requirements and specifications. Proposals deemed non-responsive will be eliminated from further consideration. The Chief Procurement Officer may contact the Respondent for clarification of the Proposal, and the Evaluation Team may use other sources of publically available information to perform its evaluation. Finally, the Evaluation Team will make a recommendation regarding the final Respondent.

VII. CONTRACTUAL TERMS

By submitting a Proposal, the Respondent agrees to each of the contractual provisions set forth below.

A. Contractual Responsibility

If chosen to provide the services under this RFP, Contractor will be contractually responsible for all Services provided.

B. Governing Law; Venue.

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Illinois, without regard to conflicts of law principles. Any action by Contractor against the Treasurer can only be brought in the Illinois Court of Claims.

C. Term of Agreement

The term of the Agreement shall be four (4) years, unless terminated in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. The Treasurer may, with the consent of Contractor, elect to extend the Agreement for additional periods, not to exceed a total term of ten (10) years, including the initial four (4) years.

D. Internal Controls

Upon the Treasurer's request, the Contractor shall annually provide the Treasurer with a copy of the Annual Report or Form 10-K of its parent holding company and its most recent SSAE 16 report which will include the attestation of the company's independent registered accounting firm regarding the company's internal control over financial reporting.

E. Disaster Recovery and Backup Facilities

Contractor shall prepare and test a plan for recovery of information in the event of a disaster or system failure. Contractor shall furnish a copy of the plan, test results, and the results of the annual audit of the disaster recovery plan to the Treasurer.

F. Termination

1. Termination without Cause. The Treasurer may elect to terminate the Agreement any time upon five (5) days' notice. Upon termination, the Treasurer will pay for work satisfactorily completed prior to the date of termination as determined in a reasonable manner.
2. Termination for Cause. Notwithstanding any foregoing language to the contrary, the Agreement may be terminated by the Treasurer under any of the following circumstances:
 - a. Contractor fails to furnish a satisfactory performance within the time specified.
 - b. Contractor fails to perform any of the provisions of the Agreement, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of the Agreement in accordance with its terms.
 - c. Any services provided under the Agreement are rejected and are not promptly corrected by Contractor, or repeatedly rejected even though Contractor offers to correct services promptly.
 - d. There is sufficient evidence to show that fraud, collusion, conspiracy, or other unlawful means obtained the Agreement.
 - e. Contractor is guilty of misrepresentation in connection with another contract for services to the State.
 - f. Contractor is adjudged bankrupt or enters into a general assignment for the benefit of their creditors or receivership due to insolvency.

- g. Contractor disregards laws and ordinances, rules, or instructions of a contracting officer or acts in violation of any provision of the Agreement or this part, or the Agreement conflicts with any statutory or constitutional provision of the State of Illinois or of the United States.
- h. Any other breach of contract or other unlawful act by Contractor occurs.

Prior to terminating the Agreement for cause, the Treasurer shall issue a written warning that outlines the remedial action necessary to bring the Contractor into conformance with the Agreement. If such remedial action is not completed to the satisfaction of the Treasurer within thirty (30) business days, a second written warning may be issued. If satisfactory action is not taken by Contractor within five (5) business days of the date of the second written warning, the Agreement may be cancelled and the Treasurer may recover any and all damages involved with the transition to a new vendor including incidental and consequential damages. Failure by the Treasurer to issue a warning or cancel the Agreement does not waive any of the Treasurer's rights to issue subsequent warnings.

In addition, the Treasurer reserves the right to reduce the fee paid to Contractor as compensation for services under the Agreement during any period Contractor fails to perform with reasonable care any of its obligations under the Agreement.

G. Review

The Treasurer may conduct periodic performance reviews of the Contractor, during which its compliance with all aspects of the Agreement will be reviewed and assessed.

H. Liability and Indemnification

Contractor shall indemnify and hold the Treasurer harmless from and against any and all losses, including but not limited to, losses due to the negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct of Contractor, its employees, or agents. Contractor has a duty to select, with due diligence, all other entities that shall be necessary to implement the Agreement. Contractor shall establish and enforce reasonable procedures to assure the Treasurer of the performance by all other entities of the services necessary to implement the Agreement.

I. Confidentiality

This Section shall survive the termination of the Agreement.

1. Confidential Information

Contractor shall be prohibited from using or disclosing information received in the course of fulfilling its obligations pursuant to the Agreement ("Confidential Information"), except in the performance of its internal responsibilities and normal functions. Confidential Information includes all information but the following:

- a. Information already known or independently developed by the recipient;

- b. Information required to be released by law;
 - c. Information in the public domain through no wrongful act of the recipient; and
 - d. Information received from a third party who was free to disclose it.
2. Use of Confidential Information by Employees and Agents of Contractor
The requirement of confidentiality under the Agreement also applies to the employees and agents of the Contractor. The Contractor shall use its best efforts to ensure that its employees and agents adhere to the confidentiality requirements set forth herein. Use by and disclosure to employees and agents of Confidential Information to the extent necessary to carry out the terms and purposes of the Agreement is acceptable.
3. Protection of Confidential Information
The Contractor represents, warrants, and covenants that it has implemented and will maintain an information security program reasonably designed to protect Confidential Information, including customer information, which program includes administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to ensure the security and confidentiality of all customer information, to protect against anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of such customer information, and to protect against unauthorized access to or use of such customer information.
4. Privacy Policy
Contractor will comply with any applicable federal or state laws or regulations, as well as any privacy policy developed by the Treasurer. Contractor further agrees to establish, maintain, and comply with a privacy policy with respect to the Project that meets the requirements of applicable law.
5. Program Lists
The Contractor specifically agrees that it shall not, and shall cause its subcontractors and affiliates not to, sell, provide, or otherwise disclose information from, any program list to any third party, unless otherwise directed to or approved by the Treasurer or required by applicable law.

J. Service Providers

The Contractor may not use subcontractor to perform the duties as outlined in the RFP unless the subcontractor is approved, in advance, by the Treasurer. If the response requires a subcontractor, the Contractor must disclose the duties performed by the subcontractor. Subcontractors will be required to submit separate State Certifications and Disclosure Forms, a copy of which is found in Appendix B.

K. Assignment

Each term and provision of the Agreement is binding and enforceable against and inures to the benefit of any successors of the Treasurer and any successors of Contractor, but neither the Agreement nor any of the rights, interests, or obligations is assignable without the prior written consent of the other party. Any attempt by Contractor to transfer or assign any rights or

obligations related to the provision of services under the Agreement, without the prior written consent of the Treasurer, shall render the Agreement voidable by the Treasurer. The Treasurer may unilaterally bind any successor of the provider to the terms and conditions of any Agreement between the parties.

