



**STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES  
NEW YORK STATE PROCUREMENT  
PIGGYBACK CONTRACT FOR COMMODITIES**

**New York State Contract #**

**EBA-67929**

**Master Contract #**

**NASPO ValuePoint Lowe's Hardware, Inc., Walk-in Building Supplies AS16040**

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**THIS CONTRACT** for establishment of a "piggyback" contract is made between the People of the State of New York, acting by and through the Commissioner of the Office of General Services (hereinafter "State" or "OGS") whose principal place of business is the 41st Floor, Corning Tower, The Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12242, pursuant to authority granted under New York State Finance Law §163(10)(e), and **Lowe's Home Centers, LLC** (hereinafter "Contractor" or "Vendor" or "Offerer"), with its principal place of business at **1605 Curtis Bridge Road Wilkesboro, NC 28697**. OGS and Contractor are hereby individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively referred to as "Parties".

Whereas, in accordance with New York State Finance Law §163(10)(e), the Commissioner of OGS (hereinafter "Commissioner") may authorize purchases required by New York State agencies or other authorized purchasers by approving the use of a contract let by any department, agency or instrumentality of the United States government and/or any department, agency, office, political subdivision or instrumentality of any state or states (hereinafter "Issuing Agency");

Whereas, OGS New York State Procurement (hereinafter "OGS Procurement Services"), on behalf of the Commissioner, finds it necessary and desirable to enter into such a contract (hereinafter "Piggyback Contract" or "Contract"), with Contractor for the purchase of specified products or services under the terms and conditions established pursuant to NASPO ValuePoint **Lowe's Home Centers, LLC** Walk-in Building Supplies AS16040 (hereinafter "Master Contract"); and

Whereas, OGS provided notification of its intention to enter into a single source contract with Contractor by placing a notice in the July 17, 2017 edition of the New York State Contract Reporter.

Therefore, by completing and signing this Piggyback Contract, Contractor is willing and able to enter into a contract and authorizes OGS to process the Piggyback Contract and provide notification regarding the availability of this Piggyback Contract.

**1. PIGGYBACK CONTRACT SCOPE**

This document sets forth the terms and conditions governing acquisitions under this Piggyback Contract for use by Authorized Users. All the terms, conditions, covenants and representations contained herein and in the Master Contract, except as modified by this Piggyback Contract, are hereby incorporated by reference and deemed to be a part of this

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Piggyback Contract as if fully set forth at length herein. The terms and conditions of this Piggyback Contract shall supersede any conflicting terms and conditions set forth in the Master Contract.

The scope of the Master Contract is expressly limited, for purposes of this Piggyback Contract, as follows: this Piggyback Contract will be for purchases by Authorized Users of commodities only. Services, such as construction services, installation services, delivery services, or any other services are expressly excluded from the scope of this Piggyback Contract and may not be purchased by Authorized Users or provided by the Contractor under this Piggyback Contract. Credit programs and leasing programs are also expressly excluded from the scope of this Piggyback Contract. The Parties agree that this Contract is not a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the New York State Labor Law or a building services contract covered by Article 9 of the New York State Labor Law. Unless specifically exempted in accordance with State Finance Law Section 165, Authorized Users may not purchase tropical hardwood or tropical wood products, as such terms are defined in State Finance Law Section 165, under this Contract.

The Master Contract is expressly amended as noted in Section 4, *Merger of Appendices/Conflict of Clauses*, below.

## **2. TERM**

The term of this Piggyback Contract shall be the last date of execution by the Parties through the end of the Master Agreement, (07/31/2022). Unless terminated sooner by OGS, the term of this Piggyback Contract shall automatically extend with each extension or renewal of the Master Contract term so that the expiration date of the Piggyback Contract is coterminous with the expiration date of the Master Contract.

## **3. CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS AND RENEWALS**

Any modifications to this Piggyback Contract must be made by an instrument in writing executed by the Parties hereto. Contractor shall submit copies of any modifications to or renewals of the Master Contract, including new products, terms, or price changes, to OGS Procurement Services for review prior to enactment. OGS Procurement Services may accept a modification to or renewal of the Master Contract in full. If a modification is not fully acceptable to OGS Procurement Services, either the Contractor or OGS may terminate the Piggyback Contract in accordance with its terms or amend the Piggyback Contract to accept the modification to the Master Contract in part.

However, in accordance with Appendix B, Section 26, *Modification of Contract Terms*, an Authorized User shall have the authority to accept an offer from Contractor for more advantageous terms and pricing than those under this Piggyback Contract. An Authorized User shall not have the authority to accept any other requests for modifications to the Piggyback Contract, which must be handled as outlined herein.

## **4. MERGER OF APPENDICES/CONFLICT OF CLAUSES**

This Piggyback Contract shall incorporate the following appendices as if set forth herein at length. Only documents expressly enumerated below shall be deemed a part of this Piggyback Contract, and references contained in those documents to additional Contractor documents not enumerated below shall be of no force and effect. Conflicts between these documents shall be resolved in the following descending order of precedence.

- I. Appendix A, *Standard Clauses for NYS Contracts*
- II. Piggyback Contract (This Document)
- III. Appendix C, Waiver for EEO 101 Workforce Utilization Reporting Form (Commodities and Services)
- IV. Appendix B, *OGS General Specifications* (April 2016)
- V. Master Contract

## **5. APPLICABLE LAW**

This Piggyback Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. Any claims or actions brought by Contractor against the State for monetary damages shall be brought in the New York State Court of Claims. See Section 14, *Governing Law*, in Appendix A.

## **6. AUTHORIZED USERS**

"Authorized User" shall have the meaning set forth in the State Finance Law section 163(1)(k). This Piggyback Contract is for use by Authorized Users, which includes, but is not limited to, New York State agencies, political subdivisions, local governments, public authorities, public school and fire districts, public and nonprofit libraries, and certain other nonpublic/nonprofit organizations. See Appendix B, Section 2(b), *Definitions*.

Upon request, all eligible non-State agencies must furnish the Contractor with the proper tax exemption certificates and documentation certifying eligibility to use State contracts. Questions regarding an organization's eligibility to purchase from New York State contracts may also be directed to OGS Procurement Services Customer Services at 518-474-6717 or at [customer.services@ogs.ny.gov](mailto:customer.services@ogs.ny.gov).

## **7. PREFERRED SOURCES**

New York State Finance Law §162 mandates that a New York State agency, public authority, political subdivision or public benefit corporation obtain certain commodities and services from preferred sources, such as Correctional Industries (Corcraft), the blind and the disabled, when such products or services meet the form, function and utility of the entity. Some products or services under this Piggyback Contract may be available from one or more preferred sources. Contractor understands and agrees that such products and services must be purchased from a preferred source in accordance with New York State Law.

