

**PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM  
NASPO VALUEPOINT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM  
Laboratory Equipment and Supplies  
Administered by the State of Idaho (hereinafter "Lead State")**

**Nikon Instruments, Inc.**  
Master Agreement No: **MA16000234-3**  
(hereinafter "Contractor")

And

**State of North Carolina**  
(hereinafter "Participating State")

1. Scope: This Participating Addendum (PADD) covers the Laboratory Equipment and Supplies contract led by the State of Idaho (Master Agreement No. MA16000234-3) for use by state agencies and other entities located in the Participating State, as provided below.
2. Participation: Use of NASPO ValuePoint cooperative contracts by agencies, political subdivisions and other entities authorized by an individual state's statutes to use state contracts are subject to the prior approval of the respective State Chief Procurement Official. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the State Chief Procurement Official.
3. Participating State Modifications or Additions to Master Agreement:

Notwithstanding any provisions in the Master Agreement to the contrary, the following shall apply to this PADD:

**NORTH CAROLINA TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
MANDATORY FOR PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS**

- a. **ADVERTISING**: Vendor agrees not to use the existence of this Contract or the name of the State of North Carolina or any of its sub-units in or as part of any commercial advertising or marketing of products or services.
- b. **GOVERNING LAWS**: Solely with respect to matters or disputes related to or arising from purchase orders issued hereunder by governmental entities within the State of North Carolina, this agreement is made under and shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina, without regard to is conflict of laws rules, and within which State all matters, whether sounding in Contract or tort or otherwise, relating to its validity, construction, interpretation and enforcement shall be determined.
- c. **ACCESS TO PERSONS AND RECORDS**: During and after the term hereof, the State Auditor and any using agency's internal auditors shall have access to persons and records, solely to the extent they relate to transactions and matters involving North Carolina's participation in the Contract, to verify accounts and data affecting fees or performance under the Contract, as provided in G. S. §143-49(9).
- d. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**: Any and all payments to the Vendor are dependent upon and subject to the availability of funds to the agency for the purpose set forth in this agreement.
- e. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**: Vendor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, and licensing requirements that are applicable to the conduct of its business and performance in accordance with this contract, including those of federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction and/or authority.
- f. **CERTIFICATIONS**: Vendor certifies to each of the following:
  - a). that this bid is submitted competitively and without collusion, as required by G.S. 143-54;
  - b). that none of its officers, directors or controlling owners has been convicted of any violations of Chapter 78A of the General Statutes, the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (G.S. 143-59.2);
  - c). that it is not an ineligible vendor as set forth in G.S. 143-59.1;