L. Services

Contractor shall not modify any service or the manner of providing such service under the Agreement without the prior written authorization of the Treasurer. Modification means any change to an existing service or the addition of a new service.

M. Access to Information

Upon request, the selected Contractor shall provide the Treasurer access to all files, records, participant email addresses, documents, and data pertaining to the Agreement that are in its possession and control regardless of how that information is stored. The information shall be provided in a form acceptable to the Treasurer.

N. State Certifications/Disclosures

The Agreement will incorporate Contractor's fully executed State Certifications and Disclosure Forms, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix B.

O. Right to Audit Books and Records

The Contractor and any service provider shall maintain, for a minimum of three (3) years after the termination of the Agreement, adequate books, records, and supporting documents related to the Agreement. These documents shall be available for review and audit by the Treasurer and the Illinois State Auditor General. The selected Contractor agrees to cooperate fully with any audit conducted by the Auditor General or the Treasurer and to provide full access to all relevant materials. Failure to maintain the books, records, and supporting documents required by this section shall establish a presumption in favor of the Treasurer for the recovery of any funds paid by the Treasurer under the underlying agreement for which adequate books, records, and supporting documentation are not available to support their purported disbursement.

P. Work Product

1. Ownership of work product

Except as otherwise agreed to in writing, all work product including, but not limited to, documents, reports, data, information, and ideas specially produced, developed or designed by Contractor under any agreement for the Treasurer, whether preliminary or final, will become and remain the property of the Treasurer, including any copyright or service marks Contractor developed on behalf of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the right to use all such work product without restriction or limitation and without further compensation to Contractor.

2. Return of Work Product

Within thirty (30) days after expiration or termination of the Agreement, the Contractor shall deliver to Treasurer, or to a third party, if so instructed by the Treasurer, all Work Product in Contractor's possession in the performance of the Agreement. If requested by

the Treasurer, the Contractor shall certify in writing that all such Work Product has been delivered to the Treasurer.



The Illinois State Treasurer's Office **Investment Policy Statement for the State Investment Portfolio**

1.0 POLICY:

Under this instrument, the Illinois State Treasurer's Investment Policy ("Policy"), it is the policy of the Illinois State Treasurer's Office ("Treasurer") to invest all funds under its control in a manner that provides the highest investment return using authorized instruments and supports community development efforts while meeting the State's daily cash flow demands in conformance with all state statutes governing the investment of public funds.

This Policy applies to all investments entered into on or after the adoption of this instrument. Until the expiration of investments made prior to the adoption of this Policy, such investments will continue to be governed by the policies in effect at the time such investments were made.

This Policy applies to any investment under the control of the Treasurer for which no other specific investment policy exists.

2.0 OBJECTIVE:

The primary objective in the investment of state funds is to ensure the safety of principal, while managing liquidity to pay the financial obligations of the State, and providing the highest investment return using authorized instruments.

2.1 SAFETY:

The safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. State investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the portfolio. To achieve this objective, diversification, as defined in Section 8.0 of this Policy, is required to ensure that the Treasurer prudently manages market, interest rate and credit risks.

2.2 LIQUIDITY:

The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to enable the State to meet all operating requirements that might be reasonably projected.

2.3 RETURN ON INVESTMENT:

The safety of principal and the availability of sufficient liquidity are the foremost objectives of the investment program. The investment portfolio shall be designed to obtain the highest available return given the foremost objectives. The Director of the State Portfolio and Banking shall seek to obtain the highest available return using authorized investments during budgetary and economic cycles as mandated in Section 1.0 of this Policy. When the Treasurer deposits funds in support of community development efforts, the rate of return shall include benefits other than direct investment income as authorized by Section 7 of the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520/7).

The rate of return achieved on the Treasurer's portfolio is measured at regular intervals against relevant industry benchmarks established by the Investment Policy Committee (see Section 2.5 of this

Policy), to determine the effectiveness of investment decisions in meeting investment goals. Benchmarks shall be reviewed at a minimum of every two years to ensure accuracy and relevance.

2.4 SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

Consistent with achieving the foremost investment objectives of the Treasurer set forth herein, the Treasurer's Office shall prudently exercise ethical and social stewardship in its investment decision-making as the Treasurer aspires to contribute to a more just, accountable and sustainable State of Illinois.

This Policy shall be implemented within a framework predicated on:

1. Integration of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors as components of investment decision-making, due diligence and risk management given that these intangible factors may have a material financial impact as well as non-financial impacts;
2. Regular evaluation of ESG factors to ensure the factors are relevant to the Treasurer's investment portfolio and the evolving marketplace;
3. Attentive oversight of investment holdings to encourage the advancement of ESG through engagement with entities such as funds, companies, government bodies, and other organizations and to move the marketplace toward more socially responsible investment practices; and
4. Consideration of long-term sustainability and regulatory and reputational risks in addition to the current return environment in investment decision-making.

The Treasurer shall develop criteria for socially responsible investing that may pertain to particular products, funds, companies or government bodies, which shall be provided to internal and external investment managers to factor into their investment decision-making. The criteria for socially responsible investing shall be reviewed and updated every two (2) years at a minimum to ensure consistency within the rapidly changing definition of socially responsible investing.

The portfolio's investment officers shall endeavor to identify and select authorized investment options that meet the Treasurer's criteria for socially responsible investing and are within the framework of the investment objectives.

2.5 INVESTMENT POLICY COMMITTEE:

The Investment Policy Committee is chaired by the Treasurer and includes the following members of the Treasurer's office staff: Deputy Treasurer, Chief of Staff, Chief Investment Officer, Chief Policy and Programs Officer, General Counsel, Director of the Division of Accounting/Budget/Warrant, Director of the Division of State Portfolio and Banking, Portfolio Manager and Director of Portfolio Operations – Illinois Funds, Director of the Division of Illinois Funds and E-Pay Operations, Portfolio Investments & Cash Management Officer, and anyone else deemed appropriate by the Treasurer.

The Chief Investment Officer, who bears responsibility for the administration, planning, development and implementation of all financial and investment strategies per the direction of the Treasurer, shall assist the Treasurer in executing the duties and activities of the Investment Policy Committee.

3.0 ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Authorized investment officers and employees in policy-making positions shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict, or give the appearance of a conflict, with proper execution of the investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Such individuals shall disclose to the Treasurer any material financial interests in financial institutions that conduct business within the State, and they shall further disclose any personal financial investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio. In addition, such individuals shall subordinate their personal investment transactions to those of the investment portfolio, particularly with regard to the time of purchases and sales.

