

Consulting and Technical Services+ (CATS+)  
Task Order Request for Proposals (TORFP)

**HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT SAS PROGRAMMER**

CATS+ TORFP # R00B6400006



Maryland State Department of Education

Issue Date: July 13, 2015

## KEY INFORMATION SUMMARY SHEET

This CATS+ TORFP is issued to obtain the services necessary to satisfy the requirements defined in Section 3 - Scope of Work. All CATS+ Master Contractors approved to perform work in the Functional Area under which this TORFP is released shall respond to this TORFP with either a Task Order (TO) Proposal to this TORFP or a Master Contractor Feedback form (See Section 4).

Solicitation Title:	High School Assessment SAS Programmer
Solicitation Number (TORFP #):	R00B6400006
Functional Area:	Functional Area 5-Software Engineering
Issue Date:	07/13/2015
Questions Due Date and Time:	07/28/2015 at 12:00 PM Local Time
Closing Date and Time:	08/11/2015 at 2:00 PM Local Time
TO Requesting Agency:	Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)
Send Proposals to:	June Dwyer <a href="mailto:june.dwyer@maryland.gov">june.dwyer@maryland.gov</a>  <i>E-mail submission strongly preferred.</i>
Send Questions to (e-mail only)	<a href="mailto:june.dwyer@maryland.gov">june.dwyer@maryland.gov</a>
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TO Type:	Time and Materials
Period of Performance:	Three (3) year base period with two (2) one-year renewal options-for a total of (5) five years.
MBE Goal:	0 %
VSBE Goal:	0%
Small Business Reserve (SBR):	No
Primary Place of Performance:	200 West Baltimore Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201
TO Pre-proposal Conference:	MSDE-Nancy Grasmick Education Building 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 11:00 am See Attachment 6 for directions.

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## SECTION 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### 1.1 TORFP SUBJECT TO CATS+ MASTER CONTRACT

In addition to the requirements of this TORFP, the Master Contractors are subject to all terms and conditions contained in the CATS+ RFP issued by the Maryland Department of Information Technology (DoIT) and subsequent Master Contract Project Number 060B2490023, including any amendments.

All times specified in this document are local time, defined as Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight Time, whichever is in effect.

### 1.2 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Personnel roles and responsibilities under the TO:

- A. **TO Procurement Officer** – The TO Procurement Officer has the primary responsibility for the management of the TORFP process, for the resolution of TO Agreement scope issues, and for authorizing any changes to the TO Agreement.
- B. **TO Manager** - The TO Manager has the primary responsibility for the management of the work performed under the TO Agreement, administrative functions, including issuing written directions, and for ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions of the CATS+ Master Contract.

The TO Manager will assign tasks to the personnel provided under this TORFP and will track and monitor the work being performed through the monthly accounting of hours deliverable for work types; actual work produced will be reconciled with the hours reported.

- C. **TO Contractor** – The TO Contractor is the CATS+ Master Contractor awarded this TO. The TO Contractor shall provide human resources as necessary to perform the services described in this TORFP Scope of Work.
- D. **TO Contractor Manager** – The TO Contractor Manager will serve as primary point of contact with the TO Manager to regularly discuss progress of tasks, upcoming tasking, historical performance, and resolution of any issues that may arise pertaining to the TO Contractor Personnel. The TO Contractor Manager will serve as liaison between the TO Manager and the senior TO Contractor management.

The TO Contractor will provide invoices as specified under Section 3.10 Invoicing. The TO Contractor is responsible for making payments to the TO Contractor Personnel.

- E. **TO Contractor Personnel** – Any official, employee, agent, Subcontractor, or Subcontractor agents of the TO Contractor who is involved with the TO over the course of the TO period of performance.
- F. **Key Personnel** – A subset of TO Contractor Personnel whose departure during the performance period, will, in the State’s opinion, have a substantial negative impact on TO performance. Key personnel proposed as part of the TO Proposal shall start as of TO Agreement issuance unless specified otherwise in this TORFP or the Offeror’s TO Technical Proposal. Key Personnel may be identified after TO award.

### **1.3 TO AGREEMENT**

Based upon an evaluation of TO Proposal responses, a Master Contractor will be selected to conduct the work defined in Section 3 - Scope of Work. A specific TO Agreement, Attachment 3, will then be entered into between the State and the selected Master Contractor, which will bind the selected Master Contractor (TO Contractor) to the contents of its TO Proposal, including the TO Financial Proposal.

### **1.4 TO PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS**

The TO Procurement Officer will not accept submissions after the date and exact time stated in the Key Information Summary Sheet above. The date and time of an e-mail TORFP submission is determined by the date and time of arrival of all required files in the TO Procurement Officer's e-mail inbox. In the case of a paper TO Proposal submission, Offerors shall take such steps necessary to ensure the delivery of the paper submission by the date and time specified in the Key Information Summary Sheet and as further described in Section 4.

Requests for extension of this date or time will not be granted. Except as provided in COMAR 21.05.03.02F, Proposals received by the Procurement Officer after the due date will not be considered.

### **1.5 ORAL PRESENTATIONS/INTERVIEWS**

All Offerors and proposed staff will be required to make an oral presentation to State representatives in the form of interviews. Significant representations made by a Master Contractor during the oral presentation shall be submitted in writing. All such representations will become part of the Master Contractor's proposal and are binding, if the TO is awarded to the Master Contractor. The TO Procurement Officer will notify Master Contractor of the time and place of interviews.

Interviews, which are a type of oral presentation, will be performed by phone or in person for all Offerors meeting minimum qualifications. All candidates shall be interviewed in substantially the same manner. The Procurement Officer shall, for each round of interviews, determine whether phone or in-person interviews will be utilized.

In the event that more than ten (10) qualified proposals are received, the TO Procurement Officer may elect to follow a down-select process as more fully described in Section 5.3.

### **1.6 QUESTIONS**

All questions must be submitted via e-mail to the TO Procurement Officer no later than the date and time indicated in the Key Information Summary Sheet. Answers applicable to all Master Contractors will be distributed to all Master Contractors who are known to have received a copy of the TORFP.

Answers can be considered final and binding only when they have been answered in writing by the State.

### **1.7 TO PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE**

A pre-proposal conference will be held for this TORFP on July 23, 2015 at 11:00 am. Refer to the key information sheet for details.

### **1.8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The TO Contractor shall provide IT technical and/or consulting services for State agencies or component programs with those agencies, and shall do so impartially and without any conflicts of interest. Each Offeror shall complete and include with its TO Proposal a Conflict of Interest Affidavit

and Disclosure in the form included as Attachment 4 of this TORFP. If the TO Procurement Officer makes a determination that facts or circumstances exist that give rise to or could in the future give rise to a conflict of interest within the meaning of COMAR 21.05.08.08A, the TO Procurement Officer may reject an Offeror's TO Proposal under COMAR 21.06.02.03B.

Master Contractors should be aware that the State Ethics Law, Md. Code Ann., General Provisions Article, Title 5, might limit the selected Master Contractor's ability to participate in future related procurements, depending upon specific circumstances.

By submitting a Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure, the Offeror shall be construed as certifying all personnel and subcontractors are also without a conflict of interest as defined in COMAR 21.05.08.08A.

### **1.9 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

The TO Contractor's liability is limited in accordance with Section 27 of the CATS+ Master Contract. TO Contractor's liability for this TORFP is limited to one (1) times the total TO Agreement amount.

### **1.10 CHANGE ORDERS**

If the TO Contractor is required to perform work beyond the scope of Section 3 of this TORFP, or there is a work reduction due to unforeseen scope changes, a TO Change Order is required. The TO Contractor and TO Manager shall negotiate a mutually acceptable price modification based on the TO Contractor's proposed rates in the Master Contract and scope of the work change. No scope of work changes shall be performed until a change order is approved by DoIT and executed by the TO Procurement Officer.

### **1.11 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT**

Expenses for travel and other costs shall be reimbursed only with prior approval by the TO Manager.

Expenses for travel performed in completing tasks for this TORFP shall be reimbursed in accordance with the CATS+ Master Contract.

### **1.12 MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE)**

This TORFP has a zero (0) MBE goal as stated in the Key Information Summary Sheet above.

### **1.13 VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (VSBE)**

This TORFP has a zero (0) VSBE goal as stated in the Key Information Summary Sheet above.

### **1.14 NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

#### **1.14.1 NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (OFFEROR)**

Certain system documentation may be available for Master Contractors to review at MSDE's address as listed in the Key Information Summary Sheet. Master Contractors who review such documentation will be required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (Offeror) in the form of Attachment 9. Please contact the TO Procurement Officer to schedule an appointment.

**1.14.2 NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (TO CONTRACTOR)**

Certain system documentation may be required by the TO in order to fulfill the requirements of the TO Agreement. The TO Contractor, employees and agents who review such documents will be required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (TO Contractor) in the form of Attachment 10.

**1.15 LIVING WAGE**

The Master Contractor shall abide by the Living Wage requirements under Title 18, State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and the regulations proposed by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry.

All TO Proposals shall be accompanied by a completed Living Wage Affidavit of Agreement, Attachment 12 of this TORFP.

**1.16 IRANIAN NON-INVESTMENT**

All TO Proposals shall be accompanied by a completed Certification Regarding Investments in Iran, Attachment 15 of this TORFP.

**1.17 CONTRACT MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES**

DoIT is responsible for contract management oversight on the CATS+ Master Contract. As part of that oversight, DoIT has implemented a process for self-reporting contract management activities of TOs under CATS+. This process typically applies to active TOs for operations and maintenance services valued at \$1 million or greater, but all CATS+ TOs are subject to review.

Attachment 11 is a sample of the TO Contractor Self-Reporting Checklist. DoIT may send initial checklists out to applicable/selected TO Contractors approximately three months after the award date for a TO. The TO Contractor shall complete and return the checklist as instructed on the form. Subsequently, at six month intervals from the due date on the initial checklist, the TO Contractor shall update and resend the checklist to DoIT.

**1.18 MERCURY AND PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN MERCURY**

THIS SECTION IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS TORFP.

**1.19 PURCHASING AND RECYCLING ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS**

THIS SECTION IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS TORFP.