## **8. NOTICES**

All notices, demands, designations, certifications, requests, reports, offers, consents, approvals and other instruments given pursuant to this Piggyback Contract shall be in writing and shall be validly given when mailed by registered, certified or overnight mail, or hand delivered and, (i) if to the State, addressed to the State at its address identified as indicated below, or (ii) if to the Contractor, addressed to the Contractor at its address identified as indicated below. A Party may, from time to time, specify any address in the United States as its address for purposes of notices under this Piggyback Contract by giving fifteen (15) days written notice to the other Party. The Parties mutually agree to designate individuals in their respective organizations for purposes of receiving notice pursuant to this Piggyback Contract. The representatives for the State and the Contractor will be identified, and updated, on the Contract Award Notification page associated with this Piggyback Contract.

## **9. PROCESSING CONTRACT PAYMENTS**

The Contractor acknowledges that a contract payment cannot be processed by an Authorized User until the contract Products have been delivered and accepted.

## **10. PAYMENTS OF INTEREST**

Appendix B, Section 47, *Prompt Payments*, applies to this Piggyback Contract.

The Federal Prompt Payment Law (or any other law governing payment terms incorporated in the Master Contract) does not apply to the Piggyback Contract regardless of customer.

## **11. REPORT OF CONTRACT PURCHASES**

Contractor shall furnish a report of all Products provided under the Piggyback Contract during each quarterly period, no later than the 30th of the month following the close of each quarter. Quarterly periods will end on March 31<sup>st</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. Purchases by Non-state agencies, political subdivisions and others authorized by law shall be reported in the same report and be indicated as required. A template for such report is included in Attachment 1 – *Report of Contract Usage*. All fields of information shall be accurate and complete. The report is to be submitted electronically via electronic mail utilizing the template provided in Microsoft Excel 2003, or newer (or as otherwise directed by OGS), to the attention of the individual shown on the front page of the Contract Award Notification and shall reference the New York State Contract Number, Sales Period, and Contractor's (or other authorized agent) Name, and all other fields required. OGS reserves the right to amend the report template during the Piggyback Contract term.

## **12. PRICE AND DISCOUNT**

### **I. PRICE AND DISCOUNTS**

Pursuant to the Master Agreement, Contractor's pricing will be a fixed 7% discount off shelf retail prices, exclusive of any applicable delivery fees to deliver Products to Authorized User destinations. Contractor's retail pricing may increase or decrease over the course of this Contract and may vary by location.

Any prompt payment terms (cash discounts) or quantity (volume) discounts which are included in the Master Contract will also be included in this Piggyback Contract.

### **II. "OGS OR LESS" GUIDELINES APPLY TO THIS CONTRACT**

Purchases of the commodities included in the Piggyback Contract are subject to the "OGS or Less" provisions of State Finance Law §163(3)(a)(v). This means that State agencies can purchase commodities from sources other than the Contractor provided that such commodities are substantially similar in form, function or utility to the commodities herein and are:

- A. lower in price  
-and/or-
- B. available under terms that are more economically efficient to the State agency (e.g. delivery terms, warranty terms, etc.).

State agencies are reminded that the Contractor must be provided an opportunity to match the non-contract savings at least two business days prior to purchase. In addition, purchases made under "OGS or Less" flexibility must meet all requirements of law including, but not limited to, advertising in the New York State Contract Reporter, prior approval of the Comptroller's Office and competitive bidding of requirements exceeding the discretionary bid limit.

## **13. Reserved.**

## **14. OVERLAPPING CONTRACT ITEMS**

Products/services available under this Piggyback Contract may also be available from other New York State contracts. Authorized Users will be advised to select the most cost effective procurement alternative that meets their program requirements, and to document the basis for this selection in the procurement record.

## **15. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

**Contract Administrator:** Contractor must provide a dedicated Contract administrator to support the updating and management of the Piggyback Contract on a timely basis. The Contract administrator's contact information will be listed on the Procurement Services contract page for this piggyback.

## **16. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The Bidder shall be required to procure, at its sole cost and expense, all insurance required by this Section.

The Bidder shall be required to provide proof of compliance with the requirements of this Section, as follows:

- Proof of Workers' Compensation and Disability Benefits Insurance shall be provided at the time of Bid submission;
- Proof of all other insurance shall be provided in accordance with Section B below;
- After award, the Contractor shall be required to provide proof of all insurance after renewal or upon request according to the timelines set forth in Section A.13 below.

Contractors shall be required to procure, at their sole cost and expense, and shall maintain in force at all times during the term of any Contract resulting from this Solicitation, policies of insurance as required by this Section. All insurance required by this Section shall be written by companies that have an A.M. Best Company rating of "A-," Class "VII" or better. In addition, companies writing insurance intended to comply with the requirements of this Section should be licensed or authorized by the New York State Department of Financial Services to issue insurance in the State of New York. OGS may, in its sole discretion, accept policies of insurance written by a non-authorized carrier or carriers when certificates and/or other policy documents are accompanied by a completed Excess Lines Association of New York (ELANY) affidavit or other documents demonstrating the company's strong financial rating. If, during the term of a policy, the carrier's A.M. Best rating falls below "A-," Class "VII," the insurance must be replaced, on or before the renewal date of the policy, with insurance that meets the requirements above.

Bidders and Contractors shall deliver to OGS evidence of the insurance required by this Solicitation and any Contract resulting from this Solicitation in a form satisfactory to OGS. Policies must be written in accordance with the requirements of the paragraphs below, as applicable. While acceptance of insurance documentation shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, acceptance and/or approval by OGS does not, and shall not be construed to, relieve Bidders or Contractors of any obligations, responsibilities or liabilities under this Solicitation or any Contract resulting from this Solicitation.

The Contractor shall not take any action, or omit to take any action that would suspend or invalidate any of the required coverages during the term of the Contract.

**A. General Conditions Applicable to Insurance.** All policies of insurance required by this Solicitation or any Contract resulting from this Solicitation shall comply with the following requirements:

- 1. Coverage Types and Policy Limits.** The types of coverage and policy limits required from Bidders and Contractors are specified in Paragraph B *Insurance Requirements* below.
- 2. Policy Forms.** Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, or agreed to in the Contract resulting from this Solicitation, all policies of insurance required by this Section shall be written on an occurrence basis.
- 3. Certificates of Insurance/Notices.** Bidders and Contractors shall provide OGS with a Certificate or Certificates of Insurance, in a form satisfactory to OGS as detailed below, and pursuant to the timelines set forth in Section B below. Certificates shall reference the Solicitation or award number and shall name The New York State Office of General Services, Procurement Services, 38<sup>th</sup> Floor, Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12242 as the certificate holder.