4.0 AUTHORIZED BROKERS/DEALERS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:

A list shall be maintained of approved financial institutions, which shall be utilized by authorized investment officers. No state funds may be deposited in any financial institution until receipt of a current satisfactory or outstanding rating under the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 and investment officers have conducted a safety and soundness review of the financial institution by consulting various bank rating services, unless the financial institution has not yet been rated by the bank rating services, in which case the institution may be eligible for a deposit that at maturity will not exceed \$250,000. The amount and duration of deposits shall be based on the safety and soundness review in accordance with guidelines established by the Investment Policy Committee and the diversification limits set forth in Section 8.0 of this Policy. Furthermore, the financial institution's record and current level of financial commitment to its local community will be considered when deciding whether to deposit state funds in that financial institution. No public deposit may be made except in a qualified public depository as defined by the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520/et seq.).

In addition, a list shall be maintained of approved security brokers/dealers selected according to their creditworthiness, and their financial significance in the state, which shall be measured in terms of the location of the broker/dealer's corporate office, the number of full-time employees, the size of its payroll, or the extent that the broker/dealer has an economic presence in the state. The list may include "primary" dealers or regional dealers who qualify under Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 17 CFR § 15Cc3-1 (Net Capital Requirements for Brokers or Dealers).

All broker/dealers that wish to qualify to bid for investment transactions shall initially, and on a periodic basis upon request, provide to the Treasurer's credit review staff the following, where applicable:

- a) Audited financial statements or a published Statement of Condition;
- b) Proof of minority-, woman-, disabled-, and/or veteran-owned or -managed broker/dealer status;
- c) A signed copy of the Treasurer's trading authorization;
- d) Proof of State of Illinois registration;
- e) Proof of registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- f) Completed Broker/Dealer and Authorized Counterparty Questionnaire;
- g) Certification of notice and knowledge of this Policy; and
- h) Any other documentation determined necessary by the Treasurer.

To the greatest extent feasible within the bounds of financial and fiduciary prudence, it is the policy of the Treasurer to remove any barriers to the full participation in investment transactions afforded via the investment program by actively identifying and considering for hire brokers/dealers that provide proof of minority-, female-, disabled-, and/or veteran-owned or -managed status. The Treasurer's Office shall establish a process by which said specially claimed statuses are verified, and a review shall be conducted at fixed intervals to ensure that special statuses continue to apply.

The Treasurer's Office shall seek to accord preference to qualified brokers/dealers that provide proof that their corporate headquarters is located in the State of Illinois. In doing so, the Treasurer's Office shall establish a process to verify the location of broker/dealers' corporate headquarters, and a review shall be conducted at fixed intervals to ensure that the Illinois-based location continues to apply.

An annual review of the financial condition and registration of qualified bidders will be conducted by the Treasurer's authorized investment officer(s). More frequent reviews may be conducted if warranted.

To the extent that the Investment Policy Committee deems it advisable to hire external investment consultants, it may do so in accordance with the procurement rules at 44 Ill. Adm. Code 1400.

5.0 AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS:

The Treasurer has authorized the following types of investments subject to the provisions of the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520) and the Public Funds Investment Act (30 ILCS 235):

- a)** Securities that are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America ("United States") as to principal and interest;
- b)** Obligations of agencies and instrumentalities of the United States as originally issued by the agencies and instrumentalities; For purposes of this Section, the term "agencies and instrumentalities of the United States" includes: federal land banks, federal intermediate credit banks, banks for cooperative, federal farm credit banks, or any other entity authorized to issue debt obligations under the Farm Credit Act of 1971, and Acts amendatory thereto; the federal home loan banks and the federal home loan mortgage corporation; and any other agency created by Act of Congress and issues dollar-denominated debt;
- c)** Interest-bearing savings accounts, interest-bearing certificates of deposit, or interest-bearing time deposits of a bank as defined by Section 2 of the Illinois Banking Act (205 ILCS 5/2);
- d)** Interest-bearing accounts or certificates of deposit of any savings and loan association incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, any other state, or the United States;
- e)** Interest-bearing accounts for the deposit of funds in support of local community development efforts;
- f)** Dividend-bearing share accounts, share certificate accounts, or class of share accounts of a credit union chartered under the laws of the State of Illinois or the United States, which maintains its principal office in the State of Illinois;
- g)** Commercial paper of a corporation or a limited liability company that is organized in the United States with assets exceeding \$500,000,000 and is rated at the time of purchase at one of the two highest classifications established by at least two standard rating services;
- h)** Money market mutual funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C.A. § 80a-1 et seq.) and rated at the highest classification of at least one standard rating service;
- i)** The Illinois Funds created under Section 17 of the State Treasurer Act (15 ILCS 505/17);
- j)** Repurchase agreements of government securities having the meaning set out in the Government Securities Act of 1986 (1 U.S.C.A. § 78o-5);
- k)** Interest-bearing bonds, at a price not to exceed par, issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois, whether the interest earned thereon is taxable or tax-exempt under federal law. The bonds shall be registered in the name of the State of Illinois or held under a custodial agreement at a financial institution. The bonds shall be rated, at the time of purchase, within four intermediate credit ratings of the United States' sovereign credit rating by at least one accredited rating agency with nationally recognized expertise in rating bonds of states and their political subdivisions, but not less than an A- rating, or equivalent rating. The maturity or pre-refunded date(s) of the bonds authorized by this subsection shall, at the time of purchase, not exceed 10 years; provided that a longer maturity is authorized if the State of Illinois has a put option to tender the bonds within 10 years from the date of purchase;
- l)** Securities of a foreign government that are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of that government as to principal and interest and rated A or higher by at least two of the standard rating services, but only if the foreign government has not defaulted and has met its payment obligations in a timely manner on all similar obligations for at least 25 years prior to the time of acquiring those obligations;

- m)** Investments made in accordance with the Technology Development Act (30 ILCS 265/1 et seq.);
- n)** The Treasurer may lend any securities acquired under this policy. However, securities may be lent under this Policy only in accordance with Federal Financial Institution Examination Council guideline and only if the securities are collateralized at a level sufficient to assure the safety of the securities, taking into account market value fluctuation. The securities may be collateralized by cash or collateral acceptable under Sections 11 and 11.1 of the Deposit of State Moneys Act. Securities lending cash collateral may be invested according to the Securities Lending Agreement between the Treasurer and the Treasurer's Agent; and
- o)** Obligations of either corporations or limited liability companies organized in the United States, that have a significant presence in the State of Illinois, with assets exceeding \$500,000,000 and is rated at the time of purchase at one of the three highest classifications established by at least two standard rating services. At the time of purchase, the maturity or pre-refunded date(s) of the obligations authorized by this subsection shall not be less than 270 days and shall not exceed five years.