**1.20 DEFINITIONS**

Business Day	Monday through Friday (excluding State holidays)
Local Time	Time in the Eastern Time zone as observed by the State of Maryland. Unless otherwise specified, all stated times shall be Local Time, even if not expressly designated as such
Normal State Business Hours	Normal State business hours are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except State Holidays, which can be found at: <a href="http://www.dbm.maryland.gov">www.dbm.maryland.gov</a> – keyword: State Holidays



Notice to Proceed (NTP)	A written notice from the TO Procurement Officer that work on the Task Order, project or Work Order shall begin on a specified date. Additional NTPs may be issued by either the TO Procurement Officer or the TO Manager regarding the start date for any service included within this solicitation with a delayed or non-specified implementation date.
NTP Date	The date specified in an NTP for work on the Task Order, project or Work Order to begin
Offeror	A Master Contractor that submits a proposal in response to this TORFP
Personally Identifiable Information (PII)	Any information about an individual maintained by the State, including (1) any information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, such as name, social security number, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, or biometric records; and (2) any other information that is linked or linkable to an individual, such as medical, educational, financial, and employment information
Protected Health Information (PHI)	Information that relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and (i) that identifies the individual; or (ii) with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual.
Security Incident	A violation or imminent threat of violation of computer security policies, Security Measures, acceptable use policies, or standard security practices. "Imminent threat of violation" is a situation in which the organization has a factual basis for believing that a specific incident is about to occur.
Security or Security Measures	The technology, policy and procedures that a) protect and b) control access to networks, systems, and data
Sensitive Data	Means PII; PHI; information about an individual that (1) can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, such as name, social security number, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, or biometric records; (2) is linked or linkable to an individual, such as medical, educational, financial, and employment information; or other proprietary or confidential data as defined by the State, including but not limited to "personal information" under Md. Code Ann., Commercial Law § 14-3501(d) and Md. Code Ann., St. Fin. & Proc. § 10-1301(c).
Service Level Agreement (SLA)	Measurable levels governing TO Contractor performance and establishing associated liquidated damages for failure to meet

	those performance standards
SLA Activation Date	The date on which SLA charges commence under this Task Order, which may include, but not be limited to, the date of (a) completion of Transition In, (b) a delivery, or (c) releases of work.
State	The State of Maryland
Subcontractor	An agent, service provider, supplier, or vendor selected by the TO Contractor to provide subcontracted services or products under the direction of the TO Contractor or other Subcontractors, and including any direct or indirect Subcontractors of a Subcontractor. Subcontractors are subject to the same terms and conditions as the TO Contractor.
System Source Materials	<p>Those materials necessary to wholly reproduce and fully operate the most current version of the System in a manner equivalent to the original System including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The executable instructions in their high level, human readable form and a version that is in turn interpreted, parsed and or compiled to be executed as part of the computing system ("source code"). This includes source code created by the Contractor or Subcontractor(s) and source code that is leveraged or extended by the Contractor for use in the project.</li> <li>b) All associated rules, reports, forms, templates, scripts, data dictionaries and database functionality.</li> <li>c) All associated configuration file details needed to duplicate the run time environment as deployed in the current deployed version of the system.</li> <li>d) All associated design details, flow charts, algorithms, processes, formulas, pseudo-code, procedures, instructions, help files, programmer's notes and other documentation.</li> <li>e) A complete list of third party, open source, or commercial software components and detailed configuration notes for each component necessary to reproduce the system (e.g., operating system, relational database, and rules engine software).</li> <li>f) All associated user instructions and/or training materials for business users and technical staff</li> </ul>
Task Order (TO)	The scope of work described in this TORFP
Task Order Agreement	The contract awarded to the successful Offeror pursuant to this Task Order Request for Proposals, the form of which is

	attached to this TORFP as Attachment 3
TO Proposal	As appropriate, either or both an Offeror's Technical or Financial Proposal to this TORFP
TO Request for Proposals (TORFP)	This Task Order Request for Proposal, including any amendments / addenda thereto
Total Evaluated Price	The Offeror's total proposed price for products/services proposed in response to this solicitation, included in the TO Price Sheet, and used in the financial evaluation of TO Proposals
Veteran-owned Small Business Enterprise (VSBE)	A business that is verified by the Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE) of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as a veteran-owned small business. See Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 21.11.13 and <a href="http://www.vetbiz.gov">http://www.vetbiz.gov</a> .
Work Order	A subset of work authorized by the TO Manager performed under the general scope of this TORFP, which is defined in advance of fulfillment, and which may not require a change order. Except as otherwise provided, any reference to the TO shall be deemed to include reference to a Work Order.
Working Day(s)	Same as "Business Day"

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## SECTION 2 - COMPANY AND PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS

### 2.1 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

#### 2.1.1 OFFEROR'S COMPANY MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Only those Master Contractors that fully meet all minimum qualification criteria shall be eligible for TORFP proposal evaluation. The Master Contractor's proposal and references will be used to verify minimum qualifications. Master Contractors may only propose **one (1) Key Personnel** in response to this TORFP.

Only Master Contractor qualifications may be used to demonstrate meeting company minimum qualifications. The Master Contractor's proposal shall demonstrate meeting the following minimum requirements:

Only those Master Contractors supplying proposed Key Personnel that fully meet all minimum qualification criteria shall be eligible for TORFP proposal evaluation.

#### 2.1.2 OFFEROR'S PERSONNEL MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The Key Personnel proposed under this TORFP must meet all minimum qualifications for the labor category proposed, as identified in the CATS + Master Contract Section 2.10 plus the following minimum qualifications. Resumes shall clearly outline starting dates and ending dates for each applicable experience or skill.

- 1) Note: In lieu of the educational experience required from the Master Contract labor category, (5) years high school assessment accountability, data processing, and data analysis experience may be substituted for an undergraduate degree in a related educational field.
- 2) At least (5) years of experience programming in SAS.

### 2.2 TO CONTRACTOR AND PERSONNEL PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

The following qualifications are expected and will be evaluated as part of the technical proposal.

- a. At least five (5) years of experience in a local, state, or federal education department as a data analyst processing, quality assuring, and analyzing assessment data.
- b. At least five (5) years of experience in providing instruction and responding to inquiries with local school system data contacts.
- c. At least five (5) years of experience providing operational, troubleshooting and data analysis assistance to local school system data contacts.
- d. Good oral and written communication skills. This will be validated during the interview process. Candidates shall be required to submit samples of past written communications for review. Sensitive information can be redacted. Oral communication skills can and will be validated during the interview process.

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## SECTION 3 - SCOPE OF WORK

### 3.1 PURPOSE

MSDE is issuing this CATS+ TORFP to obtain one (1) High School Assessment (HAS) SAS programmer to provide support to MSDE staff on high school assessment accountability processing and data analysis. Given the sensitivity of data associated with this project, the TO Contractor Personnel assigned to this project shall comply with the requirements of CATS+ RFP Section 3.6.2 and sign non-disclosure agreements.

MSDE expects the proposed Key Personnel to be available as of the start date specified in the Notice To Proceed (NTP).

MSDE intends to award this Task Order to one (1) Master Contractor that proposes a resource that can best satisfy the TO requirements.

### 3.2 REQUESTING AGENCY BACKGROUND

MSDE is a State agency that was established in 1916, and is overseen by The State Board of Education, to provide for the “general care and supervision of public education” in Maryland. MDSE is currently made up of 16 Divisions that oversee, develop, and support the delivery of PreK-12 education through 24 county schools systems.

MSDE exemplifies energetic leadership and innovative products and services to improve public education, library services, and rehabilitation services. The Agency receives funds from the US Department of Education and other entities to implement educational reforms in Maryland and improve the collection and dissemination of information on school and student performance.

### 3.3 PROJECT BACKGROUND

MSDE desires to continue the high school assessment accountability data process and data analysis that has shaped Maryland’s past related processes. This consultant shall ensure that all future processing decisions are made with consideration given to past practices by providing the historical perspectives and rationales used to determine high school assessment accountability data processing and analysis.

### 3.4 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Any IT services personnel provided under this TORFP shall maintain any required professional certifications for the duration of the resulting TO.

### 3.5 REQUIRED POLICIES, GUIDELINES AND METHODOLOGIES

The TO Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, standards, and guidelines affecting information technology and technology projects, which may be created or changed periodically.

The TO Contractor shall adhere to and remain abreast of current, new, and revised laws, regulations, policies, standards and guidelines affecting security and technology project execution.

The foregoing may include, but are not limited to, the following policies, guidelines and methodologies that can be found at the DoIT site

(<http://doit.maryland.gov/policies/Pages/ContractPolicies.aspx>).

- A. The State of Maryland System Development Life Cycle (SDLC) methodology
- B. The State of Maryland Information Technology Security Policy and Standards
- C. The State of Maryland Information Technology Non-Visual Access Standards
- D. The TO Contractor shall follow project management methodologies consistent with the Project Management Institute's Project Management Body of Knowledge Guide.
- E. TO Contractor assigned personnel shall follow a consistent methodology for all TO activities.
- F. The State's Information Technology Project Oversight Policies for any work performed under this TORFP for one or more Major IT Development Projects (MITDPs)

### 3.6 REQUIREMENTS

#### 3.6.1 TO CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The TO Contractor shall provide staffing and resources to fully supply the following services as identified in Section 3.6.2 Requirements:

#### 3.6.2 TO CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The High School Assessment SAS Programmer shall perform duties related to programming and processing high school assessments including, but not limited to, the responsibilities outlined below:

ID #	High School Assessment SAS Programmer Responsibilities	Associated Deliverable ID # (From section 3.8.4 below):
3.6.2.1	Process pre-defined quality assurance procedures for student level data files delivered by the high school assessment testing vendor.	3.8.4.1
3.6.2.2	Advise the high school assessment testing vendor of any data anomalies in the deliverable provided.	3.8.4.2
3.6.2.3	Provide high school assessment student-level deliverables to twenty-four local school systems after each of the five test administrations (January, April, May, Summer, and October).	3.8.4.4
3.6.2.4	Provide operational, troubleshooting and data analysis assistance to twenty-four (24) local school systems' data contacts.	3.8.4.1
3.6.2.5	Provide reports and data files to twenty-four (24) local school systems data contacts for review and correction.	3.8.4.3
3.6.2.6	Process data corrections from local school systems within the High School Assessment application.	3.8.4.1
3.6.2.7	Perform data analysis by running programs, creating reports and output files in SAS Statistical programming language as requested for high school assessment data.	3.8.4.1