Certificates of Insurance shall:

- Be in the form acceptable and in accordance with the New York State Insurance Law (e.g., an ACORD certificate); Lowe's Evidence of Coverage form shall be an acceptable form.

Only original documents (certificates of insurance and any endorsements and other attachments) or electronic versions of the same that can be directly traced back to the insurer, agent or broker via e-mail distribution or similar means will be accepted.

- 4. Primary Coverage.** All liability insurance policies shall provide that the required coverage shall be primary and non-contributory to other insurance available to the People of the State of New York, the New York State Office of General Services, any entity authorized by law or regulation to use the Contract and their officers, agents, and employees. Any other insurance maintained by the People of the State of New York, the New York State Office of General Services, any entity authorized by law or regulation to use the Contract and their officers, agents, and employees shall be excess of and shall not contribute with the Bidder/Contractor's insurance.
- 5. Breach for Lack of Proof of Coverage.** The failure to comply with the requirements of this Section at any time during the term of the Contract shall be considered a breach of the terms of the Contract and shall allow the People of the State of New York, the New York State Office of General Services, any entity authorized by law or regulation to use the Contract and their officers, agents, and employees to avail themselves of all remedies available under the Contract or at law or in equity.

6. **Self-Insured Retention/Deductibles.** Lowe's Home Centers, LLC may satisfy any of the insurance requirements set forth in Section B through a program of self-insurance provided that Lowe's Home Centers, LLC in combination with its parent company maintain a minimum net worth of two-hundred and fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000.00) during the term of this agreement. Evidence of this net worth requirement shall be satisfied by publicly released financials.

7. **Subcontractors.** If Contractor subcontracts performance of this Contract, Contractor will be solely responsible for the performance of all of its subcontractors and will monitor and manage such subcontractors. Contractor will remain directly responsible in accordance with this Contract for the performance of Services subcontracted by Contractor.

8. **Waiver of Subrogation.** For all liability policies and the workers' compensation insurance required below, the Bidder/Contractor shall cause to be included in its policies insuring against loss, damage or destruction by fire or other insured casualty a waiver of the insurer's right of subrogation against The People of the State of New York, the New York State Office of General Services, any entity authorized by law or regulation to use the Contract and their officers, agents, and employees, or, if such waiver is unobtainable (i) an express agreement that such policy shall not be invalidated if the Contractor waives or has waived before the casualty, the right of recovery against The People of the State of New York, the New York State Office of General Services, any entity authorized by law or regulation to use the Contract and their officers, agents, and employees or (ii) any other form of permission for the release of The People of the State of New York, the New York State Office of General Services, any entity authorized by law or regulation to use the Contract and their officers, agents, and employees. A Waiver of Subrogation Endorsement shall be provided upon request. A blanket Waiver of Subrogation Endorsement evidencing such coverage is also acceptable.

9. **Additional Insured.** The Contractor shall cause to be included in each of the liability policies required below, ISO form CG 20 10 11 85 (or a form or forms that provide equivalent coverage, such as the combination of CG 20 10 04 13 and CG 20 37 04 13) and form CA 20 48 10 13 (or a form or forms that provide equivalent coverage), naming as additional insureds: The People of the State of New York, the New York State Office of General Services, any entity authorized by law or regulation to use the Contract and their officers, agents, and employees. An Additional Insured Endorsement evidencing such coverage shall be provided to OGS pursuant to the timelines set forth in Section A.13. below. A blanket Additional Insured Endorsement evidencing such coverage is also acceptable. For Contractors who are self-insured, the Contractor shall be obligated to defend and indemnify the above-named additional insureds with respect to Commercial General Liability and Business Automobile Liability, in the same manner that the Contractor would have been required to pursuant to this Section had the Contractor obtained such insurance policies.

10. **Excess/Umbrella Liability Policies.** Required insurance coverage limits may be provided through a combination of primary and excess/umbrella liability policies. If coverage limits are provided through excess/umbrella liability policies, then a Schedule of underlying insurance listing policy information for all underlying insurance policies (insurer, policy number, policy term, coverage and limits of insurance), including proof that the excess/umbrella insurance follows form must be provided upon request.

11. **Notice of Cancellation or Non-Renewal.** Policies shall be written so as to include the requirements for notice of cancellation or non-renewal in accordance with the New York State Insurance Law.

12. **Policy Renewal/Expiration** Upon policy renewal/expiration, evidence of renewal or replacement of coverage that complies with the insurance requirements set forth in this Solicitation and any Contract resulting from this Solicitation shall be delivered to OGS. If, at any time during the term of any Contract resulting from this Solicitation, the coverage provisions and limits of the policies required herein do not meet the provisions and limits set forth in this Solicitation or any Contract resulting from this Solicitation, or proof thereof is not provided to OGS, the Contractor shall immediately cease work. The Contractor shall not resume work until authorized to do so by OGS.

13. **Deadlines for Providing Insurance Documents after Renewal or Upon Request.** As set forth herein, certain insurance documents must be provided to the OGS Procurement Services contact identified in the Contract Award Notice after renewal or upon request. This requirement means that the Contractor shall provide the applicable insurance document to OGS as soon as possible but in no event later than the following time periods:

- For certificates of insurance: 5 business days from request or renewal, whichever is later;

- For information on self-insurance or self-retention programs: 15 calendar days from request or renewal, whichever is later;

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Contractor shall have promptly requested the insurance documents from its broker or insurer and shall have thereafter diligently taken all steps necessary to obtain such documents from its insurer and submit them to OGS, OGS shall extend the time period for a reasonable period under the circumstances, but in no event shall the extension exceed 30 calendar days.

#### B. Insurance Requirements

Bidders and Contractors shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect, throughout the term of any Contract resulting from this Solicitation, at their own expense, the following insurance with limits not less than those described below and as required by the terms of any Contract resulting from this Solicitation, or as required by law, whichever is greater:

Insurance Type		Proof of Coverage is Due
<b>Commercial General Liability</b>	Not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence	At time of Bid submission and updated in accordance with Contract
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000	
Products – Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000	
Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000	
Medical Expenses Limit	\$5,000	
<b>Business Automobile Liability Insurance</b>	Not less than \$2,000,000 each occurrence	
<b>Workers' Compensation</b>		
<b>Disability Benefits</b>		

**1. Commercial General Liability Insurance:** Such liability shall be written on the current edition of ISO occurrence form CG 00 01, or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage and shall cover liability arising from premises operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, broad form property damage, personal & advertising injury, cross liability coverage, and liability assumed in a contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a contract).