6.0 INVESTMENTS RESTRICTIONS:

- a)** Any investments not authorized by this or any other investment policy or applicable law of the office are prohibited.
- b)** Repurchase agreements may only be executed with approved financial institutions or broker/dealers meeting the Treasurer's standards, which include mutual execution of a Master Repurchase Agreement adopted by the Treasurer.
- c)** All qualified repurchase agreement dealers must have a corporate headquarters, corporate office, or operating location in the State of Illinois and that location must retain full-time staff employed within the State of Illinois or the dealer must have a significant economic presence in the State of Illinois as determined by the Treasurer;
- d)** All qualified commercial paper issuers must have a corporate headquarters, corporate office, or operating location in the State of Illinois and that location must retain full-time staff employed within the State of Illinois or the issuer must have a significant economic presence in the State of Illinois as determined by the Treasurer;
- e)** All qualified corporate bond issuers must have a corporate headquarters, corporate office, or operating location in the State of Illinois and that location must retain full-time staff employed within the State of Illinois or the issuer must have a significant economic presence in the State of Illinois as determined by the Treasurer;
- f)** Investments may not be made in any savings and loan association unless a commitment by the savings and loan association, executed by the president or chief executive officer of that association, is submitted in the form required by Section 22.5 of the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520/22.5).
- g)** Any investments prohibited by Section 22.6 of the Deposit of State Monies Act.
- h)** Asset-backed commercial paper is prohibited.
- i)** Commercial paper with a credit rating or evaluation that is derived from any factor other than the full faith and credit of the issuing institution and/or the guarantee of the parent company.
- j)** Obligations may not be purchased from a corporation or limited liability company that has been placed on the list of restricted companies by the Illinois Investment Policy Board under Section 1-110.16 of the Illinois Pension Code.

k) The authorization of the Treasurer to invest in new obligations under Section 5.0(o) of this Policy shall expire on June 30, 2019.

7.0 COLLATERALIZATION:

a) All State deposits, repurchase agreements and securities lending shall be secured as required by the Treasurer and provided for by the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520) and the Treasurer's Acceptable Collateral Listing, which may change from time to time. The Treasurer may take possession and title to any securities held as collateral and hold such securities until it is prudent to dispose of them.

b) Securities lending cash or securities collateral shall have the meaning as set forth in the Securities Lending Agreement between the Treasurer and the Treasurer's Agent. The Treasurer's Agent may reinvest cash collateral as indicated in the Securities Lending Agreement. The Treasurer or Treasurer's Agent may take possession and title to any cash or securities held as collateral and hold such securities according to the Securities Lending Agreement.

8.0 DIVERSIFICATION:

The investment portfolio shall be diversified to mitigate the risk of loss resulting from concentration of assets in a specific maturity, a specific issuer or a specific class of securities. In order to properly manage any risk attendant to the investment of state assets, the portfolio shall not deviate from the following diversification guidelines unless specifically authorized by the Treasurer in writing:

a) The Treasurer shall seek to achieve diversification in the portfolio by distributing investments among authorized investment categories among financial institutions, issuers and broker/dealers.

b) The investment portfolio shall not hold time deposits and/or term repurchase agreements that constitute more than 15% of any single financial institution's total deposits. Any deposits and/or repurchase agreements that constitute more than 10% of an institution's total deposits must qualify as community development deposits described in Section 7 of the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520/7).

c) No financial institution shall at any time hold more than \$100,000,000 of time deposits and/or term repurchase agreements other than community development deposits described in Section 7 of the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520/7). Provided, however, that:

i. Financial institutions that, as a result of a merger or acquisition, hold deposits that exceed \$100,000,000.00 may continue to be eligible to hold deposits that do not exceed the amount of deposits held on the date of the merger or acquisition.

d) The investment portfolio shall not contain investments that exceed the following diversification limits. These limits will apply to the total assets in the portfolio at the time of the origination or purchase. As maturities and or calls of instruments occur these limits will be monitored and adjusted accordingly:

i. With the exception of cash equivalents, treasury securities and time deposits, as defined in Section 5.0 of this Policy, no more than 55% of the portfolio shall be invested in other investment categories;

ii. No more than one-third of the investment portfolio shall be invested in commercial paper;

iii. As much as 40% of the portfolio may be invested in time deposits when required by the cash flow of the State;

iv. No more than ½ of 1% of the investment portfolio shall be invested in Foreign Government Securities, not to exceed a five year maturity, as defined in Section 5.0(k) of this Policy;

v. No more than 55% of the investment portfolio shall be allocated to investments greater than 2 years and less than or equal to 3 years;

vi. No more than 30 % of the investment portfolio shall be allocated to investments greater than 3 years and less than or equal to 4 years (not including Foreign Government Securities).

vii. No more than 15% of the investment portfolio shall be allocated to investments greater than 4 years and less than or equal to 5 years;

viii. There shall be no limit to the amount of investment portfolio allocated to investments with a 0-2 year maturity band; and

ix. No more than 5% of the investment portfolio shall be invested in obligations of corporations or limited liability companies as defined by Section 5.0(o) of this Policy.

e) The investment portfolio shall not hold obligations of corporations or limited liability companies that exceed 10% of the corporation's or the limited liability company's outstanding obligations.

9.0 CUSTODY AND SAFEKEEPING:

The custody and safekeeping of collateral will be handled by Illinois financial institutions selected in compliance with the Treasurer's office procurement rules at 44 Ill. Adm. Code 1400. Financial institutions selected by the Treasurer's office to perform custody and safekeeping services will be required to enter into a contractual agreement approved by the General Counsel.

All security transactions entered into by the Treasurer shall be conducted on a delivery-versus-payment (DVP) or receipt-versus-payment (RVP) basis. Securities shall be held by a safekeeping agent designated by the Treasurer, and evidenced by safekeeping receipts or a statement of holdings.

10.0 INTERNAL CONTROLS:

The Treasurer and the Chief Investment Officer, with the assistance of the Investment Policy Committee, shall establish a system of internal controls and written operational procedures that shall be documented and filed with Treasurer's Chief Internal Auditor for review. The controls shall be designed to prevent the loss of public funds arising from fraud, employee error, and misrepresentation by third parties, unanticipated changes in financial markets or imprudent actions by authorized investment officers.

a) Asset Allocation: The allocation of assets within investment categories authorized under Section 5.0 of this Policy shall be approved by the Treasurer in writing.

b) Competitive Bidding: Authorized investment officers shall obtain competitive bids from at least three (3) broker/dealers prior to executing the purchase or sale of any authorized investments. Reverse inquiry investments and investments of a new issue at issue are exempt from this provision.