3.6.2.8	Produce biweekly status report	3.8.4.1
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### 3.7 PERFORMANCE AND PERSONNEL

#### 3.7.1 WORK HOURS

- A. Business Hours Support: The TO Contractor's collective assigned personnel shall support core business hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM), Monday through Friday except for State holidays, Service Reduction days, and Furlough days observed by MSDE. TO Contractor Personnel may also be required to provide occasional support outside of core business hours, including evenings, overnight, and weekends, to support specific efforts and emergencies to resolve system repair or restoration.
- B. Non-Business Hours Support: After hours support may be necessary to respond to IT Security emergency situations. Additionally, services may also involve some evening and/or weekend hours performing planned activities in addition to core business hours. Hours performing system upgrades would be billed on actual time worked at the rates proposed.
- C. State-Mandated Service Reduction Days: TO Contractor Personnel shall be required to participate in the State-mandated Service Reduction Days as well as State Furlough Days. In this event, the TO Contractor will be notified in writing by the TO Manager of these details.
- D. Minimum and Maximum Hours: Full-time TO Contractor Personnel shall work a minimum of 40 hours per week with starting and ending times as approved by the TO Manager. A flexible work schedule may be used with TO Manager approval, including time to support any efforts outside core business hours. TO Contractor Personnel may also be requested to restrict the number of hours TO Contractor Personnel can work within a given period of time that may result in less than an eight hour day or less than a 40 hour work week.
- E. Vacation Hours: Requests for leave shall be submitted to the TO Manager at least two weeks in advance. The TO Manager reserves the right to request a temporary replacement if leave extends longer than one consecutive week. In cases where there is insufficient coverage, a leave request may be denied.

#### 3.7.2 DIRECTED PERSONNEL REPLACEMENT

- A. The TO Manager may direct the TO Contractor to replace any TO Contractor Personnel who, in the sole discretion of the TO Manager, are perceived as being unqualified, non-productive, unable to fully perform the job duties, disruptive, or known, or reasonably believed, to have committed a major infraction(s) of law or Agency, Contract, or Task Order requirement.
- B. If deemed appropriate in the discretion of the TO Manager, the TO Manager shall give written notice of any personnel performance issues to the TO Contractor, describing the problem and delineating the remediation requirement(s). The TO Contractor shall provide a written Remediation Plan within three (3) days of the date of the notice. If the TO Manager rejects the Remediation Plan, the TO Contractor shall revise and resubmit the plan to the TO Manager within five (5) days of the rejection, or in the timeframe set forth by the TO Manager in writing. Once a Remediation Plan has been accepted in writing by the TO Manager, the TO Contractor shall immediately implement the Remediation Plan.

- C. Should performance issues persist despite the approved Remediation Plan, the TO Manager will give written notice of the continuing performance issues and either request a new Remediation Plan within a specified time limit or direct the removal and replacement of the TO Contractor Personnel whose performance is at issue. A request for a new Remediation Plan will follow the procedure described in Section 3.7.2B.
- D. In circumstances of directed removal, the TO Contractor shall provide a suitable replacement for TO Manager approval within fifteen (15) days of date of the notification of directed removal, or the actual removal, whichever occurs first. However, if the TO Manager determines that the State's best interests require removal of the TO Contractor Personnel with less than fifteen (15) days' notice, the TO Manager can direct removal in shorter timeframe, including immediate removal.
- E. Normally, a directed personnel replacement will occur only after prior notification of problems with requested remediation, as described above. However, the TO Manager reserves the right to direct immediate personnel replacement without utilizing the remediation procedure described above.
- F. Replacement or substitution of TO Contractor Personnel under this section shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, the State's remedies under the Task Order or which otherwise may be available at law or in equity.

### 3.7.3 SUBSTITUTION OF PERSONNEL

#### 3.7.3.1 PRIOR TO AND 30 DAYS POST TASK ORDER EXECUTION

Prior to Task Order Execution or within thirty (30) days after Task Order Execution, the Offeror may substitute proposed Key Personnel only under the following circumstances: vacancy occurs due to the sudden termination, resignation, or approved leave of absence due to an Extraordinary Personnel Event, or death of such personnel. To qualify for such substitution, the Offeror must describe to the State's satisfaction the event necessitating substitution and must demonstrate that the originally proposed personnel are actual full-time direct employees with the Offeror (subcontractors, temporary staff or 1099 contractors do not qualify). Proposed substitutions shall be of equal caliber or higher, in the State's sole discretion. Proposed substitutes deemed by the State to be less qualified than the originally proposed individual may be grounds for pre-award disqualification or post-award termination.

**An Extraordinary Personnel Event** – means Leave under the Family Medical Leave Act; an incapacitating injury or incapacitating illness; or other circumstances that in the sole discretion of the State warrant an extended leave of absence, such as extended jury duty or extended military service.

#### 3.7.3.2 SUBSTITUTION POST 30 DAYS AFTER TASK ORDER EXECUTION

The procedure for substituting personnel after Task Order execution is as follows:

- A) The TO Contractor may not substitute personnel without the prior approval of the TO Manager.
- B) To replace any personnel, the TO Contractor shall submit resumes of the proposed individual specifying the intended approved labor category. Any proposed substitute



personnel shall have qualifications equal to or better than those of the replaced personnel.

- C) Proposed substitute individual shall be approved by the TO Manager. The TO Manager shall have the option to interview the proposed substitute personnel and may require that such interviews be in person. After the interview, the TO Manager shall notify the TO Contractor of acceptance or denial of the requested substitution. If no acceptable substitute personnel is proposed within the time frame established by the TO Manager, the TO Agreement may be cancelled.

#### **3.7.4 PREMISES AND OPERATIONAL SECURITY**

THIS SECTION IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS TORFP.

#### **3.7.5 WORK SPACE, WORKSTATIONS, NETWORK CONNECTIVITY AND SOFTWARE**

MSDE will provide all necessary office space, network connectivity and required workstation hardware/software necessary to complete the requirements of this Task Order.

### **3.8 DELIVERABLES**

#### **3.8.1 DELIVERABLE SUBMISSION**

For every deliverable, the TO Contractor shall request that the TO Manager confirm receipt of that deliverable by sending an e-mail identifying the deliverable name and date of receipt.

Unless specified otherwise, written deliverables shall be compatible with Microsoft Office, Microsoft Project and/or Microsoft Visio versions 2010 or later. At the TO Manager's discretion, the TO Manager may request one hard copy of a written deliverable.

A standard deliverable review cycle will be elaborated and agreed-upon between the State and the TO Contractor. This review process is entered into when the TO Contractor completes a deliverable.

For any written deliverable, the TO Manager may request a draft version of the deliverable, to comply with the minimum deliverable quality criteria listed in Section 3.8.3. Drafts of each final deliverable, except status reports, are required at least two weeks in advance of when the final deliverables are due (with the exception of deliverables due at the beginning of the project where this lead time is not possible, or where draft delivery date is explicitly specified). Draft versions of a deliverable shall comply with the minimum deliverable quality criteria listed in Section 3.8.3.

#### **3.8.2 DELIVERABLE ACCEPTANCE**

A final deliverable shall satisfy the scope and requirements of this TORFP for that deliverable, including the quality and acceptance criteria for a final deliverable as defined in Section 3.8.4 Deliverable Descriptions/Acceptance Criteria.

The TO Manager shall review a final deliverable to determine compliance with the acceptance criteria as defined for that deliverable. The TO Manager is responsible for coordinating comments and input from various team members and stakeholders. The TO Manager is responsible for providing clear guidance and direction to the TO Contractor in the event of divergent feedback from various team members.

In the event of rejection of a deliverable, the TO Manager will formally communicate in writing any deliverable deficiencies or non-conformities to the TO Contractor, describing in those deficiencies

what shall be corrected prior to acceptance of the deliverable in sufficient detail for the TO Contractor to address the deficiencies. The TO Contractor shall correct deficiencies and resubmit the corrected deliverable for acceptance within the agreed-upon time period for correction.

At the TO Manager's discretion, subsequent project tasks may not continue until deliverable deficiencies are rectified and accepted by the TO Manager or the TO Manager has specifically issued, in writing, a waiver for conditional continuance of project tasks.

### 3.8.3 MINIMUM DELIVERABLE QUALITY

The TO Contractor shall subject each deliverable to its internal quality-control process prior to submitting the deliverable to the State.

Each deliverable shall meet the following minimum acceptance criteria:

- A) Be presented in a format appropriate for the subject matter and depth of discussion.
- B) Be organized in a manner that presents a logical flow of the deliverable's content.
- C) Represent factual information reasonably expected to have been known at the time of submittal.
- D) In each section of the deliverable, include only information relevant to that section of the deliverable.
- E) Contain content and presentation consistent with industry best practices in terms of deliverable completeness, clarity, and quality.
- F) Meets the acceptance criteria applicable to that deliverable, including any State policies, functional or non-functional requirements, or industry standards.
- G) Contains no structural errors such as poor grammar, misspellings or incorrect punctuation.

A draft written deliverable may contain limited structural errors such as incorrect punctuation, and shall represent a significant level of completeness toward the associated final written deliverable. The draft written deliverable shall otherwise comply with minimum deliverable quality criteria above.

### 3.8.4 DELIVERABLE DESCRIPTIONS / ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The TO Contractor may suggest other subtasks, artifacts, or deliverables to improve the quality and success of the assigned tasks.

ID #	Deliverable Description	Acceptance Criteria	Due Date / Frequency
3.8.4.1	Biweekly Status Report	MS Word document that shall describe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tasks accomplished during reporting period.</li> <li>• Tasks planned for the next reporting period</li> <li>• Issues, risks, action items</li> </ul>	Every 2 weeks by COB on Friday or as directed by the TO Manager
3.8.4.2	Vendor Edit Report	Report, in MS Word, that identifies any data	Within 2 days of high school assessment testing

ID #	Deliverable Description	Acceptance Criteria	Due Date / Frequency
		anomalies in the deliverable provided by high school assessment testing vendor.	vendor sending deliverable or as directed by the TO Manager.
3.8.4.3	Local School System Edit Reports and Data Files	Reports, in MS Word, that identify any data anomalies or errors in local school system data with corresponding data files.	Within 2 days of vendor sending deliverable or as directed by the TO Manager.
3.8.4.4	Local School System High School Assessment student level deliverables	Provide each local school system a high school assessment student level deliverable consisting of data file and summary reports after each of the five administrations (January, April, May, Summer, and October).	After each test administration or as directed by the TO Manager.