Policy shall include bodily injury, property damage and broad form contractual liability coverage.

- General Aggregate
- Products – Completed Operations Aggregate
- Personal and Advertising Injury
- Each Occurrence

Coverage shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Premises liability;
- Independent contractors;
- Blanket contractual liability, including tort liability of another assumed in a contract;
- Defense and/or indemnification obligations, including obligations assumed under the Contract;
- Cross liability for additional insureds; and
- Products/completed operations for a term of no less than one year, commencing upon acceptance of the work, as required by the Contract.

**2. Business Automobile Liability Insurance:** Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any automobile used in connection with performance under the Contract, including owned, leased, hired and non-owned automobiles bearing or, under the circumstances under which they are being used, required by the Motor Vehicles Laws of the State of New York to bear, license plates.

In the event that the Contractor does not own, lease or hire any automobiles used in connection with performance under the Contract, the Contractor does not need to obtain Business Automobile Liability Insurance, but must attest to the fact that the Contractor does not own, lease or hire any automobiles used in connection with performance under the Contract on a form provided by OGS. If, however, during the term of the Contract, the Contractor acquires, leases or hires any automobiles that will be used in connection with performance under the Contract, the

Contractor must obtain Business Automobile Liability Insurance that meets all of the requirements of this section and provide proof of such coverage to OGS in accordance with the insurance requirements of any Contract resulting from this Solicitation.

In the event that the Contractor does not own or lease any automobiles used in connection with performance under the Contract, but the Contractor does hire and/or utilize non-owned automobiles in connection with performance under the Contract, the Contractor must: (i) obtain Business Automobile Liability Insurance as required by this Solicitation or any Contract resulting from this Solicitation, except that such insurance may be limited to liability arising out of hired and/or non-owned automobiles, as applicable; and (ii) attest to the fact that the Contractor does not own or lease any automobiles used in connection with performance under the Contract, on a form provided by OGS. If, however, during the term of the Contract, the Contractor acquires or leases any automobiles that will be used in connection with performance under the Contract, the Contractor must obtain Business Automobile Liability Insurance that meets all of the requirements of this Section and provide proof of such coverage to OGS in accordance with the insurance requirements of any Contract resulting from this Solicitation.

### **3. Workers' Compensation Insurance and Disability Benefits Requirements**

Sections 57 and 220 of the New York State Workers' Compensation Law require the heads of all municipal and state entities to ensure that businesses applying for contracts have appropriate workers' compensation and disability benefits insurance coverage. These requirements apply to both original contracts and renewals.

**Failure to provide proper proof of such coverage or a legal exemption will result in a rejection of a Bid or any contract renewal. A Bidder will not be awarded a Contract unless proof of workers' compensation and disability insurance is provided to OGS.** Proof of workers' compensation and disability benefits coverage, or proof of exemption must be submitted to OGS at the time of Bid submission, policy renewal, contract renewal and upon request. Proof of compliance must be submitted on one of the following forms designated by the New York State Workers' Compensation Board. **An ACORD form is not acceptable proof of New York State workers' compensation or disability benefits insurance coverage.**

Proof of Compliance with Workers' Compensation Coverage Requirements:

- Form CE-200, *Certificate of Attestation for New York Entities With No Employees and Certain Out of State Entities, That New York State Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Insurance Coverage is Not Required*, which is available on the Workers' Compensation Board's website ([www.wcb.ny.gov](http://www.wcb.ny.gov));
- Form C-105.2 (9/07), *Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance*, sent to OGS by the Contractor's insurance carrier upon request, or if coverage is provided by the New York State Insurance Fund, they will provide Form U-26.3 to OGS upon request from the Contractor; or
- Form SI-12, *Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance*, available from the New York State Workers' Compensation Board's Self-Insurance Office, or
- Form GSI-105.2, *Certificate of Participation in Workers' Compensation Group Self-Insurance*, available from the Contractor's Group Self-Insurance Administrator.

Proof of Compliance with Disability Benefits Coverage Requirements:

- Form CE-200, *Certificate of Attestation for New York Entities With No Employees and Certain Out of State Entities, That New York State Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Insurance Coverage is Not Required*, which is available on the Workers' Compensation Board's website ([www.wcb.ny.gov](http://www.wcb.ny.gov));
- Form DB-120.1, *Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance*, sent to OGS by the Contractor's insurance carrier upon request; or
- Form DB-155, *Certificate of Disability Benefits Self-Insurance*, available from the New York State Workers' Compensation Board's Self-Insurance Office.

An instruction manual clarifying the New York State Workers' Compensation Law requirements is available for download at the New York State Workers' Compensation Board's website, <http://www.wcb.ny.gov>. Once on the site, click on the Employers/Businesses tab and then click on Employers' Handbook.

## **17. PURCHASE ORDERS**

Required form of tender for all purchases made under this Contract will be a Purchasing Card. While formal written Purchase Orders may be issued by Authorized Users for internal purposes, Contractor will not accept a formal written Purchase Order as a form of tender.



Contractor may accept, in its sole discretion, any additional terms added to a Purchase Order by an Authorized User, after receiving advance written notice of the additional terms, provided that no additional terms are valid until the Authorized User receives a signed acknowledgement from Contractor agreeing to the additional terms. Contractor retains sole discretion to refuse any Purchase Order that (1) contains additional terms or (2) does not meet Contractor's payment or tender type requirements.

The Authorized User's payment for purchases under this Contract will be due at the time of purchase.

## **18. INDEFINITE DELIVERY, INDEFINITE QUANTITY CONTRACT**

This Piggyback Contract will be an Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Contract. All quantities or dollar values listed within the Piggyback Contract are estimates. Estimates are used for evaluation purposes only.

There are no estimated sales or savings amounts; the contract is for a flat discount on any purchases made.

Numerous factors could cause the actual volume of product purchased under the Piggyback Contract to vary substantially from the estimates in the Piggyback Contract. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Such Piggyback Contracts will be nonexclusive contracts;
- There is no guarantee of volume to be purchased, nor is there any guarantee that demand will continue in any manner consistent with previous purchases;
- The individual value of each Piggyback Contract is indeterminate and will depend upon actual Authorized User demand, and actual quantities ordered during the contract period; and,
- The State reserves the right to terminate any Piggyback Contract for cause or convenience prior to the end of the term pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Piggyback Contract.

On OGS Procurement Services's experience, depending on the price of a particular item, the actual volume of purchases for that item could be substantially in excess of, or substantially below, estimated volumes. Specifically, if actual contract pricing is lower than anticipated or historical pricing, actual quantities purchased could be substantially greater than the estimates; conversely, if actual contract pricing is higher than anticipated or historical pricing, actual quantities purchased could be substantially lower than the estimates. By execution of this Piggyback Contract, Contractor acknowledges the foregoing and agrees that actual good faith purchasing volumes during the term of the resulting Piggyback Contracts could vary substantially from the estimates provided in this Piggyback Contract.