Certificates of deposit shall be purchased by authorized investment officers on the basis of a qualified financial institution's ability to pay a required rate of interest to the Treasurer, which is established on a daily basis. Such rate is generally determined on the basis of treasury or other appropriate market rates for a comparable term.

11.0 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

The standard of prudence to be used by authorized investment officers shall be the "prudent person" standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. Authorized investment officers acting in accordance with written procedures and this Policy and exercising due diligence will be relieved of personal liability for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes,

provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely manner and necessary action is taken to control adverse developments.

12.0 REPORTING:

Monthly reports are presented by the Chief Investment Officer to the Investment Policy Committee, chaired by the Treasurer, for its review. The monthly report shall contain sufficient information to enable the Investment Policy Committee to review the investment portfolio, its effectiveness in meeting the needs of the Treasurer's office for safety, liquidity, rate of return, and diversification, and the general performance of the portfolio. The following information shall be included in the monthly reports:

- a)** The total amount of funds held by the State Treasurer;
- b)** The asset allocation for the investments made by the State Treasurer;
- c)** The benchmarks established by the State Treasurer;
- d)** A report detailing and summarizing deposits of funds in support of local community development efforts including the intended benefits of the deposit(s), the rate of interest on the deposit(s), the rate of interest on the loan or extension of credit to borrower(s), and the overall rate of return including a quantifiable measure related to the benefits;
- e)** Current and historic return information;
- f)** Any circumstances resulting in a deviation from the standards established in Section 8.0 of this Policy; and
- g)** Impact of any material change in investment policy adopted during the month.

The Treasurer shall develop performance reports in compliance with established industry reporting standards within six (6) months following the adoption of this Investment Policy. Such reporting standards shall be in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP").

The Treasurer reserves the right to amend this Policy at any time.

13.0 EXTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Investment Policy Committee may convene an External Advisory Committee at the direction of the Treasurer to provide independent advice and counsel to the Treasurer and the Internal Committee on investment policy, investments and investment related issues for the benefit of all Illinois citizens.

14.0 EMERGENCY POWERS

In the event of an emergency, the Treasurer may, at his or her discretion, invoke emergency powers and suspend any or all of the provisions of this policy provided that:

- a)** The Treasurer shall, even in the event that emergency powers are invoked, comply with all state statutes governing the use and investment of state monies including, but not limited to, the State Treasurer Act, the Treasurer as Custodian of Funds Act, the Deposit of State Moneys Act, the Securities Safekeeping Act, and any other applicable statute;
- b)** The Treasurer reasonably believes that deviating from the Investment Policy is in the best interest of the taxpayers;

c) Within 30 days of invoking emergency powers the Treasurer shall provide an explanation in writing to the Chief Internal Auditor and the Investment Policy Committee, a copy of which shall be posted on the Treasurer's website that includes:

i. The date and time that the emergency powers were invoked;

ii. The date and time that emergency powers were repealed;

iii. The section or sections of the Investment Policy that were affected by the emergency or use of emergency powers; and

iv. The reason for invoking emergency powers resulting in the deviation from the written investment policy.

15.0 All statutory references in this policy shall include any amendments to or repeals of those statutes.

Appendix B

ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER CERTIFICATIONS

_____ (“CONTRACTOR”) makes the following certifications:

1.0 ANTI-BRIBERY.

CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not barred from being awarded a contract or subcontract under Section 50-5 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-5). Section 50-5 prohibits a contractor from entering into a contract with a State agency if the contractor has been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois, or if the contractor has made an admission of guilt of such conduct with is a matter of record. The contractor further acknowledges that the chief procurement officer may declare the related contract void if this certification is false.

2.0 BID-RIGGING/BID-ROTATING.

CONTRACTOR certifies that it has not been barred from contracting with a unit of State or local government as a result of a violation of Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (720 ILCS 5/33E-3, 33E-4).

3.0 DRUG FREE WORKPLACE.

This certification is required by Section 3 of the Drug Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/3). The Drug Free Workplace Act, effective January 1, 1992, requires that CONTRACTOR shall not be considered for the purposes of being awarded a contract for the procurement of any services from the State unless CONTRACTOR has certified to the State that CONTRACTOR will provide a drug free workplace. False certification or violation of the certification may result in sanctions including, but not limited to, suspension of contract payments, termination of the contract and debarment of contracting opportunities with the State for at least one (1) year but not more than five (5) years.

CONTRACTOR certifies and agrees that it will provide a drug free workplace by:

- a. Publishing a statement:
 - i. Notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance, including cannabis, is prohibited in the grantee’s or contractor’s workplace.
 - ii. Specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition.
 - iii. Notifying the employee that, as a condition of employment on such contract or grant, the employee will:
 - a. abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - b. notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
- b. Establishing a drug free awareness program to inform employees about:
 - i. the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - ii. CONTRACTOR’s policy of maintaining a drug free workplace;

- iii. any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- iv. the penalties that may be imposed upon an employee for drug violations.
- c. Providing a copy of the statement required by Section (a) to each employee engaging in the performance of the contract or grant and to post the statement in a prominent place in the workplace.
- d. Notifying the Treasurer's Office within ten (10) days after receiving notice under part (b) of paragraph (iii) of Section (a) above from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction.
- e. Imposing a sanction on, or requiring the satisfactory participation in drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program by, an employee who is so convicted, as required by Section 5 of the Drug Free Workplace Act.
- f. Assisting employees in selecting a course of action in the event of drug counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation is required and indicating that a trained referral team is in place.
- g. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through implementation of the Drug Free Workplace Act.

4.0 U.S. EXPORT ACT.

CONTRACTOR certifies that neither CONTRACTOR nor any substantial-owned affiliated company is participating or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the provisions of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C.A. App. § 2401 et seq.) or the regulations of the U.S. Department of Commerce promulgated under that Act.

5.0 NON-DISCRIMINATION.

CONTRACTOR certifies that it is in compliance with the State and Federal Constitutions, the U.S. Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, and all applicable rules that prohibit unlawful discrimination in performance of this Agreement and all other activities, including employment and other contracts. As a condition of receiving the Agreement, CONTRACTOR represents or certifies that services, programs and activities provided under the Agreement are and will continue to be in compliance with State and Federal Constitutions, the U.S. Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, and all applicable laws that prohibit unlawful discrimination.