### 3.9 WORK ORDER PROCESS

THIS SECTION IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS TORFP.

### 3.10 INVOICING

Invoice payments to the TO Contractor shall be governed by the terms and conditions defined in the CATS+ Master Contract.

Proper invoices for payment shall be submitted to the TO Manager for payment approval as described below. Invoices shall be submitted monthly.

#### 3.10.1 INVOICE SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

- A) Proper invoices for payment shall contain the TO Contractor's Federal Tax Identification Number, MSDE as the recipient, date of invoice, TO Agreement number, invoiced item description, invoiced item number (e.g., "2.7.4.1."), period of performance covered by the invoice, a total invoice amount, and a TO Contractor point of contact with telephone number.
- B) All invoices submitted for payment shall be accompanied by signed notice(s) of acceptance as described below. Payment of invoices will be withheld if the appropriate signed acceptance form documentation is not submitted.
  - 1) To be considered a proper T&M invoice (for Task Order requirements and for T&M Work Orders issued under this Task Order) the TO Contractor shall include with the signed invoice a signed timesheet as described in 3.10.3. Include for each person covered by the invoice the following, individually listed per person: name, hours

worked, hourly labor rate, invoice amount and a copy of each person's timesheet for the period signed by the TO Manager.

- C) The TO Contractor shall mail the original of each invoice and signed notice(s) of acceptance to the TO Requesting Agency at address: Accounts Payable, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 with a copy to the TO Manager.
- D) Invoices for final payment shall be clearly marked as "FINAL" and submitted when all work requirements have been completed and no further charges are to be incurred under the TO Agreement. In no event shall any invoice be submitted later than 60 calendar days from the TO Agreement termination date.

**3.10.2 For the purposes of this Task Order an amount will not be deemed due and payable if:**

- A) The amount invoiced is inconsistent with the Task Order Agreement.
- B) The proper invoice has not been received by the party or office specified in the Task Order Agreement.
- C) The invoice or performance under the contract is in dispute or the TO Contractor has failed to otherwise comply with the provisions of the Task Order Agreement
- D) The item or services have not been accepted.
- E) The quantity of items delivered is less than the quantity ordered.
- F) The items or services do not meet the quality requirements of the Task Order
- G) If the Contract provides for progress payments, the proper invoice for the progress payment has not been submitted pursuant to the schedule contained in the agreement
- H) If the Contract provides for withholding a retainage and the invoice is for the retainage, all stipulated conditions for release of the retainage have not been met.
- I) The Contractor has not submitted satisfactory documentation or other evidence reasonably required by the TO Procurement Officer or by the contract concerning performance under the Task Order Agreement and compliance with its provisions.

**3.10.3 TIME SHEET SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE**

Time sheets shall be submitted to the TO Manager prior to invoicing. The TO Manager shall sign the timesheet to indicate authorization to invoice.

Within three (3) business days after the 15th and last day of the month, the TO Contractor shall submit a semi-monthly timesheet for the preceding half month providing data for all resources provided under the TO.

At a minimum, each semi-monthly timesheet shall show:

- A) Title: "Time Sheet for HSA SAS Programmer"
- B) Issuing company name, address, and telephone number
- C) For each employee /resource:
  - a) Employee / resource name
  - b) For each Period ending date, e.g., "Period Ending: mm/dd/yyyy" (Periods run 1<sup>st</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> through last day of the month.
    - (1) Tasks completed that week and the associated deliverable names and ID#s

- (2) Number of hours worked each day
  - (3) Total number of hours worked that Period
  - (4) Weekly variance above or below 40 hours
  - (5) Annual number of hours planned under the TO
  - (6) Annual number of hours worked to date
  - (7) Balance of hours remaining
  - (8) Annual variance to date (Sum of periodic variances)
- D) Signature and date lines for the TO Manager

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## SECTION 4 - TO PROPOSAL FORMAT AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### 4.1 REQUIRED RESPONSE

Each Master Contractor receiving this CATS+ TORFP shall respond no later than the submission due date and time designated in the Key Information Summary Sheet. Each Master Contractor is required to submit one of two possible responses: 1) a proposal; or 2) a completed Master Contractor Feedback Form. The feedback form helps the State understand for future contract development why Master Contractors did not submit proposals. The form is accessible via the CATS+ Master Contractor login screen and clicking on TORFP Feedback Response Form from the menu.

A TO Proposal shall conform to the requirements of this CATS+ TORFP.

### 4.2 SUBMISSION

#### 4.2.1 E-MAIL SUBMISSION

The TO Technical Proposal shall be submitted in one or more separate e-mails from the TO Financial Proposal.

MSDE can only accept e-mails that are less than or equal to 25 MB. If a submission exceeds this size, split the submission into two or more parts and include the appropriate part number in the subject (e.g., part 1 of 2) after the subject line information above.

The TO Technical Proposal shall be contained in one or more unencrypted e-mails, with two attachments. This e-mail shall include:

- A. Subject line "CATS+ TORFP # R00B6400006 Technical" plus the Master Contractor Name
- B. One attachment labeled "TORFP R00B6400006 Technical - Attachments" containing all Technical Proposal Attachments (see Section 4.3 below), signed and in PDF format.
- C. One attachment labeled "TORFP R00B6400006 Technical – Proposal" in Microsoft Word format (2010 or later).

The TO Financial Proposal shall be contained in one e-mail containing as attachments all submission documents detailed in section 4.4.2, with password protection.

MSDE will contact Offerors for the password to open each file. Each file shall be encrypted with the same password. The TO Procurement Officer will only contact those Offerors with TO Proposals that are reasonably susceptible for award. Offerors that are unable to provide a password that opens the TO Financial Proposal documents will be deemed not susceptible for award. Subsequent submissions of financial content will not be allowed. This e-mail shall include:

- A. Subject line "CATS+ TORFP # R00B6400006 Financial" plus the Master Contractor Name
- B. One attachment labeled "TORFP R00B6400006 Financial" containing the TO Financial Proposal contents, signed and in PDF format.

#### 4.2.2 PAPER SUBMISSION

MSDE strongly desires TO Proposal submissions in e-mail format. An Offeror wishing to deliver a hard copy (paper) TO Proposal shall contact the TO Procurement Officer for instructions.

### 4.3 SUMMARY OF ATTACHMENTS

No attachment forms shall be altered. Signatures shall be clearly visible.

The following signed attachments shall be included with the TO Technical Proposal in PDF format (for e-mail delivery). For paper submissions, submit two (2) copies of each with original signatures.

- A. Attachment 4 – Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure
- B. Attachment 5A and 5B- Attachment 5A Minimum Qualifications Summary and Attachment 5B Personnel Resume Form
- C. Attachment 12 – Living Wage Affidavit of Agreement
- D. Attachment 15 - Certification Regarding Investments in Iran

The following attachments shall be included with the TO Financial Proposal with password protection:

- A. Attachment 1 Price Sheet – Signed PDF

### 4.4 PROPOSAL FORMAT

A TO Proposal shall contain the following sections in order:

#### 4.4.1 TO TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

**Important: A TO Technical Proposal shall include NO pricing information.**

##### A) Proposed Services

- 1) Executive Summary: A one-page summary describing the Offeror's understanding of the TORFP scope of work (Section 3) and proposed solution.
- 2) Assumptions: A description of any assumptions formed by the Offeror in developing the TO Technical Proposal.
- 3) Tools the Master Contractor owns and proposes for use to meet any requirements in Section 3.

##### B) Compliance with Offeror's Company Minimum Qualifications

There are no company minimum qualifications.

##### C) Proposed Personnel and TORFP Staffing

Offeror shall propose exactly one (1) Key Personnel in response to this TORFP.

- 1) Complete and provide for each proposed resource Attachment 5A Minimum Qualifications Summary and Attachment 5B Personnel Resume Form.
- 2) Provide evidence proposed personnel possess the required certifications in accordance with Section 2.1.2 Offeror's Personnel Minimum Qualifications.
- 3) Provide three (3) references per proposed Key Personnel containing the information listed in Attachment 5B.

##### D) MBE, SBE Participation and VSBE Participation

NO MBE, SBE, or VSBE forms are required for this TORFP.

##### E) Master Contractor and Subcontractor Experience and Capabilities

- 1) Provide up to three examples of engagements or contracts the Master Contractor or subcontractor, if applicable, has completed that were similar to Section 3 - Scope of Work. Include contact information for each client organization complete with the following:
  - a) Name of organization.
  - b) Point of contact name, title, e-mail and telephone number (point of contact shall be accessible and knowledgeable regarding experience)
  - c) Services provided as they relate to Section 3 - Scope of Work.
  - d) Start and end dates for each example engagement or contract.
  - e) Current Master Contractor team personnel who participated on the engagement.
  - f) If the Master Contractor is no longer providing the services, explain why not.
- 2) State of Maryland Experience: If applicable, the Master Contractor shall submit a list of all contracts it currently holds or has held within the past five years with any entity of the State of Maryland.

For each identified contract, the Master Contractor shall provide the following (if not already provided in sub paragraph 1 above):

- a) Contract or task order name
- b) Name of organization.
- c) Point of contact name, title, e-mail, and telephone number (point of contact shall be accessible and knowledgeable regarding experience)
- d) Start and end dates for each engagement or contract. If the Master Contractor is no longer providing the services, explain why not.
- e) Dollar value of the contract.
- f) Indicate if the contract was terminated before the original expiration date.
- g) Indicate if any renewal options were not exercised.

Note - State of Maryland experience can be included as part of Section 2 above as engagement or contract experience. State of Maryland experience is neither required nor given more weight in proposal evaluations.

F) State Assistance

Provide an estimate of expectation concerning participation by State personnel.

G) Confidentiality

A Master Contractor should give specific attention to the identification of those portions of its proposal that it considers confidential, proprietary commercial information or trade secrets, and provide justification why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by the State under the Public Information Act, Title 4, of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Master Contractors are advised that, upon request for this information from a third party, the TO Procurement Officer will be required to make an independent determination regarding whether the information may be disclosed.



Offeror shall furnish a list that identifies each section of the TO Technical Proposal where, in the Offeror's opinion, the Offeror's response should not be disclosed by the State under the Public Information Act.