## **19. AUTHORIZED USER PROCUREMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

Authorized Users may contact Contractor directly, via the contact information provided on the Contract Award Notification. They will then receive instructions on the manner of having the discount applied to in-store purchases, which may include a discount card, fob, code, or other mechanism. Authorized Users will order discount cards (or other applicable discount mechanism) through a portal available at: [www.Lowesforpros.com/NASPO](http://www.Lowesforpros.com/NASPO). When purchasing products or supplies under the Contract, Authorized Users will have their discount card (or other applicable discount mechanism) scanned by the sales associate in the store in order to receive their discount.

## **20. SUMMARY OF POLICY AND PROHIBITIONS ON PROCUREMENT LOBBYING**

Pursuant to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, this Piggyback Contract includes and imposes certain restrictions on communications between OGS and an Offerer/bidder during the procurement process. An Offerer/bidder is restricted from making contacts from the earliest notice of intent to solicit offers/bids through final award and approval of the procurement contract by OGS and, if applicable, the Office of the State Comptroller ("restricted period") to other than designated staff unless it is a contact that is included among certain statutory exceptions set forth in State Finance Law §139-j(3)(a). Designated staff, as of the date hereof, is identified on the first page of this Piggyback Contract. OGS employees are also required to obtain certain information when contacted during the restricted period and make a determination of the responsibility of the Offerer/bidder pursuant to these two statutes. Certain findings of non-responsibility can result in

rejection for contract award and in the event of two findings within a four-year period, the Offerer/bidder is debarred from obtaining governmental Procurement Contracts. Further information about these requirements can be found on the OGS website: [http://www.ogs.ny.gov/aboutOgs/regulations/defaultSFL\\_139j-k.asp](http://www.ogs.ny.gov/aboutOgs/regulations/defaultSFL_139j-k.asp).

## **21. NEW YORK STATE VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROFIT BUSINESS ENTITY**

- I. OGS conducts a review of prospective contractors ("Offerers") to provide reasonable assurances that an Offerer is responsive and responsible. A For-Profit Business Entity Questionnaire (hereinafter "Questionnaire") is used for non-construction contracts and is designed to provide information to assess an Offerer's responsibility to conduct business in New York based upon financial and organizational capacity, legal authority, business integrity, and past performance history. If interested in contracting with New York State, an Offerer must agree and hereby agrees to fully and accurately complete the Questionnaire. The Offerer acknowledges that the State's execution of a contract will be contingent upon the State's determination that the Offerer is responsible and that the State will be relying upon the Offerer's responses to the Questionnaire, in addition to all other information the State may obtain from other sources, when making its responsibility determination.

OGS recommends each Offerer file the required Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System. To enroll in and use the VendRep System, please refer to the VendRep System Instructions and User Support for Vendors available at the Office of the State Comptroller's (OSC) website, [http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor\\_index.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor_index.htm) or to enroll, go directly to the VendRep System online at <https://portal.osc.state.ny.us>.

OSC provides direct support for the VendRep System through user assistance, documents, online help, and a help desk. The OSC Help Desk contact information is located at <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/portal/contactbuss.htm>. Offerers opting to complete the paper questionnaire can access this form and associated definitions via the OSC website at [http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/forms\\_vendor.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/forms_vendor.htm).

In order to assist the State in determining the responsibility of the Offerer prior to contract award, the Offerer must complete and certify (or recertify) the Questionnaire no more than six (6) months prior to OGS' transmittal to you of this Piggyback Contract. An Offerer's Questionnaire cannot be viewed by OGS until the Offerer has certified the Questionnaire. It is recommended that all Offerers become familiar with all of the requirements of the Questionnaire and complete as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for OGS review prior to Piggyback Contract execution.

- II. The Contractor shall at all times during the Piggyback Contract term remain responsible. The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Commissioner of OGS or her designee, to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity.

The Commissioner of OGS or her designee, in his or her sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this Piggyback Contract, at any time, when he or she discovers information that calls into question the responsibility of the Contractor. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Activity under the Piggyback Contract may resume at such time as the Commissioner of OGS or her designee issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Piggyback Contract.

The Contractor agrees that if it is found by the State that the Contractor's responses to the Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire were intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, on such finding, the Commissioner may terminate the Piggyback Contract. Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with appropriate OGS officials or staff, the Piggyback Contract may be terminated by the Commissioner of OGS or her designee at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the Commissioner of OGS or her designee to be non-responsible. In such event, the Commissioner of OGS or her designee may complete the contractual requirements in any manner he or she may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

In no case shall such termination of the Piggyback Contract by the State be deemed a breach thereof, nor shall the State be liable for any damages for lost profits or otherwise, which may be sustained by the Contractor as a result of such termination.

## **22. NEW YORK STATE TAX LAW SECTION 5-A**

Tax Law §5-a requires certain contractors awarded state contracts for commodities, services and technology valued at more than \$100,000 to certify to NYS Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF) that they are registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. The law applies to contracts where the total amount of such contractors' sales delivered into New York State is in excess of \$300,000 for the four quarterly periods immediately preceding the quarterly period in which the certification is made, and with respect to any affiliates and subcontractors whose sales delivered into New York State exceeded \$300,000 for the four quarterly periods immediately preceding the quarterly period in which the certification is made.

A contractor is required to file the completed and notarized Form ST-220-CA with OGS certifying that the contractor filed the ST-220-TD with DTF. Note: NYS DTF receives the completed Form ST-220-TD, not OGS. OGS ONLY receives the Form ST-220-CA. Form ST-220-CA must be filed as soon as possible upon OGS' transmittal to Contractor of this Piggyback Contract and submitted to the procuring covered Agency certifying that the contractor filed the ST-220-TD with DTF. Contractor should complete and return the certification forms within five (5) business days of request (if the forms are not completed and returned prior to such request). Failure to make either of these filings may render a contractor non-responsive and non-responsible. Contractor shall take the necessary steps to provide properly certified forms within a timely manner to ensure compliance with the law.

Website links to the contractor certification forms and instructions are provided below. Form ST-220-TD must be filed with and returned directly to DTF and can be found at [http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current\\_forms/st/st220td\\_fill\\_in.pdf](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/st/st220td_fill_in.pdf). Unless the information upon which the ST-220-TD is based changes, this form only needs to be filed once with DTF. If the information changes for the contractor, its affiliate(s), or its subcontractor(s), a new Form ST-220-TD must be filed with DTF.