6.0 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

CONTRACTOR certifies that it is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and the regulations thereunder (28 CFR 35.130) prohibit discrimination against persons with disabilities by the Treasurer, whether directly or through contractual arrangements, in the provision of any aid, benefit or service. As a condition of receiving the Agreement, CONTRACTOR represents or certifies that services, programs and activities provided under the Agreement are and will continue to be in compliance with the ADA.

7.0 ILLINOIS HUMAN RIGHTS ACT.

CONTRACTOR certifies that it is presently in compliance with all of the terms, conditions and provisions of Section 5/2-105 of the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/2-105), together with all rules and regulations promulgated and adopted pursuant thereto.

8.0 FELONY.

CONTRACTOR certifies that it has not been barred from being awarded a contract under Section 50-10 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-10). Section 50-10 prohibits a contractor from entering into a contract with a State agency if the contractor has been convicted of a felony and 5 years have not passed from the completion of the sentence for that felony. The contractor further acknowledges that the chief procurement officer may declare the related contract void if this certification is false.

9.0 FORMER EMPLOYMENT.

CONTRACTOR has informed the Treasurer's Office in writing if CONTRACTOR was formerly employed by the Treasurer's Office and has received an early retirement incentive under Section 14-108.3 or 16-133.3 of the Illinois Pension Code (30 ILCS 105/15a).

10.0 INDUCEMENT.

CONTRACTOR has not paid any money or valuable thing to induce any person to refrain from bidding on a State contract, nor has CONTRACTOR accepted any money or other valuable thing, or acted upon the promise of same, for not bidding on a State contract (30 ILCS 500/50-25).

11.0 REVOLVING DOOR PROHIBITION.

CONTRACTOR certifies that neither it nor its employees and agents are in violation of section 50-30 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-30). Section 50-30 prohibits for a period of (2) years after terminating an affected position certain State employees and their designees from engaging in any procurement activity relating to the State agency most recently employing them for a specified period of time.

12.0 REPORTING ANTICOMPETITIVE PRACTICES.

CONTRACTOR shall report to the Illinois Attorney General and the Chief Procurement Officer any suspected collusion or other anticompetitive practice among any bidders, offerors, contractors, proposers or employees of the State (30 ILCS 500/50-40, /50-45, /50-50).

13.0 DISCRIMINATORY CLUB.

CONTRACTOR agrees not to pay any dues or fees on behalf of its employees or agents or subsidize or otherwise reimburse them for payments of any dues or fees to a discriminating club as prohibited by Section 2 of the Discriminatory Club Act (775 ILCS 25/2).

14.0 TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND LEGAL STATUS OF CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall be in compliance with applicable tax requirements and shall be current payment of such taxes. Under penalty of perjury, CONTRACTOR certifies that # _____ is its correct Taxpayer Identification Number and that it is doing business as a (please check one):

Individual
 Sole Proprietor
 Partnership/Legal Corporation
 Tax Exempt
 Corporation providing or billing
 medical and/or health care services
 Corporation NOT providing or billing
 medical and/or health care services
 Other: _____

Government Entity
 Nonresident alien
 Estate or trust
 Pharmacy (Non-Corp.)
 Pharmacy/Funeral Home/Cemetery
 (Corp.)
 Limited Liability Company (select
 applicable tax classification.)
 C = corporation
 P = partnership

15.0 LICENSE; AUTHORIZED BIDDER OR OFFEROR

CONTRACTOR, directly or through its employees, shall have and maintain any license required by this Agreement. CONTRACTOR further certifies that it is a legal entity authorized to do business in Illinois prior to the submission of the bid, offer, or proposal pursuant to section 20-43 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/20-43).

16.0 APPROPRIATION.

This Agreement is subject to termination and cancellation in any year for which the General Assembly fails to make an appropriation for payments under the terms of the contract.

17.0 RECORDS RETENTION; RIGHT TO AUDIT.

CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain books and records related to the performance of the contract and necessary to support amounts charged to the State under the contract for a minimum of three years from the last action on the contract or after termination of the Agreement, whichever is longer. Contractor further agrees to cooperate fully with any audit and to make the books and records available for review and audit by the Auditor General, chief procurement officers, internal auditor and the Treasurer; CONTRACTOR agrees to cooperate fully with any audit conducted by the Auditor General or the Treasurer and to provide full access to all relevant materials. The three-(3)-year period shall be extended for the duration of any audit in progress during the term. Failure to maintain the books, records and supporting documents required by this Section shall establish a presumption in favor of the State for the recovery of any funds paid by the State under this Agreement for which adequate books, records, and supporting documentation are not available to support their purported disbursement.

18.0 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

CONTRACTOR has disclosed, and agrees that it is under a continuing obligation to disclose, to the Treasurer financial or other interests (public or private, direct or indirect) that may be a potential conflict of interest that would prohibit CONTRACTOR from entering into or performing the Agreement. Conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to, conflicts under Section 1400.5020 of the Treasurer’s Procurement Rules (44 Ill. Adm. Code 1400.5020) and Sections 50-13, 50-20, and 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50).

19.0 LATE PAYMENTS.

Late payment charges, if any, shall not exceed the formula established in the Illinois Prompt Payment Act (30 ILCS 540/1) and the Illinois Administrative Code (74 Ill. Adm. Code 900).

20.0 LIABILITY.

The State's liability for damages is expressly limited by and subject to the provisions of the Illinois Court of Claims Act (705 ILCS 505/1) and to the availability of suitable appropriations.

21.0 DEBT DELINQUENCY.

CONTRACTOR certifies that it, or any affiliate, is not barred from being awarded a contract or subcontract under section 50-11 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-11). Section 50-11 prohibits a contractor from entering into a contract with the Treasurer's Office if it knows or should know that it, or any affiliate, is delinquent in the payment of any debt to the State as defined by the Debt Collection Board. CONTRACTOR further acknowledges that the Treasurer's Office may declare the Agreement void if this certification is false or if CONTRACTOR or any affiliate is determined to be delinquent in payment of any debt during the term of the Agreement.

22.0 EDUCATIONAL LOAN DEFAULT.

CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not barred from being awarded a contract under the Educational Loan Default Act (5 ILCS 385). Section 3 of the Educational Loan Default Act prohibits an individual from entering into a contract with the Treasurer's Office if that individual is in default of an educational loan. CONTRACTOR further acknowledges that the Treasurer's Office may declare the Agreement void if this certification is false or if CONTRACTOR is determined to be in default of an educational loan during the term of the Agreement.