#### **4.4.2 TO FINANCIAL PROPOSAL**

- A) A description of any assumptions on which the Master Contractor's TO Financial Proposal is based (Assumptions shall not constitute conditions, contingencies, or exceptions to the Price Sheet);
- B) Attachment 1– Price Sheet, with all proposed labor categories including all rates fully loaded. Master Contractors shall list all key resources by approved CATS+ labor categories in the price proposal.
- C) To be responsive to this TORFP, the Price Sheet (Attachment 1) shall provide labor rates for all labor categories anticipated for this TORFP. Proposed rates shall not exceed the rates defined in the Master Contract for the Master Contract year(s) in effect at the time of the TO Proposal due date.

Note: Failure to specify a CATS+ labor category in the completed Price Sheet for each proposed resource will make the TO proposal non-responsive to this TORFP.

- D) Prices shall be valid for 120 days.

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## SECTION 5 - TASK ORDER AWARD PROCESS

### 5.1 OVERVIEW

The TO Contractor will be selected from among all eligible Master Contractors within the appropriate Functional Area responding to the CATS+ TORFP. In making the TO Agreement award determination, the TO Requesting Agency will consider all information submitted in accordance with Section 4.

### 5.2 TO PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following are technical criteria for evaluating a TO Proposal in descending order of importance. Failure to meet the minimum qualifications shall render a TO Proposal not reasonably susceptible for award:

- A) The capability of the proposed resources to perform the required tasks and produce the required deliverables in the TORFP Scope of Work – Section 3. Capability will be determined from each proposed individual’s resume, reference checks, and oral presentation (See Section 1.5 Oral Presentations/Interviews).
- B) The overall experience, capability and references for the Master Contractor as described in the Master Contractor’s TO Technical Proposal.

### 5.3 SELECTION PROCEDURES

- A) TO Proposals will be assessed throughout the evaluation process for compliance with the minimum qualifications listed in Section 2 of this TORFP, and quality of responses to Section 4.4.1 TO Technical Proposal.
- B) For all TO Proposals deemed technically qualified, interviews of proposed personnel will be performed. As described in Section 1.5, in the event that more than ten (10) responsive proposals, the TO Procurement Officer may perform a down select. The TO Procurement Officer will notify the Offeror at time of scheduling initial interviews whether subsequent rounds of interviews are required. When used, the down select procedures to be followed by the TO Procurement Officer are as follows:
  - a) An initial interview will be performed for all proposals meeting minimum requirements.
  - b) A technical ranking will be performed for all proposals based on initial the interview. Proposals will be ranked from highest to lowest for technical merit based on the quality of the proposals submitted and interview results.
  - c) The top ten (10) proposals identified by the technical ranking will be notified of additional interviews. All other Offerors will be notified of non-selection for this TORFP.
- C) For TO Proposals deemed technically qualified, the associated TO Financial Proposal will be opened. All others will be deemed not reasonably susceptible for award and the TO Procurement Officer will notify the Master Contractor it has not been selected to perform the work.
- D) Qualified TO Financial Proposal responses will be reviewed and ranked from lowest to highest price proposed.
- E) The most advantageous TO Proposal considering both the technical and financial submissions shall be selected for TO award. In making this selection, technical merit has greater weight.

F) All Master Contractors submitting a TO Proposal shall receive written notice from the TO Procurement Officer identifying the awardee.

#### **5.4 COMMENCEMENT OF WORK UNDER A TO AGREEMENT**

Commencement of work in response to a TO Agreement shall be initiated only upon:

- a. Issuance of a fully executed TO Agreement,
- b. Non-Disclosure Agreement (TO Contractor),
- c. Purchase Order, and
- d. By a Notice to Proceed authorized by the TO Procurement Officer. See Attachment 7 - Notice to Proceed (sample).

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## LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

<b>Attachment Label</b>	<b>Attachment Name</b>	<b>Applicable to this TORFP?</b>	<b>Submit with Proposal?*</b> <b>(Submit, Do Not Submit, N/A)</b>
Attachment 1	Price Sheet	Applicable	Submit with TO Financial Proposal with password protection
Attachment 2	Minority Business Enterprise Participation (Attachments 1A – 5)	Not Applicable	N/A
Attachment 3	Task Order Agreement (TO Agreement)	Applicable	Do Not Submit with Proposal
Attachment 4	Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure	Applicable	Submit with TO Technical Proposal
Attachment 5	Labor Classification Personnel Resume Summary	Applicable	Submit with TO Technical Proposal
Attachment 6	Pre-Proposal Conference Directions	Applicable	Do Not Submit with Proposal
Attachment 7	Notice to Proceed (Sample)	Applicable	Do Not Submit with Proposal
Attachment 8	Agency Deliverable Product Acceptance Form (DPAF)	Not Applicable	N/A
Attachment 9	Non-Disclosure Agreement (Offeror)	Not Applicable	Do Not Submit with Proposal
Attachment 10	Non-Disclosure Agreement (TO Contractor)	Applicable	Do Not Submit with Proposal
Attachment 11	TO Contractor Self-Reporting Checklist	Applicable	Do Not Submit with Proposal
Attachment 12	Living Wage Affidavit of Agreement	Applicable	Submit with TO Technical Proposal
Attachment 13	Mercury Affidavit	Not Applicable	N/A
Attachment 14	Veteran Owned Small Business Enterprise Utilization Affidavit	Not Applicable	N/A
Attachment 15	Certification Regarding Investments in Iran	Applicable	Submit with TO Technical Proposal
Attachment 16	Sample Work Order	Not Applicable	N/A
Attachment 17	Criminal Background Check Affidavit	Not Applicable	N/A

\*if not specified in submission instructions, any attachment submitted with response shall be in PDF format and signed

**ATTACHMENT 1 PRICE SHEET****PRICE SHEET (TIME AND MATERIALS) FOR CATS+ TORFP # R00B6400006**

The total class hours (Column B) are not to be construed as “guaranteed” hours; the total number of hours is an estimate only for purposes of price sheet evaluation.

A year for this task order shall be calculated as one calendar year from NTP. **Labor Rate**

**Maximums:** The maximum labor rate that may be proposed for any CATS+ Labor Category shall not exceed the maximum for the CATS+ Master Contract year in effect on the TO Proposal due date.

Job Title from TORFP	CATS+ Labor Category	Hourly Labor Rate (A)	Total Class Hours (B)	Total Proposed CATS+ TORFP Price (C)
<b>Year 1</b>				
High School Assessment SAS Programmer	Insert CATS+ Labor Category	\$	2080	\$
			<b>Evaluated Price Year 1</b>	\$
<b>Year 2</b>				
High School Assessment SAS Programmer	Insert CATS+ Labor Category	\$	2080	\$
			<b>Evaluated Price Year 2</b>	\$
<b>Year 3</b>				
High School Assessment SAS Programmer	Insert CATS+ Labor Category	\$	2080	\$
			<b>Evaluated Price Year 3</b>	\$
<b>Option Year 4</b>				
High School Assessment SAS Programmer	Insert CATS+ Labor Category	\$	2080	\$
			<b>Evaluated Price Option Year 4</b>	\$
<b>Option Year 5</b>				
High School Assessment SAS Programmer	Insert CATS+ Labor Category	\$	2080	\$
			<b>Evaluated Price Option Year 5</b>	\$
<b>Total Evaluated Price (Years 1 – 5)</b>				\$

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Authorized Individual Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Tax ID #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The Hourly Labor Rate is the actual rate the State will pay for services and shall be recorded in dollars and cents. The Hourly Labor Rate cannot exceed the Master Contract Rate but may be lower. Rates shall be fully loaded, all-inclusive, i.e., include all direct and indirect costs and profits for the Master Contractor to perform under the TO Agreement.

**ATTACHMENT 2 MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE FORMS**

The Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) subcontractor participation goal for this solicitation is 0%.

**ATTACHMENT 3 TASK ORDER AGREEMENT**

CATS+ TORFP# R00B6400006 OF MASTER CONTRACT #060B2490023

This Task Order Agreement (“TO Agreement”) is made this \_\_\_ day of August, 2015 by and between \_\_\_\_\_ (TO Contractor) and the STATE OF MARYLAND, Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises and the covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions. In this TO Agreement, the following words have the meanings indicated:
  - a) “Agency” means Maryland State Department of Education, as identified in the CATS+ TORFP # R00B6400006.
  - b) “CATS+ TORFP” means the Task Order Request for Proposals # R00B6400006, dated MONTH DAY, YEAR, including any addenda and amendments.
  - c) “Master Contract” means the CATS+ Master Contract between the Maryland Department of Information Technology and TO Contractor dated April 22, 2013.
  - d) “TO Procurement Officer” means June Dwyer. The Agency may change the TO Procurement Officer at any time by written notice.
  - e) “TO Agreement” means this signed TO Agreement between MSDE and TO Contractor.
  - f) “TO Contractor” means the CATS+ Master Contractor awarded this TO Agreement, whose principal business address is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - g) “TO Manager” means Chandra Haislet. The Agency may change the TO Manager at any time by written notice to the TO Contractor.
  - h) “TO Technical Proposal” means the TO Contractor’s technical response to the CATS+ TORFP dated date of TO Technical Proposal.
  - i) “TO Financial Proposal” means the TO Contractor’s financial response to the CATS+ TORFP dated date of TO Financial Proposal.
  - j) “TO Proposal” collectively refers to the TO Technical Proposal and TO Financial Proposal.
2. Scope of Work
  - 2.1 This TO Agreement incorporates all of the terms and conditions of the Master Contract and shall not in any way amend, conflict with or supersede the Master Contract.
  - 2.2 The TO Contractor shall, in full satisfaction of the specific requirements of this TO Agreement, provide the services set forth in Section 3 of the CATS+ TORFP. These services shall be provided in accordance with the Master Contract, this TO Agreement, and the following Exhibits, which are attached and incorporated herein by reference. If there is any conflict among the Master Contract, this TO Agreement, and these Exhibits, the terms of the Master Contract shall govern. If there is any conflict between this TO Agreement and any of these Exhibits, the following order of precedence shall determine the prevailing provision:
    - a) The TO Agreement,
    - b) Exhibit A – CATS+ TORFP
    - c) Exhibit B – TO Technical Proposal

## d) Exhibit C – TO Financial Proposal

2.3 The TO Procurement Officer may, at any time, by written order, make changes in the work within the general scope of the TO Agreement. No other order, statement or conduct of the TO Procurement Officer or any other person shall be treated as a change or entitle the TO Contractor to an equitable adjustment under this Section. Except as otherwise provided in this TO Agreement, if any change under this Section causes an increase or decrease in the TO Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the work, whether or not changed by the order, an equitable adjustment in the TO Agreement price shall be made and the TO Agreement modified in writing accordingly. The TO Contractor must assert in writing its right to an adjustment under this Section within thirty (30) days of receipt of written change order and shall include a written statement setting forth the nature and cost of such claim. No claim by the TO Contractor shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this TO Agreement. Failure to agree to an adjustment under this Section shall be a dispute under the Disputes clause of the Master Contract. Nothing in this Section shall excuse the TO Contractor from proceeding with the TO Agreement as changed.