- d). that no employee or agent of Vendor has offered, and no State employee has accepted, any gift or gratuity in connection this contract. in violation of N.C.G.S. § 133-32; and
  - e). that it, and each of its sub-contractors under this contract. complies with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the NC General Statutes, including the requirement for each employer with more than 25 employees in North Carolina to verify the work authorization of its employees through the federal E-Verify system, as required by G.S. §143-48.5.
  - f). that the Vendor is not an ineligible vendor due to being identified on the Final Divestment List of entities that the State Treasurer has determined engages in investment activities in Iran, in accordance with the Iran Divestment Act of 2015, G.S. 147-86.55 et seq. The Treasurer's Divestment List may be reviewed at: <https://www.nctreasurer.com/inside-the-department/OpenGovernment/Pages/Iran-Divestment-Act-Resources.asp>.
- g. **SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY:** Notwithstanding any other term or provision in this contract, nothing herein is intended nor shall be interpreted as waiving any claim or defense based on the principle of sovereign immunity that otherwise would be available to the State under applicable law.
- h. **ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT:**
- (a) Purchasing shall be conducted through the Statewide E-Procurement Service. The State's third party agent shall serve as the Supplier Manager for this E-Procurement Service. The Vendor shall register for the Statewide E-Procurement Service within two (2) business days of notification of award in order to receive an electronic purchase order resulting from award of this contract.
  - (b) **THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(S) SHALL PAY A TRANSACTION FEE OF 1.75% (.0175) ON THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT (EXCLUDING SALES TAXES) OF GOODS INCLUDED ON EACH PURCHASE ORDER ISSUED THROUGH THE STATEWIDE E-PROCUREMENT SERVICE.** This applies to all purchase orders, regardless of the quantity or dollar amount of the purchase order. The transaction fee shall not be stated or included as a separate item on the invoice. There are no additional fees or charges to the Vendor for the services rendered by the Supplier Manager under this contract. Vendor will receive a credit for transaction fees they paid for the purchase of any item(s) if an item(s) is returned through no fault of the Vendor. Transaction fees are non-refundable when an item is rejected and returned, or declined, due to the Vendor's failure to perform or comply with specifications or requirements of the contract.
  - (c) Vendor or its Authorized Reseller, as applicable, will be invoiced monthly for the State's transaction fee by the Supplier Manager. The transaction fee shall be based on a) purchase activity for the prior month, or b) purchases for which the supplier invoice has been paid. Unless Supplier Manager receives written notice from the Vendor identifying with specificity any errors in an invoice for the transaction fee within thirty (30) days of the receipt of invoice, such invoice shall be deemed to be correct and Vendor shall have waived its right to later dispute the accuracy and completeness of the invoice. Payment of the transaction fee by the Vendor is due to the account designated by the State within thirty (30) days after receipt of the invoice for the transaction fee. If payment of the transaction fee is not received by the State within this payment period, it shall be considered a material breach of contract. Pursuant to G.S. 147-86.23, the Service will charge interest and late payment penalties on past due balances. Interest shall be charged at the rate set by the Secretary of Revenue pursuant to G.S. 105-241.21 as of the date the balances are past due. The late-payment penalty will be ten percent (10%) of the account receivable. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of invoice, Vendor may dispute in writing the accuracy of an invoice. No interest shall be charged on disputed and overdue amounts to the extent the State agrees to reduce or adjust the amount in dispute. The Supplier Manager shall provide, whenever reasonably requested by the Vendor in writing (including electronic documents), supporting documentation from the E-Procurement Service that accounts for the amount of the invoice.
  - (d) The Supplier Manager will capture the order from the State approved user, including the shipping and payment information, and submit the order in accordance with the E-Procurement Service. Subsequently, the Supplier Manager will send those orders to the appropriate Vendor on State Contract. The State or State-approved user, not the Supplier Manager, shall be responsible for the solicitation, Bids received, evaluation of Bids received, award of contract, and the payment for goods delivered.

(e) Vendor agrees at all times to maintain the confidentiality of its user name and password for the Statewide E-Procurement Services. If Vendor is a corporation, partnership or other legal entity, then the Vendor may authorize its employees to use its password. Vendor shall be responsible for all activity and all charges by such employees. Vendor agrees not to permit a third party to use the Statewide E-Procurement Services through its account. If there is a breach of security through the Vendor's account, Vendor shall immediately change its password and notify the Supplier Manager of the security breach by email. Vendor shall cooperate with the State and the Supplier Manager to mitigate and correct any security breach.

**VENDOR IS AND SHALL REMAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE TRANSACTION FEE ON BEHALF OF ANY SUB-CONTRACTOR OR DEALER INVOLVED IN PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS CONTRACT IN THE EVENT THAT SUCH SUB-CONTRACTOR OR DEALER DEFAULTS ON PAYMENT.**

4. Primary Contacts: The primary contact individuals for this Participating Addendum are as follows (or their named successors):

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5. Orders: Any Order placed by a Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity for a Product and/or Service available from this Master Agreement shall be deemed to be a sale under (and governed by the prices and other terms and conditions) of the Master Agreement unless the parties to the Order agree in writing that another contract or agreement applies to such Order. All orders issued by purchasing entities within the state must include the Participating State contract number: **490A** as well as the Lead State Master Agreement No. **MA16000234-3**.
6. Entire Agreement: This PADD and the Master Agreement No. MA16000234-3, together with its exhibits, set forth the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of all previous communications, representations or agreements, whether oral or written. The terms and conditions of this PADD shall prevail and govern in the case of any inconsistency or conflict with the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement, as to the Participating State, and shall otherwise have no impact on the Master Agreement and its exhibits.

The parties have executed this PADD as of the date of the last signature below.

Participating State: State of North Carolina	Contractor: Nikon Instruments, Inc.
By: 	By: 
Name: Grant F. Braley	Name: James Hamlin
Title: Category Manager	Title: Vice President
Date: 12/7/2017	Date: 12-7-17

For questions on executing a participating addendum, please contact:

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