23.0 FORCE MAJEURE.

Failure by either party to perform its duties and obligations shall be excused by unforeseeable circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including acts of nature, acts of the public enemy, riots, labor or material shortages, labor disputes, fire, flood, explosion, legislation, and governmental regulation.

24.0 ANTITRUST ASSIGNMENT.

CONTRACTOR hereby assigns, sells and transfers to the State of Illinois all right, title and interest in and to any claims and causes of action arising under antitrust laws of Illinois or the United States relating to the subject matter of the Agreement.

25.0 PROHIBITION OF GOODS FROM FORCED LABOR.

CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not barred from being awarded a contract under the State Prohibition of Goods from Forced Labor Act (30 ILCS 583). Section 10 of the State Prohibition of Goods from Forced Labor Act prohibits a contractor from entering into a contract with the Treasurer's

Office if that contractor knew that the foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State were produced in whole or part by forced labor, convict labor, or indentured labor under penal sanction. CONTRACTOR further acknowledges that the Treasurer's Office may declare the Agreement void if this certification is false or if CONTRACTOR is determined to have known that the foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State during the term of the Agreement were produced in whole or part by forced labor, convict labor, or indentured labor under penal sanction.

26.0 PROHIBITION OF GOODS FROM CHILD LABOR.

CONTRACTOR certifies in accordance with Public Act 94-0264 that no foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State under the contract have been produced in whole or in part by the labor of any child under the age of 12.

27.0 SARBANES-OXLEY ACT AND ILLINOIS SECURITIES LAW

CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not barred from being awarded a contract or subcontract under section 50-10.5 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500). Section 50-10.5, amongst other things, prohibits a contractor from bidding or entering into a contract or subcontract with the Treasurer's Office if the contractor or any officer, director, partner, or other managerial agent of the contractor has been convicted in the last 5 years of a felony under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 or a Class 3 or Class 2 felony under the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 or if the contractor is in violation of Subsection (e). CONTRACTOR further acknowledges that the Treasurer's Office may declare the agreement void if this certification is false or if CONTRACTOR is determined to have been convicted of a felony under the Illinois Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 or a Class 3 or Class 2 felony under the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 during the term of the agreement.

28.0 DISPUTES.

Any claim against the State arising out of this Agreement must be filed exclusively with the Illinois Court of Claims (705 ILCS 505/1). The State shall not enter into binding arbitration to resolve any agreement dispute. The State of Illinois does not waive sovereign immunity by entering into this Agreement. Any provision containing a citation to an Illinois statute (cited "ILCS") may not contain the complete statutory language. The official text, which is incorporated by reference, may be found in the appropriate chapter and section of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. An unofficial version may be viewed at www.ilga.gov.

29.0 THIRD-PARTY PAYMENTS.

CONTRACTOR certifies that no fee was paid to a third-party in expectation of being awarded a contract by the Treasurer.

30.0 MOST FAVORABLE TERMS.

If more favorable terms are granted by the CONTRACTOR to any similar governmental agency in any state in a contemporaneous agreement let under the same or similar financial terms and

circumstances for comparable supplies or services, the more favorable terms will be applicable under the Agreement between the Treasurer's Office and the CONTRACTOR.

31.0 BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGISTRATION

_____ The CONTRACTOR certifies that they are not required to register as a business entity with the State Board of Elections pursuant to the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/20-160). Further, the CONTRACTOR acknowledges that all contracts or subcontracts between State agencies and a business entity that do not comply with this Section shall be voidable under Section 50-60 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-60).

(or)

_____ The CONTRACTOR certifies that they have registered as a business entity with the State Board of Elections and acknowledges a continuing duty to update the registration pursuant to the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/20-160). Further, the CONTRACTOR acknowledges that all contracts or subcontracts between State agencies and a business entity that do not comply with this Section shall be voidable under Section 50-60 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-60).

32.0 COLLECTION AND REMITTANCE OF ILLINOIS USE TAX

The CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not barred from being awarded a contract under section 50-12 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-12). Section 50-12 prohibits a contractor from entering into a contract or subcontract with a State agency if the CONTRACTOR or affiliate has failed to collect and remit Illinois Use Tax on all sales of tangible personal property into the State of Illinois in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Use Tax Act. The CONTRACTOR further acknowledges that the contract or subcontract may be voided if this certification is false.

33.0 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT VIOLATIONS

The CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not barred from being awarded a contract or subcontract under section 50-14 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-14). Section 50-14 prohibits a CONTRACTOR from entering into a contract or subcontract with a State agency if the CONTRACTOR has been found by a court or the Pollution Control Board to have committed a willful or knowing violation of the Environmental Protection Act within the last (5) years. The CONTRACTOR further acknowledges that the contracting State agency may declare the related contract or subcontract void if this certification is false.

34.0 LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT VIOLATIONS

The CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not barred from entering into a contract or subcontract under section 50-14.5 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-14.5). Section 50-14.5 prohibits a CONTRACTOR from entering into a contract or subcontract with the State of Illinois or a State agency if the CONTRACTOR, while the owner of a residential building, committed a willful or knowing violation of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act. The CONTRACTOR further acknowledges that the Treasurer may declare the related contract or subcontract void if this certification is false.

35.0 BOND ISSUANCES

The CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not barred from being awarded a contract or subcontract under section 50-21 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-21). Section 50-21 prohibits State agencies from entering into contracts or subcontracts with respect to the issuances of bonds or other securities by the State or a State agency with any entity that uses an “independent consultant” as defined in section 50-21.

36.0 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not barred from being awarded a contract or subcontract under section 50-37 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-37). Section 50-37 prohibits business entities whose contracts with State agencies, in the aggregate, annually total more than \$50,000, or whose aggregate pending bids and proposals on State contracts total more than \$50,000, and any affiliated entities or affiliated persons of such business entity, from making any contributions to any political committee established to promote the candidacy of the office holder responsible for awarding the contract on which the business entity has submitted a bid or proposal during the period beginning on the date the invitation for bids or request for proposals are issued and ending on the day after the date the contract is awarded.

37.0 LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS

The CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not barred from being awarded a contract or subcontract under section 50-38 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-38). Section 50-38 prohibits a CONTRACTOR from billing the State for any lobbying costs, fees, compensation, reimbursements, or other remuneration provided to any lobbyist who assisted the CONTRACTOR in obtaining the contract or subcontract.