## 3. Time for Performance

Unless terminated earlier as provided in the Master Contract, the TO Contractor shall provide the services described in the TO Proposal and in accordance with the CATS+ TORFP on receipt of a Notice to Proceed from the TO Manager. The term of this TO Agreement is for a period of three (3) base years, commencing on the date the TO Agreement is fully executed and terminating on Month Day, Year. At the sole option of the State, this TO Agreement may be extended for two (2) additional, one (1) year periods for a total TO Agreement period ending on Month, Day, Year.

## 4. Consideration and Payment

4.1 The consideration to be paid the TO Contractor shall be done so in accordance with the CATS+ TORFP and shall not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_. Any work performed by the TO Contractor in excess of the not-to-exceed ceiling amount of the TO Agreement without the prior written approval of the TO Manager is at the TO Contractor's risk of non-payment.

4.2 Payments to the TO Contractor shall be made as outlined Section 3 of the CATS+ TORFP, but no later than thirty (30) days after the Agency's receipt of a proper invoice for services provided by the TO Contractor, acceptance by the Agency of services provided by the TO Contractor, and pursuant to the conditions outlined in Section 4 of this Agreement.

4.3 Each invoice for services rendered must include the TO Contractor's Federal Tax Identification Number which is \_\_\_\_\_. Charges for late payment of invoices other than as prescribed by Title 15, Subtitle 1, of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as from time-to-time amended, are prohibited. Invoices must be submitted to the Agency TO Manager unless otherwise specified herein.

4.4 In addition to any other available remedies, if, in the opinion of the TO Procurement Officer, the TO Contractor fails to perform in a satisfactory and timely manner, the TO Procurement Officer may refuse or limit approval of any invoice for payment, and may cause payments to the TO Contractor to be reduced or withheld until such time as the TO Contractor meets performance standards as established by the TO Procurement Officer.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this TO Agreement as of the date hereinabove set forth.

TO Contractor Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: Type or Print TO Contractor POC

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: Teresa Dantzler, Chief Administrative Services Branch

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved for form and legal sufficiency this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Attorney General

**ATTACHMENT 4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT AND DISCLOSURE**

- A) "Conflict of interest" means that because of other activities or relationships with other persons, a person is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the State, or the person's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be otherwise impaired, or a person has an unfair competitive advantage.
- B) "Person" has the meaning stated in COMAR 21.01.02.01B(64) and includes a bidder, offeror, contractor, consultant, or subcontractor or subconsultant at any tier, and also includes an employee or agent of any of them if the employee or agent has or will have the authority to control or supervise all or a portion of the work for which a bid or offer is made.
- C) The bidder or offeror warrants that, except as disclosed in §D, below, there are no relevant facts or circumstances now giving rise or which could, in the future, give rise to a conflict of interest.
- D) The following facts or circumstances give rise or could in the future give rise to a conflict of interest (explain in detail—attach additional sheets if necessary):
- E) The bidder or offeror agrees that if an actual or potential conflict of interest arises after the date of this affidavit, the bidder or offeror shall immediately make a full disclosure in writing to the procurement officer of all relevant facts and circumstances. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the bidder or offeror has taken and proposes to take to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict of interest. If the contract has been awarded and performance of the contract has begun, the Contractor shall continue performance until notified by the procurement officer of any contrary action to be taken.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

(Authorized Representative and Affiant)

## ATTACHMENT 5 LABOR CLASSIFICATION PERSONNEL RESUME SUMMARY (INSTRUCTIONS)

- 1) For this TORFP,
  - a) Master Contractors shall comply with all personnel requirements defined under the Master Contract RFP 060B2490023.
  - b) Master Contractors shall propose the resource that best fits the specified CATS+ Labor Category. A Master Contractor may only propose against labor categories in the Master Contractor's CATS+ Master Contract Financial Proposal.
  - c) A Master Contractor's entire TO Technical Proposal will be deemed not susceptible for award if any of the following occurs:
    - i) Failure to follow these instructions.
    - ii) Failure to propose a resource for each job title or labor category identified in the TORFP as a required submission.
    - iii) Failure of any proposed resource to meet minimum requirements as listed in this TORFP and in the CATS+ Master Contract.
    - iv) Placing content on the Minimum Qualifications Summary that is not also on the Personnel Resume Form. *The function of the Minimum Qualifications Summary is to aid the agency to make a minimum qualification determination. Information on the Minimum Qualification Summary must correspond with information on the Personnel Resume form and shall not contain additional content not found on the other form.*
    - v) A resource proposed in response to this TORFP is not available as of TO award. Substitutions prior to award are considered alternate proposals and will not be allowed.
  - d) Complete and sign the **Minimum Qualifications Summary** (Attachment 5A) and the **Personnel Resume Form** (Attachment 5B) for each resource proposed. Alternate resume formats are not allowed.
    - i) The **Minimum Qualifications Summary** demonstrates the proposed resource meets minimum qualifications for the labor category, as defined in the CATS+ Master Contract RFP Section 2.10, and any additional minimum requirements stated in this TORFP. For each minimum qualification, indicate the location on the Personnel Resume Form (5B) demonstrating meeting this requirement.

Only include the experience relevant to meeting a particular minimum qualification. Every skill must be linked to specific work experience and/or education. *The Minimum Qualification Summary shall not contain content that cannot be correlated to the Personnel Resume form.*

Every experience listed on the Minimum Qualifications Resume Summary must be explicitly listed with start and stop dates. Where there is a time requirement such as three months' experience, you must provide the dates from and to showing an amount of time that equals or exceeds the mandatory time requirement; in this case, three months. Note: Overlapping time periods shall only count once against a specific

minimum qualification (i.e., a minimum qualification may not be met by listing two examples occurring during the same time period.).

- ii) The **Personnel Resume Form** provides resumes in a standard format. Additional information may be attached to each Personnel Resume Summary if it aids a full and complete understanding of the individual proposed.

**ATTACHMENT 5                      5A – MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY**

CATS+ TORFP # R00B640006

*All content on this form must also be on the Personnel Resume Form.**ONLY include information on this summary that supports meeting a minimum qualification.*

Proposed Individual's Name and Company/Sub-Contractor:	List how the proposed individual meets each requirement by including a reference to relevant entries in Form 5B									
<b>LABOR CATEGORY TITLE – Software Engineering</b>										
<b>Education:</b> Insert the education description from a. The CATS+ Master Contract RFP from Section 2.10 for the applicable labor category b. The minimum qualifications and required certifications in Section 2.1 of this TORFP	(Identify school or institution Name; Address; Degree obtained and dates attended.)									
<b>Generalized Experience:</b> Insert the generalized experience description from the CATS+ Master Contract RFP from Section 2.10 for the applicable labor category Provide dates in the format of MM/YY to MM/YY	(Identify specific work experiences from the resume that illustrate compliance with the Master Contract RFP Labor Category requirements for Generalized Experience.) <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 20%;">FROM</th> <th style="width: 15%;">TO</th> <th style="width: 65%;">Job Title and Company</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Match to Form 5B:</td> <td>&lt;insert cross-reference(s) to the full description on Form 5B&gt;</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	FROM	TO	Job Title and Company				Match to Form 5B:		<insert cross-reference(s) to the full description on Form 5B>
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<b>Specialized Experience:</b> Insert the specialized experience description from the CATS+ Master Contract RFP from Section 2.10 for the applicable labor category Provide dates in the format of MM/YY to MM/YY	(Identify specific work experiences from the resume that illustrate compliance with the Master Contract RFP Labor Category requirements for Specialized Experience.) <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 20%;">FROM</th> <th style="width: 15%;">TO</th> <th style="width: 65%;">Job Title and Company</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Match to Form 5B:</td> <td>&lt;insert cross-reference to the full description on Form 5B&gt;</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	FROM	TO	Job Title and Company				Match to Form 5B:		<insert cross-reference to the full description on Form 5B>
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<b>TORFP Additional Requirements</b> Minimum qualifications and required certifications as defined in Section 2.1 of this TORFP. Provide dates in the format of MM/YY to MM/YY										

The information provided on this form for this labor class is true and correct to the best of my knowledge (Signatures must be included):

**Master Contractor Representative:**\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature\_\_\_\_\_  
Date**Proposed Individual:**\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ATTACHMENT 5 5B – PERSONNEL RESUME FORM**

CATS+ TORFP # R00B640006

Instructions: Submit one resume form for each resource proposed. Do not submit other resume formats. Fill out each box as instructed. Failure to follow the instructions on the instructions page and in TORFP may result in the TO Proposal being considered not susceptible for award.

Resource Name:	
Master Contractor:	<insert Master Contractor name> Sub-Contractor (if applicable):
Proposed CATS+ Labor Category:	<proposed by Master Contractor OR agency inserts the CATS+ labor category>
Job Title (As listed in TORFP):	<as described in this TORFP>

**Education / Training (start with most recent degree / certificate)**

Institution Name / City / State	Degree / Certification	Year Completed	Field Of Study
<add lines as needed>			

**Relevant Work Experience\***

Describe work experience relevant to the Duties / Responsibilities and Minimum Qualifications described in Section 3 of the TORFP. Start with the most recent experience first; do not include experience not relevant to the scope of this TORFP; use Employment History below for full employment history. Enter dates as MM/YY – MM/YY. Add lines as needed.

[Organization] [Title / Role] [Period of Employment / Work (MM/YY – MM/YY)] [Location] [Contact Person (Optional if current employer)] [Technologies Used]	Description of Work (recommended: organize work descriptions to address minimum qualifications and other requirements)
[Organization] [Title / Role] [Period of Employment / Work MM/YY – MM/YY] [Location] [Contact Person] [Technologies Used]	Description of Work (recommended: organize work descriptions to address minimum qualifications and other requirements)

\*Fill out each box. Do not enter “see resume” as a response.