Form ST-220-CA must be submitted to OGS. This form provides the required certification that the contractor filed the ST-220-TD with DTF. This form can be found at [http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current\\_forms/st/st220ca\\_fill\\_in.pdf](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/st/st220ca_fill_in.pdf).

Vendors may call DTF at 518-485-2889 for any and all questions relating to Section 5-a of the Tax Law and relating to a company's registration status with DTF. For additional information and frequently asked questions, please refer to the DTF web site: <http://www.tax.ny.gov/>.

## **23. NEW YORK STATE VENDOR FILE REGISTRATION**

Prior to being awarded a contract, the contractor and any designated authorized dealers/distributors/resellers who accept payment directly from the State must be registered in the New York State Vendor File (Vendor File) administered by the OSC. This is a central registry for all vendors who do business with New York State Agencies and the registration must be initiated by a State Agency. Following the initial registration, a unique New York State ten-digit vendor identification number (Vendor ID) will be assigned to your company and Vendor IDs will be assigned to each of your authorized dealers/distributors/resellers (if any) for usage on all future transactions with New York State. Additionally, the Vendor File enables vendors to use the Vendor Self-Service application to manage certain vendor information in one central location for all transactions related to the State of New York.

If the contractor is already registered in the Vendor File, the contractor must enter its ten-digit Vendor ID on this Piggyback Contract.

If the contractor is not currently registered in the Vendor File, it must request assignment of a Vendor ID number from OGS. Complete the OSC Substitute W-9 Form ([http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendors/forms/ac3237\\_fe.pdf](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendors/forms/ac3237_fe.pdf)) and submit the form to OGS. Please send this document to a Designated Contact for this Contract. In addition, if an authorized dealer/distributor/reseller(s) is to be used that does not have a Vendor ID, an OSC Substitute W-9 form ([http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendors/forms/ac3237\\_fe.pdf](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendors/forms/ac3237_fe.pdf)) should be completed by each designated authorized dealer/distributor/reseller and submitted to OGS. The OGS will initiate the vendor registration process for all companies and their authorized dealers/distributors/resellers. Once the process is initiated, registrants will receive an e-mail identifying

their unique ten-digit Vendor ID and instructions on how to enroll in the online Vendor Self-Service application. For more information on the Vendor File please visit the following website: [http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendor\\_management/](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendor_management/).

## **24. ENVIRONMENTAL ATTRIBUTES AND NYS EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4**

New York State is committed to environmental sustainability and endeavors to procure products with reduced environmental impact. One example of this commitment may be found in Executive Order No. 4 (Establishing a State Green Procurement and Agency Sustainability Program), which imposes certain requirements on state agencies, authorities, and public benefit corporations when procuring commodities, services, and technology. More information on Executive Order No. 4, including specifications for offerings covered by this Contract, may be found at <http://ogs.ny.gov/EO/4/Default.asp>. The Executive Order No. 4 specification for single use food containers and single use food service utensils adopted in May 2010, for example, requires all single use food containers, coatings, and single use food service utensils, to the maximum extent practicable, be compostable as defined under the ASTM Standard Specification for Compostable Plastics (D6400-04) and ASTM Standard Specification for Compostable Plastics Used as Coatings on Paper and Other Compostable Substrates (D6868-03) or, if such standard is not applicable, be biodegradable and where possible certified by the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI). Similarly, specifications were adopted for hand soap/cleanser. Additional information on green cleaning requirements is set forth at <https://greencleaning.ny.gov/Entry.asp>. State entities subject to Executive Order No. 4 are advised to become familiar with the specifications that have been developed in accordance with the Order, and to incorporate them, as applicable, when making purchases under this Contract.

## **25. USE OF RECYCLED OR REMANUFACTURED MATERIALS**

New York State supports and encourages contractors to use recycled, remanufactured or recovered materials in the manufacture of products and packaging to the maximum extent practicable without jeopardizing the performance or intended use of the product or packaging unless such use is precluded due to health or safety requirements or product specifications contained herein. Refurbished or remanufactured components or products are required to be restored to original performance and regulatory standards and functions and are required to meet all other requirements of this Piggyback Contract.

## **26. SURPLUS/TAKE-BACK/RECYCLING**

- I. A State agency is reminded of its obligation to comply with the NY State Finance Law §§ 167, Transfer and Disposal of Personal Property, and 168, The Management of Surplus Computer Equipment, regarding transfer and disposal of surplus personal property before utilizing take-back, recycling, or other options for disposition of equipment that is still in operable condition.
- II. If Contractor offers a take-back/recycling program, then Contractor shall provide a record of disposition to each Authorized User who participates in the take-back/recycling program for units transferred for disposition. Contractor shall provide documentation that the units were disposed of in an environmentally sound manner in compliance with applicable local, state and federal laws. See Section III below for specific requirements governing electronic equipment recycling.
- III. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act ("Act") (Environmental Conservation Law, Article 27, Title 26, Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse), requires manufacturers to establish a convenient system for the collection, handling, and recycling or reuse of electronic waste. If Contractor is a manufacturer of electronic equipment covered by the Act, Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of the Act. More information regarding the Act can be found on the DEC website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/65583.html>.
- IV. If a Contractor offers a take-back/recycling program or offers an electronic equipment recycling program pursuant to the Act, and an Authorized User participates in same, then the Authorized User shall ensure the destruction of all data from any hard drives surrendered with the machines/covered electronic equipment. Contractor shall not require an Authorized User to surrender the hard drive, as an Authorized User may wish to retain the hard drive for security purposes. Contractor shall advise the Authorized User in advance if the retention of the hard drive results in additional fees or reduction in trade-in value. It is recommended that an Authorized User use a procedure for

ensuring the destruction of confidential data stored on hard drives or other storage media that meets or exceeds the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Guidelines for Media Sanitation as found in NIST Special Publication 800-88.

## **27. BULK DELIVERY AND ALTERNATE PACKAGING**

New York State encourages the use of innovative packaging that reduces the weight of packaging and the generation of packaging waste. A contractor is encouraged to use reusable materials and containers and to utilize packaging configurations that take advantage of storage containers designed to be part of the product for the shipment of multi-unit purchases. New York State recognizes that these packaging methods are in the development stage and may not be currently available. Authorized Users are urged to inquire about these programs at the time of purchase and determine the best solution for their needs.

## **28. CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR PARTICIPATION BY NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS AND WOMEN**

### **I. New York State Law**

Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and Parts 140-145 of Title 5 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations ("NYCRR"), the New York State Office of General Services ("OGS") is required to promote opportunities for the maximum feasible participation of New York State-certified Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises ("MWBEs") and the employment of minority group members and women in the performance of OGS contracts.