38.0 DISCLOSURE OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS WITH IRAN (30 ILCS 500/50-36)

Each bid, offer, or proposal submitted for a State contract, other than a small purchase defined in Section 20-20 [of the Illinois Procurement Code], shall include a disclosure of whether or not the bidder, offeror, or proposing entity, or any of its corporate parents or subsidiaries, within the 24 months before submission of the bid, offer, or proposal had business operations that involved contracts with or provision of supplies or services to the Government of Iran, companies in which the Government of Iran has any direct or indirect equity share, consortiums or projects commissioned by the Government of Iran and:

(1) more than 10% of the company’s revenues produced in or assets located in Iran involve oil-related activities or mineral-extraction activities; less than 75% of the company’s revenues produced in or assets located in Iran involve contracts with or provision of oil-related or mineral – extraction products or services to the Government of Iran or a project or consortium created exclusively by that Government; and the company has failed to take substantial action; or

(2) the company has, on or after August 5, 1996, made an investment of \$20 million or more, or any combination of investments of at least \$10 million each that in the aggregate equals or exceeds \$20 million in any 12- month period that directly or significantly contributes to the enhancement of Iran’s ability to develop petroleum resources of Iran.

You must check one of the following items and if item 2 is checked you must also make the necessary disclosure:

___ There are no business operations that must be disclosed to comply with the above cited law.

___ The following business operations are disclosed to comply with the above cited law:

CONTRACTOR

By:

Signature

Name

Title

Date

DISCLOSURES

FINANCIAL INTEREST AND POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
(Disclosure Form A)

The Treasurer’s Procurement Regulations (44 Ill. Adm. Code 1400.5035) require that contractors/offers desiring to enter into certain contracts with the State of Illinois must disclose the financial and potential conflicts of interest information as specified below.

Contractor/offers shall disclose the financial interest and potential conflicts of interest information identified in Sections 1 and 2 below as a condition of receiving an award or contract. Submit this information along with your bid, proposal or offer.

This requirement applies to contracts with an annual value exceeding \$10,000.

A publicly traded entity may submit its 10K disclosure in satisfaction of the disclosure requirements set forth in both Sections 1 and 2 below.

Sec. 1. Disclosure of Financial Interest in the Contractor/Offers

- a. If any individuals have one of the following financial interests in the contractor/offers (or its parent), please check all that apply and show their name and address:

Ownership exceeding 5% ()
Ownership value exceeding \$106,447.20 ()
Distributive Income Share exceeding 5% ()
Distributive Income Share exceeding \$106,447.20 ()

Name: _____

Address: _____

- b. For each individual named above, show the type of ownership/distributable income share: sole proprietorship _____ stock _____ partnership _____ other (explain)

_____.

- c. For each individual named above, show the dollar value or proportionate share of the ownership interest in the contractor/offers (or its parent) as follows:

If the proportionate share of the named individual(s) in the ownership of the contractor/offers (or its parent) is 5% or less, and if the value of the ownership interest of the named individual(s) is \$106,447.20 or less, check here ()

If the proportionate share of ownership exceeds 5% or the value of the ownership interest exceeds \$106,447.20, show either.

The percent of ownership _____%

or

The value of the ownership interest \$ _____

Sec. 2. Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest. For each of the individuals having the level of financial interest identified in Section 1 above, check “Yes” or “No” to indicate which, if any, of the following potential conflicts of interest relationships apply. If “Yes,” please describe (use space under applicable section to explain your answers – attach additional pages as necessary).

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| a. | State employment, currently or in the previous 3 years, including contractual employment of services | Yes
_____ | No
_____ |
| b. | State employment for spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter, including contractual employment for services in the previous 2 years. | Yes
_____ | No
_____ |
| c. | Elective status; the holding of elective office of the State of Illinois, the government of the United States, any unit of local government authorized by the Constitution of the State of Illinois, or the statutes of the State of Illinois currently or in the previous 3 years. | Yes
_____ | No
_____ |
| d. | Relationship to anyone holding elective office currently or in the previous 2 years; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter. | Yes
_____ | No
_____ |
| e. | Appointive office; the holding of any appointive government office of the State of Illinois, the United States of America, or any unit of local government authorized by the Constitution of the State of Illinois or the statutes of the State of Illinois, which office entitles the holder to compensation in excess of expenses incurred in the discharge of that office currently or in the previous 3 years. | Yes
_____ | No
_____ |
| f. | Relationship to anyone holding appointive office currently or in the previous 2 years; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter. | Yes
_____ | No
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| g. | Employment, currently or in the previous 3 years, as or by any registered lobbyist of the State government. | Yes
_____ | No
_____ |
| h. | Relationship to anyone who is or was a registered lobbyist in the previous 2 years; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter. | Yes
_____ | No
_____ |
| i. | Compensated employment, currently or in the previous 3 years, by any registered election or re-election committee registered with the Secretary of | Yes
_____ | No
_____ |

State or any county clerk in the State of Illinois, or any political action committee with either the Secretary of State or the Federal Board of Elections.

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| j. | Relationship to anyone; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter, who is or was a compensated employee in the last 2 years of any registered election or re-election committee registered with the Secretary of State or any county clerk in the State of Illinois, or any political action committee registered with either the Secretary of State or the Federal Board of Elections. | Yes
_____ | No
_____ |
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This disclosure is submitted on behalf of

(Name of Contractor/Offeror)

Official authorized to sign on behalf of contractor/offeror:

Name (printed) _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

DISCLOSURES
OTHER CONTRACT AND PROCUREMENT RELATED INFORMATION
(Disclosure Form B)

The Treasurer's Procurement Regulations (44 Ill. Adm. Code 1400.5035) require that contractors/offersors desiring to enter into certain contracts with the State of Illinois must disclose the information as specified below.

Contractor/offersor shall disclose the information identified below as a condition of receiving an award or contract.

This requirement is applicable to only those contracts with an annual value exceeding \$10,000.

You must submit this information along with your bid, proposal or offer.

- a. Contractor/offersor shall identify whether it has current contracts (including leases) with other units of State of Illinois government by checking "Yes" _____ or "No" _____.

If "Yes" is checked, identify each contract by showing agency name and other descriptive information such as purchase order or contract reference number (attach additional pages as necessary).

- b. Contractor/offersor shall identify whether it has pending contracts (including leases), bids, proposals, or other ongoing procurement relationships with other units of State of Illinois government by checking "Yes" _____ or "No" _____.

If "Yes" is checked, identify each such relationship by showing agency name and other descriptive information such as bid or project number (attach additional pages as necessary).

This disclosure is submitted on behalf of _____
(Name of Contractor/Offeror)

Official authorized to sign on behalf of contractor/offersor:

Name (printed) _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____