**A) References for Proposed Resource (if requested in the TORFP)**

List persons the State may contact as employment references. Add lines as needed.

Reference Number:	1
Date From:	<mm/yy>
Date To:	<mm/yy>
Organization Name:	<insert organization name>

Contact Name:	<insert contact>
Contact Phone:	<insert phone>
Contact e-mail:	<insert e-mail>
Details:	<insert details>

The information provided on this form for this labor class is true and correct to the best of my knowledge (Signatures must be included):

**Master Contractor Representative:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Proposed Individual:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Instruction: Sign each form.*

## ATTACHMENT 6 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE DIRECTIONS

The Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the following location:

MSDE  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor, CR 6/7  
200 West Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

### **From Interstate 95 (Washington, D. C.)**

95 to Exit 53 – “Route 395 North/Downtown”. On 395, take exit “Downtown/Inner Harbor”, which is the left lane. Stay in left lane. “Downtown/Inner Harbor” exit becomes Howard Street. Cross Conway, Camden, and Pratt Streets. After Pratt, get in the right lane. Cross Lombard Street, turn right at next light which is Baltimore Street. You can turn right from both lanes, but the left lane of Howard Street puts you into the left lane of Baltimore Street and gives easy access to the parking lot, and directly across from the Royal Farms Arena (Formerly First Mariners Arena).

### **From Interstate 95 (North of Baltimore—Philadelphia/New York)**

95 South to Baltimore. Pass the exits to 695 – Baltimore Beltway. As soon as you pass the 695 exits, get in the right two lanes. Stay to the right and follow signs to 95 South/Ft. McHenry Tunnel. (The left two lanes go to 895 and the “old” Harbor Tunnel.) When you exit the Ft. McHenry tunnel stay on the right and take the first exit – 395/Baltimore/Downtown. On the exit ramp you should begin to move to the left and continue to follow the signs that say “Downtown/Inner Harbor”. Downtown/Inner Harbor” exit becomes Howard Street. Cross Conway, Camden, and Pratt Streets. After Pratt, get in the right lane. Cross Lombard Street, turn right at next light which is Baltimore Street. You can turn right from both lanes, but the left lane of Howard Street puts you into the left lane of Baltimore Street and gives easy access to the parking lot next to the building. MSDE is in the middle of the block, on the left, right next to the parking lot, and directly across from the Royal Farms Arena (Formerly First Mariners Arena).

### **From Annapolis – Route 50**

Route 50 West to Route 97 North to Baltimore to exit “695 (Baltimore Beltway) West” to Baltimore. Take Exit 7B from the Beltway to Baltimore-Washington Parkway “295 North to Baltimore”. Follow directions below for 295 North to Baltimore.

### **From the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (Route 295)**

295 North to Baltimore – all the way into Baltimore City. The name of the road/street changes from BW Parkway to Russell Street to Paca Street. As you come into the city you will pass the site of the new Camden Yards (Oriole Ballpark) on the right, you will cross Pratt Street, Lombard Street, and Redwood Street. At Baltimore Street turn right. Cross Eutaw Street and Howard Street. MSDE is in the middle of the block, on the left, right next to the parking lot, and directly across from the Royal Farms Arena (Formerly First Mariners Arena).



**ATTACHMENT 7 NOTICE TO PROCEED (SAMPLE)**

Month Day, Year

TO Contractor Name

TO Contractor Mailing Address

Re: CATS+ Solicitation Number (TORFP #): R00B6400006

Dear TO Contractor Contact:

This letter is your official Notice to Proceed as of Month Day, Year, for the above-referenced Task Order Agreement. Mr. / Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ of Maryland State Department of Education (Agency Name) will serve as the TO Manager and your contact person on this Task Order. He / She can be reached at telephone \_\_\_\_\_.

Enclosed is an original, fully executed Task Order Agreement and purchase order.

Sincerely,

June Dwyer

Task Order Procurement Officer

Enclosures (2)

cc: Chandra Haislet, TO Manager

Procurement Liaison Office, Department of Information Technology

Project Oversight Office, Department of Information Technology

**ATTACHMENT 8 AGENCY DELIVERABLE PRODUCT ACCEPTANCE FORM**

This attachment not applicable to this TORFP

**ATTACHMENT 9 NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (OFFEROR)**

This Non-Disclosure Agreement (the "Agreement") is made this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as "the OFFEROR ") and the State of Maryland (hereinafter referred to as "the State").

OFFEROR warrants and represents that it intends to submit a TO Proposal in response to CATS+ TORFP # R00B6400006 for High School Assessment SAS Programmer. In order for the OFFEROR to submit a TO Proposal, it will be necessary for the State to provide the OFFEROR with access to certain confidential information including, but not limited, to Private Student Data. All such information provided by the State shall be considered Confidential Information regardless of the form, format, or media upon which or in which such information is contained or provided, regardless of whether it is oral, written, electronic, or any other form, and regardless of whether the information is marked as "Confidential Information". As a condition for its receipt and access to the Confidential Information described above, the OFFEROR agrees as follows:

1. OFFEROR will not copy, disclose, publish, release, transfer, disseminate or use for any purpose in any form any Confidential Information received, except in connection with the preparation of its TO Proposal.
2. Each employee or agent of the OFFEROR who receives or has access to the Confidential Information shall execute a copy of this Agreement and the OFFEROR shall provide originals of such executed Agreements to the State. Each employee or agent of the OFFEROR who signs this Agreement shall be subject to the same terms, conditions, requirements and liabilities set forth herein that are applicable to the OFFEROR.
3. OFFEROR shall return the Confidential Information to the State within five business days of the State's Notice of recommended award. If the OFFEROR does not submit a Proposal, the OFFEROR shall return the Confidential Information to June Dwyer, MSDE on or before the due date for Proposals.
4. OFFEROR acknowledges that the disclosure of the Confidential Information may cause irreparable harm to the State and agrees that the State may obtain an injunction to prevent the disclosure, copying, or other impermissible use of the Confidential Information. The State's rights and remedies hereunder are cumulative and the State expressly reserves any and all rights, remedies, claims and actions that it may have now or in the future to protect the Confidential Information and/or to seek damages for the OFFEROR'S failure to comply with the requirements of this Agreement. The OFFEROR consents to personal jurisdiction in the Maryland State Courts.
5. In the event the State suffers any losses, damages, liabilities, expenses, or costs (including, by way of example only, attorneys' fees and disbursements) that are attributable, in whole or in part to any failure by the OFFEROR or any employee or agent of the OFFEROR to comply with the requirements of this Agreement, OFFEROR and such employees and agents of OFFEROR shall hold harmless and indemnify the State from and against any such losses, damages, liabilities, expenses, and/or costs.
6. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland.
7. OFFEROR acknowledges that pursuant to Section 11-205.1 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, a person may not willfully make a false or fraudulent statement or representation of a material fact in connection with a procurement contract. Persons making such statements are guilty of a felony and on conviction subject to a fine of not more than \$20,000 and/or imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or both. OFFEROR further acknowledges that this Agreement is a statement made in connection with a procurement contract.
8. The individual signing below warrants and represents that they are fully authorized to bind the OFFEROR to the terms and conditions specified in this Agreement. If signed below by an individual employee or agent of the OFFEROR under Section 2 of this Agreement, such individual acknowledges that a failure to comply with the requirements specified in this Agreement may result in personal liability.

OFFEROR: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT 10 NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (TO CONTRACTOR)**

THIS NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made as of this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, by and between the State of Maryland ("the State"), acting by and through its Maryland State Department of Education, <<TO REQUESTING AGENCY ACRONYM>>, (the "Agency"), and \_\_\_\_\_ ("TO Contractor"), a corporation with its principal business office located at \_\_\_\_\_ and its principal office in Maryland located at \_\_\_\_\_.

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the TO Contractor has been awarded a Task Order Agreement (the "TO Agreement") for High School Assessment SAS Programmer TORFP No. R00B640006 dated \_\_\_\_\_, (the "TORFP") issued under the Consulting and Technical Services procurement issued by the Agency, Project Number 060B2490023; and

WHEREAS, in order for the TO Contractor to perform the work required under the TO Agreement, it will be necessary for the State to provide the TO Contractor and the TO Contractor's employees and agents (collectively the "TO Contractor's Personnel") with access to certain confidential information regarding High School Student Data, School System Data, and other confidential data (the "Confidential Information").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of being given access to the Confidential Information in connection with the TORFP and the TO Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which the parties acknowledge, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. Regardless of the form, format, or media on or in which the Confidential Information is provided and regardless of whether any such Confidential Information is marked as such, Confidential Information means (1) any and all information provided by or made available by the State to the TO Contractor in connection with the TO Agreement and (2) any and all personally identifiable information (PII) (including but not limited to personal information as defined in Md. Ann. Code, State Govt. § 10-1301) and protected health information (PHI) that is provided by a person or entity to the TO Contractor in connection with this TO Agreement. Confidential Information includes, by way of example only, information that the TO Contractor views, takes notes from, copies (if the State agrees in writing to permit copying), possesses or is otherwise provided access to and use of by the State in relation to the TO Agreement.
2. TO Contractor shall not, without the State's prior written consent, copy, disclose, publish, release, transfer, disseminate, use, or allow access for any purpose or in any form, any Confidential Information except for the sole and exclusive purpose of performing under the TO Agreement. TO Contractor shall limit access to the Confidential Information to the TO Contractor's Personnel who have a demonstrable need to know such Confidential Information in order to perform under the TO Agreement and who have agreed in writing to be bound by the disclosure and use limitations pertaining to the Confidential Information. The names of the TO Contractor's Personnel are attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A. Each individual whose name appears on Exhibit A shall execute a copy of this Agreement and thereby be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement to the same extent as the TO Contractor. TO Contractor shall update Exhibit A by adding additional names as needed, from time to time.
3. If the TO Contractor intends to disseminate any portion of the Confidential Information to non-employee agents who are assisting in the TO Contractor's performance of the TORFP or who will otherwise have a role in performing any aspect of the TORFP, the TO Contractor shall first obtain the written consent of the State to any such dissemination. The State may grant, deny, or condition any such consent, as it may deem appropriate in its sole and absolute subjective discretion.
4. TO Contractor hereby agrees to hold the Confidential Information in trust and in strictest confidence, to adopt or establish operating procedures and physical security measures, and to take all other measures necessary to protect the Confidential Information from inadvertent release or disclosure to unauthorized third parties and to prevent all or any portion of the Confidential Information from falling into the public domain or into the possession of persons not bound to maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information.