### **II. General Provisions**

- A. OGS is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR Parts 140-145 ("MWBE Regulations") for all State contracts as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.
- B. The Contractor agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to OGS, to fully comply and cooperate with OGS in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and the regulations promulgated thereunder. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women ("EEO") and contracting opportunities for MWBEs. Contractor's demonstration of "good faith efforts" pursuant to 5 NYCRR § 142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the "Human Rights Law") or other applicable federal, State, or local laws.
- C. Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, a finding of non-responsibility, breach of contract, withholding of funds, suspension or termination of the Contract, and/or such other actions or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract and applicable law.

### **III. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)**

- A. The provisions of Article 15-A of the Executive Law and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder pertaining to equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women shall apply to all Contractors, and any subcontractors, awarded a subcontract over \$25,000 for labor, services, including legal, financial and other professional services, travel, supplies, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to, the contracting State agency (the "Work") except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor.
  - 1. Contractor and subcontractors shall undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or marital status. For these purposes, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff or termination, and rates of pay or other forms of compensation. This requirement does not apply to: (i) the performance of work or the provision of services or any other activity that is unrelated, separate, or distinct from the Contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State.

2. By entering into this Contract, Contractor certifies that the text set forth in clause 12 of Appendix A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy. In addition, Contractor agrees to comply with the Non-Discrimination Requirements set forth in clause 5 of Appendix A.

**B. Form EEO 100 – Staffing Plan**

To ensure compliance with this section, the Contractor agrees to submit, or has submitted with the Bid, a staffing plan on Form EEO 100 to OGS to document the composition of the proposed workforce to be utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed, including ethnic background, gender, and federal occupational categories.

**C. Form EEO - 101 - Workforce Utilization Reporting Form (Commodities and Services) ("Form EEO-101-Commodities and Services")**

Unless otherwise determined by OGS to be waived as evidenced by a Waiver for EEO 101 Workforce Utilization Reporting Form (Commodities and Services) (Appendix C), the Contractor shall submit, and shall require each of its subcontractors to submit:

1. A Form EEO-101-Commodities and Services to OGS to report the actual workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. The Form EEO-101-Commodities and Services must be submitted electronically to OGS at [EEO\\_CentCon@ogs.ny.gov](mailto:EEO_CentCon@ogs.ny.gov) on a quarterly basis during the term of the Contract by the 10th day of April, July, October, and January.
2. Separate forms shall be completed by Contractor and all subcontractors.
3. In limited instances, the Contractor or subcontractor may not be able to separate out the workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract from its total workforce. When a separation can be made, the Contractor or subcontractor shall submit the Form EEO-101-Commodities and Services and indicate that the information provided relates to the actual workforce utilized on the Contract. When the workforce to be utilized on the Contract cannot be separated out from the Contractor's or subcontractor's total workforce, the Contractor or subcontractor shall submit the Form EEO-101-Commodities and Services and indicate that the information provided is the Contractor's or subcontractor's total workforce during the subject time frame, not limited to work specifically performed under the Contract.

**D. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law and all other State and federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. Contractor and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status, or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal and conviction and prior arrest.**

**IV. Contract Goals**

- A. For purposes of this procurement, OGS conducted a comprehensive search and determined that the Contract does not offer sufficient opportunities to set goals for participation by MWBEs as subcontractors, service providers, or suppliers to Contractor. Contractor is, however, encouraged to make every good faith effort to promote and assist the participation of MWBEs on this Contract for the provision of services and materials. The directory of New York State Certified MWBEs can be viewed at: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchPublic.asp?TN=ny&XID=2528>. Additionally, following Contract execution, Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development ((518) 292-5250; (212) 803-2414; or (716) 846-8200) to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.**

**B. Good Faith Efforts**

Pursuant to 5 NYCRR § 142.8, evidence of good faith efforts shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. A list of the general circulation, trade, and MWBE-oriented publications and dates of publications in which the Contractor solicited the participation of certified MWBEs as subcontractors/suppliers, copies of such solicitations, and any responses thereto.
2. A list of the certified MWBEs appearing in the Empire State Development ("ESD") MWBE directory that were solicited for this Contract. Provide proof of dates or copies of the solicitations and copies of the responses made by the certified MWBEs. Describe specific reasons that responding certified MWBEs were not selected.
3. Descriptions of the Contract documents/plans/specifications made available to certified MWBEs by the Contractor when soliciting their participation and steps taken to structure the scope of work for the purpose of subcontracting with, or obtaining supplies from, certified MWBEs.

4. A description of the negotiations between the Contractor and certified MWBEs for the purposes of complying with the MWBE goals of this Contract.
5. Dates of any pre-bid, pre-award, or other meetings attended by Contractor, if any, scheduled by OGS with certified MWBEs whom OGS determined were capable of fulfilling the MWBE goals set in the Contract.
6. Other information deemed relevant to the request.

#### **V. Fraud**

Any suspicion of fraud, waste, or abuse involving the contracting or certification of MWBEs shall be immediately reported to ESD's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development at (855) 373-4692.

**ALL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT:** <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/MWBE/Forms.asp>

### **29. PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN OWNED BUSINESSES**

Article 17-B of the New York State Executive Law provides for more meaningful participation in public procurement by certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses ("SDVOBs"), thereby further integrating such businesses into New York State's economy. OGS recognizes the need to promote the employment of service-disabled veterans and to ensure that certified service-disabled veteran-owned businesses have opportunities for maximum feasible participation in the performance of OGS contracts.

In recognition of the service and sacrifices made by service-disabled veterans and in recognition of their economic activity in doing business in New York State, Bidders/Contractors are strongly encouraged and expected to consider SDVOBs in the fulfillment of the requirements of the Contract. Such participation may be as subcontractors or suppliers, as protégés, or in other partnering or supporting roles.

For purposes of this procurement, OGS conducted a comprehensive search and determined that the Contract does not offer sufficient opportunities to set specific goals for participation by SDVOBs as subcontractors, service providers, and suppliers to Contractor. Nevertheless, Bidder/Contractor is encouraged to make good faith efforts to promote and assist in the participation of SDVOBs on the Contract for the provision of services and materials. The directory of New York State Certified SDVOBs can be viewed at: [https://www.ogs.ny.gov/Core/docs/CertifiedNYS\\_SDVOB.pdf](https://www.ogs.ny.gov/Core/docs/CertifiedNYS_SDVOB.pdf)

Bidder/Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Service-Disabled Veteran's Business Development at 518-474-2015 to discuss methods of maximizing participation by SDVOBs on the Contract.

**ALL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT:** [https://www.ogs.ny.gov/Core/SDVOBA.asp?sm\\_au=iVVjF227tLtF4JJH](https://www.ogs.ny.gov/Core/SDVOBA.asp?sm_au=iVVjF227tLtF4JJH)

### **30. MERCURY-ADDED CONSUMER PRODUCTS**

Contractor agrees that it will not sell or distribute fever thermometers containing mercury or any products containing elemental mercury for any purpose under this Piggyback Contract.

### **31. DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION ACT OF 2006**

Pursuant to § 19-0323 of the N.Y. Environmental Conservation Law ("the Law") it is a requirement that heavy duty diesel vehicles in excess of 8,500 pounds use the best available retrofit technology ("BART") and ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel ("ULSD"). The requirement of the Law applies to all vehicles owned, operated by or on behalf of, or leased by State agencies and State or regional public authorities. It also requires that such vehicles owned, operated by or on behalf of, or leased by State agencies and State or regional public authorities with more than half of their governing body appointed by the Governor utilize BART.

The Law may be applicable to vehicles used by contract vendors "on behalf of" State agencies and public authorities and require certain reports from contract vendors. All heavy duty diesel vehicles must have BART by December 31, 2015 (unless further extended by law). The Law also provides a list of exempted vehicles. Regulations set forth in 6 NYCRR Parts 248 and 249 provide further guidance.

### **32. NEW YORK STATE REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS**

An Offerer must complete and submit the NYS Required Certifications form (Attachment 2 – NYS Required Certifications or Piggyback Contracts) certifying compliance with the Diesel Emission Reduction Act, MacBride Fair Employment principles, in order to be considered for award under this Piggyback Contract.

### **33. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Piggyback Contract and the referenced appendices constitute the entire agreement between the Parties hereto and no statement, promise, condition, understanding, inducement or representation, oral or written, expressed or implied, which is not contained herein shall be binding or valid and the Piggyback Contract shall not be changed, modified or altered in any manner except as provided in Section 3 of this Piggyback Contract.

### **34. CAPTIONS**

The captions contained in this Piggyback Contract are intended for convenience and reference purposes only and shall in no way be deemed to define or limit any provision thereof.

### **35. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Piggyback Contract is deemed invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall have no effect on the balance of the Piggyback Contract, which shall be enforced and interpreted as if such provision was never included in the Piggyback Contract.

### **36. PRODUCT WARRANTIES.**

Authorized Users shall receive any warranty provided by a manufacturer of the products sold under this Piggyback Contract. Contractor does not warrant the products and expressly disclaims all warranties, express or implied, including without limitation the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.

### **37. SUBCONTRACTING**

In accordance with the definition of "subcontractors" in Appendix B (which shall apply throughout this Contract) there will be no subcontractors used by Lowe's specifically for performance under this Piggyback Contract..

### **38. BACKGROUND CHECKS**

In accordance with applicable law and regulations, Contractor conducts background checks of its employees for violent crimes, drug related crimes, sexual offenses (including, but not limited to, rape, molestation, sexual assault, indecent exposure, indecency with a child), murder and kidnapping. Delivery drivers are also subject to a Motor Vehicle Records check for driver license issues. Drug testing and background checks are conducted for all Contractor employees at the beginning of their employment only. Under this Contract, the above precautions are the only obligations Contractor agrees to with respect to background checks of its employees, including delivery drivers. Contractor will not provide proof of any drug or background screening, nor will Contractor permit the State of New York, an Authorized User or the Commissioner to conduct background checks or screenings of employees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Authorized User reserves the right to reject, refuse access to, bar from any Authorized User's facility, or to require replacement of any employee, subcontractor or agent of the Contractor accessing an Authorized User's facility, for reasonable cause.

### **39. TAX EXEMPTIONS**

Authorized Users must register for a sales or excise tax exemption on LowesForPros.com. Once registered and prior to making an initial purchase, an Authorized User must provide a copy of its exemption certificate to its local store.

### **40. PRODUCT RETURNS**

Products purchased are subject to Contractor's standard return policy. Products rejected pursuant to Section 36 of Appendix 3 must be returned in accordance with Contractor's policy and will only be removed from the Authorized User's premises by Contractor if consistent with the policy.

### **41. SAFETY DATA SHEETS.**



Lowes will provide Safety Data Sheets only upon an Authorized User's request.

[Signatures appear on next page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties therefore hereby execute their mutual agreement to the terms of this Piggyback Contract. This Piggyback Contract shall be a binding agreement between the Parties when executed and created as set forth in clause 26 of Appendix B, *Contract Creation/Execution*. The State further warrants that, where Contractor is asked to execute multiple original copies of this signature page along with a complete original copy of the Contract, the approved signature page(s) will be affixed by the State to additional copies of this Contract which conform exactly to the complete original copy as submitted by Contractor and executed simultaneously therewith.

The acknowledgment must be fully and properly executed by an authorized person. By signing you certify your express authority to sign on behalf of yourself, your company, or other entity and full knowledge and acceptance of this Piggyback Contract, Appendix A (Standard Clauses For New York State Contracts), Appendix B (OGS General Specifications), and State Finance Law §139-j and §139-k (Procurement Lobbying), and that all information provided is complete, true and accurate. By signing, Contractor affirms that it understands and agrees to comply with the OGS procedures relative to permissible contacts as required by State Finance Law §139-j(3) and §139-j(6)(b).

**CONTRACTOR**

Signature: 

Printed Name: Michael Tummlin

Title: SVP ProServices

Company Name: Lowe's Home Centers. LLC

Federal Tax ID: 56-0748358

NYS Vendor ID 1000055972

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

Signature: 

Printed Name: Kylesha Davis

Title: Team Leader

NYS Office of General Services

**INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR LLC ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }

: SS:

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ }

On the 1 day of October in the year 2018, before me personally appeared

Michael Tummillo, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing

instrument, who, being duly sworn by me did depose and say that he maintains an office at 1000 Lowe's Blvd

Town of Mooreville

County of Iredell, State of NC; and further that:

**[Check One]**

☐ If an individual): he executed the foregoing instrument in his/her name and on his/her own behalf.

☐ If a corporation): he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, the corporation described in said instrument; that, by authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation, he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the corporation for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said corporation as the act and deed of said corporation.

☐ If a partnership): he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, the partnership described in said instrument; that, by the terms of said partnership, he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the partnership for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said partnership as the act and deed of said partnership.

☒ If a limited liability company): he is a duly authorized officer of Lowe's Home Centers, LLC, LLC, the limited liability company described in said instrument; that, he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the limited liability company for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said limited liability company as the act and deed of said limited liability company.

Lisa Call Minton  
Signature of Notary Public