5. TO Contractor shall promptly advise the State in writing if it learns of any unauthorized use, misappropriation, or disclosure of the Confidential Information by any of the TO Contractor’s Personnel or the TO Contractor’s former Personnel. TO Contractor shall, at its own expense, cooperate with the State in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief against any such person(s).
6. TO Contractor shall, at its own expense, return to the Agency, all Confidential Information in its care, custody, control or possession upon request of the Agency or on termination of the TO Agreement.
7. A breach of this Agreement by the TO Contractor or by the TO Contractor’s Personnel shall constitute a breach of the Master Contract Agreement between the TO Contractor and the State.
8. TO Contractor acknowledges that any failure by the TO Contractor or the TO Contractor’s Personnel to abide by the terms and conditions of use of the Confidential Information may cause irreparable harm to the State and that monetary damages may be inadequate to compensate the State for such breach. Accordingly, the TO Contractor agrees that the State may obtain an injunction to prevent the disclosure, copying or improper use of the Confidential Information. The TO Contractor consents to personal jurisdiction in the Maryland State Courts. The State’s rights and remedies hereunder are cumulative and the State expressly reserves any and all rights, remedies, claims and actions that it may have now or in the future to protect the Confidential Information and/or to seek damages from the TO Contractor and the TO Contractor’s Personnel for a failure to comply with the requirements of this Agreement. In the event the State suffers any losses, damages, liabilities, expenses, or costs (including, by way of example only, attorneys’ fees and disbursements) that are attributable, in whole or in part to any failure by the TO Contractor or any of the TO Contractor’s Personnel to comply with the requirements of this Agreement, the TO Contractor shall hold harmless and indemnify the State from and against any such losses, damages, liabilities, expenses, and/or costs.
9. TO Contractor and each of the TO Contractor’s Personnel who receive or have access to any Confidential Information shall execute a copy of an agreement substantially similar to this Agreement and the TO Contractor shall provide originals of such executed Agreements to the State.
10. The parties further agree that:
  - a) This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland;
  - b) The rights and obligations of the TO Contractor under this Agreement may not be assigned or delegated, by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the State;
  - c) The State makes no representations or warranties as to the accuracy or completeness of any Confidential Information;
  - d) The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement;
  - e) Signatures exchanged by facsimile are effective for all purposes hereunder to the same extent as original signatures; and
  - f) The Recitals are not merely prefatory but are an integral part hereof.

**TO Contractor/TO Contractor’s Personnel: MSDE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A – FOR THE NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (TO CONTRACTOR)**  
TO CONTRACTOR’S EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS WHO WILL BE GIVEN ACCESS TO THE  
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Printed Name and Address  
of Employee or Agent

Signature

Date

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**ATTACHMENT 11 TO CONTRACTOR SELF-REPORTING CHECKLIST**

The purpose of this checklist is for CATS+ Master Contractors to self-report on adherence to procedures for task orders (TO) awarded under the CATS+ Master Contract. Requirements for TO management can be found in the CATS+ Master Contract RFP and at the TORFP level. The Master Contractor is requested to complete and return this form by the Checklist Due Date below. Master Contractors may attach supporting documentation as needed. Please send the completed checklist and direct any related questions to [contractoversight.doit@maryland.gov](mailto:contractoversight.doit@maryland.gov) with the TO number in the subject line.

Master Contractor:	
Master Contractor Contact / Phone:	
Procuring State Agency Name:	
TO Title:	
TO Number:	
TO Type (Fixed Price, T&M, or Both):	
Checklist Issue Date:	
Checklist Due Date:	
<b>Section 1 – Task Orders with Invoices Linked to Deliverables</b>	
A) Was the original TORFP (Task Order Request for Proposals) structured to link invoice payments to distinct deliverables with specific acceptance criteria? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, skip to Section 2.)	
B) Do TO invoices match corresponding deliverable prices shown in the accepted Financial Proposal? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why)	
C) Is the deliverable acceptance process being adhered to as defined in the TORFP? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why)	
<b>Section 2 – Task Orders with Invoices Linked to Time, Labor Rates and Materials</b>	
A) If the TO involves material costs, are material costs passed to the agency without markup by the Master Contractor? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why)	
B) Are labor rates the same or less than the rates proposed in the accepted Financial Proposal? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why)	
C) Is the Master Contractor providing timesheets or other appropriate documentation to support invoices? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why)	
<b>Section 3 – Substitution of Personnel</b>	
A) Has there been any substitution of personnel? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, skip to Section 4.)	
B) Did the Master Contractor request each personnel substitution in writing? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why)	

C) Does each accepted substitution possess equivalent or better education, experience and qualifications than incumbent personnel? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why)
Was the substitute approved by the agency in writing? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why)
<b>Section 4 – MBE Participation</b>
A) What is the MBE goal as a percentage of the TO value? _____ % (If there is no MBE goal, skip to Section 5)
B) Are MBE reports 2-4A, 2-4B, and 2-5 submitted monthly? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why)
C) What is the actual MBE percentage to date? (divide the dollar amount paid to date to the MBE by the total amount paid to date on the TO) _____ % (Example - \$3,000 was paid to date to the MBE subcontractor; \$10,000 was paid to date on the TO; the MBE percentage is 30% ( $3,000 \div 10,000 = 0.30$ ))
Is this consistent with the planned MBE percentage at this stage of the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why)
Has the Master Contractor expressed difficulty with meeting the MBE goal? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If yes, explain the circumstances and any planned corrective actions)
<b>Section 5 – TO Change Management</b>
A) Is there a written change management procedure applicable to this TO? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why)
B) Does the change management procedure include the following?  Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Sections for change description, justification, and sign-off Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Sections for impact on cost, scope, schedule, risk and quality (i.e., the impact of change on satisfying TO requirements) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> A formal group charged with reviewing / approving / declining changes (e.g., change control board, steering committee, or management team)
C) Have any change orders been executed? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If yes, explain expected or actual impact on TO cost, scope, schedule, risk and quality)
D) Is the change management procedure being followed? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why)

SUBMIT AS INSTRUCTED IN TORFP.



**ATTACHMENT 12 LIVING WAGE AFFIDAVIT OF AGREEMENT**

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**If the Contract is Exempt from the Living Wage Law**

The Undersigned, being an authorized representative of the above named Contractor, hereby affirms that the Contract is exempt from Maryland's Living Wage Law for the following reasons: (check all that apply)

Bidder/Offeror is a nonprofit organization

Bidder/Offeror is a public service company

Bidder/Offeror employs 10 or fewer employees and the proposed contract value is less than \$500,000

Bidder/Offeror employs more than 10 employees and the proposed contract value is less than \$100,000

**If the Contract is a Living Wage Contract**

A. The Undersigned, being an authorized representative of the above named Contractor, hereby affirms our commitment to comply with Title 18, State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and, if required, to submit all payroll reports to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry with regard to the above stated contract. The Bidder/Offeror agrees to pay covered employees who are subject to living wage at least the living wage rate in effect at the time service is provided for hours spent on State contract activities, and to ensure that its Subcontractors who are not exempt also pay the required living wage rate to their covered employees who are subject to the living wage for hours spent on a State contract for services. The Contractor agrees to comply with, and ensure its Subcontractors comply with, the rate requirements during the initial term of the contract and all subsequent renewal periods, including any increases in the wage rate established by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, automatically upon the effective date of the revised wage rate.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here if applicable) The Bidder/Offeror affirms it has no covered employees for the following reasons (check all that apply):

All employee(s) proposed to work on the State contract will spend less than one-half of the employee's time during every work week on the State contract;

All employee(s) proposed to work on the State contract will be 17 years of age or younger during the duration of the State contract; or

All employee(s) proposed to work on the State contract will work less than 13 consecutive weeks on the State contract.

The Commissioner of Labor and Industry reserves the right to request payroll records and other data that the Commissioner deems sufficient to confirm these affirmations at any time.

Name of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name (Typed or Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT 13 MERCURY AFFIDAVIT**

THIS ATTACHMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO THIS TORFP.

**ATTACHMENT 14 VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION (VSBE)  
FOR STATE OF MARYLAND**

The VSBE participation goal for this solicitation is 0%.

**ATTACHMENT 15 CERTIFICATION REGARDING INVESTMENTS IN IRAN**

**Authority:** State Finance & Procurement, §§17-701 – 17-707, Annotated Code of Maryland [Chapter 447, Laws of 2012.]

**List:** The Investment Activities in Iran list identifies companies that the Board of Public Works has found to engage in investment activities in Iran; those companies may not participate in procurements with a public body in the State. “Engaging in investment activities in Iran” means:

- A. Providing goods or services of at least \$20 million in the energy sector of Iran; or
- B. For financial institutions, extending credit of at least \$20 million to another person for at least 45 days if the person is on the Investment Activities In Iran list and will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy of Iran.

*The Investment Activities in Iran list is located at: [www.bpw.state.md.us](http://www.bpw.state.md.us)*

**Rule:** A company listed on the Investment Activities In Iran list is ineligible to bid on, submit a proposal for, or renew a contract for goods and services with a State Agency or any public body of the State. Also ineligible are any parent, successor, subunit, direct or indirect subsidiary of, or any entity under common ownership or control of, any listed company.

*NOTE: This law applies only to new contracts and to contract renewals. The law does not require an Agency to terminate an existing contract with a listed company.*

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING INVESTMENTS IN IRAN**

The undersigned certifies that, in accordance with State Finance & Procurement Article, §17-705:

- (i) it is not identified on the list created by the Board of Public Works as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in §17-702 of State Finance & Procurement; and
- (ii) it is not engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in State Finance & Procurement Article, §17-702.

The undersigned is unable make the above certification regarding its investment activities in Iran due to the following activities:

Name of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name (Typed or Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT 16 SAMPLE WORK ORDER**

THIS ATTACHMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO THIS TORFP.

**ATTACHMENT 17 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AFFIDAVIT**

THIS ATTACHMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO THIS TORFP.