

**VEHICLE LIFTS AND GARAGE  
ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT**  
Led by the State of Louisiana

Master Agreement #: **CW7260**

Contractor: **Vehicle Service Group LLC**

Participating Entity: **STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

The following products or services are included in this contract portfolio:

- All products and accessories listed on the Contractor page of the NASPO ValuePoint website.

**Master Agreement Terms and Conditions:**

1. Scope: This addendum covers the ***Vehicle Lifts and Garage Associated Equipment*** led by the State of Louisiana for use by state agencies and other entities located in the Participating State *[or State Entity]* authorized by that State's statutes to utilize State contracts with the prior approval of the State's Chief Procurement Official.
2. Participation: This NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement may be used by all state agencies, institutions of higher institution, political subdivisions and other entities authorized to use statewide contracts in the State of Connecticut. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the State Chief Procurement Official.
3. Primary Contacts: The primary contact individuals for this Participating Addendum are as follows (or their named successors):

Contractor

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Participating Entity

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**4. PARTICIPATING ENTITY MODIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE MASTER  
AGREEMENT**

These modifications or additions apply only to actions and relationships within the Participating Entity.

Participating Entity must check one of the boxes below.

☐ No changes to the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement are required.

☒ The following changes are modifying or supplementing the Master Agreement terms and conditions.

- a) Lease Agreements: Contractor shall not offer and leasing options to any Participating or Purchasing Entity and Participating or Purchasing Entities shall not enter into any leasing agreements with Contractor.
- b) Subcontractors: All contractors, dealers, and resellers authorized in the State of Connecticut as shown on the dedicated Contractor (cooperative contract) website, are approved to provide sales and service support to participants in the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement. The contractor's dealer participation will be in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the aforementioned Master Agreement.
- c) Payment Terms: Payment shall be made only after the Client Agency receives and accepts the Goods or Services and after it receives a properly completed invoice. Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, payment for all accepted Goods or Services shall be due within forty-five (45) days after acceptance of the Goods or Services, or twenty-five (25) days if the Contractor is a certified small contractor or minority business enterprise as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a60g. The Contractor shall submit an invoice to the Client Agency for the Performance. The invoice shall include detailed information for Goods or Services, delivered and Performed, as applicable, and accepted. Any late payment charges shall be calculated in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.
- d) 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.

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IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Addendum as of the date of execution by both parties below.

Participating Entity: CT Dept. of Administrative Services	Contractor: Vehicle Service Group
Signature:  <i>Marisol Rivera</i>	Signature:  <i>Tim Vaughan</i>
Name: Marisol Rivera	Name: Tim Vaughan
Title: Contract Specialist	Title: VP of Sales
Date: 6/26/2023	Date: 6-16-23

For questions on executing a participating addendum, please contact:

NASPO ValuePoint

Cooperative Portfolio Manager:	Joel E. Atkinson
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***to support documentation of participation and posting  
in appropriate data bases.]***

## **Participating Addendum**

**NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing,  
Master Agreement Administered by the state of \_Louisiana\_**  
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### **1. Scope**

This Participating Addendum allows for the purchase of Vehicle Lifts and Garage Associated Equipment led by the state of Louisiana ("Lead State") along with a multi-state sourcing team for use by state of Connecticut agencies and political subdivisions and institutions in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §4a-53.

The state of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services ("Participating Entity ") will identify this Participating Addendum as the state of Connecticut ("State"), Department of Administrative Services ("DAS"), Procurement Division Contract # 22PSX0228.

### **2. Participation**

The National Association of State Procurement Officials ("NASPO") is the Cooperative Purchasing Organization, LLC doing business as NASPO ValuePoint. Use of specific NASPO ValuePoint cooperative contracts by State agencies, political subdivisions and other entities (including cooperatives) authorized by the State's statutes to use State contracts are subject to the prior approval of the State Chief Procurement Official. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the State Chief Procurement Official.

Each using State agency, political subdivision and institution in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §4a-53 ("Purchasing Entity") that purchases under the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Number CW7260 as executed by the Lead State and Vehicle Services Group ("Contractor") ("Master Agreement") will be treated as an individual customer(s). Except to the extent modified by this Participating Addendum, each Purchasing Entity will be responsible to follow the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement and will have the same rights and responsibilities for purchases as the Lead State has in the Master Agreement. Each Purchasing Entity will be responsible for its own charges, fees, and liabilities.

This Participating Addendum is effective upon the date it is signed by the last party below ("Effective Date").

### **3. Order of Precedence**

- a. This Participating Addendum. The Participating Addendum shall not diminish, change, or impact the rights of the Lead State with regard to the Lead State's contractual relationship with the Contractor under the terms of the Master Agreement;
- b. Master Agreement (including negotiated terms and conditions);
- c. The Solicitation including all Addendums; and
- d. Contractor's response to the Solicitation.

These documents shall be read to be consistent and complementary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. Contractor terms and conditions that apply to the Master Agreement are only those that are expressly accepted by the Lead State in writing and attached to the Master Agreement. No other terms and conditions apply. The Solicitation language prevails unless a mutually agreed exception has been negotiated.

### **4. Primary Contacts**

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

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#### **Lead State:**

Name: State of Louisiana  
Address: 1201 North Third St. Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
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#### **Contractor:**

Name: Vehicle Service Group LLC  
Address: 2700 Lanier Dr, Madison, IN 47250  
Contact Person: Christine Bilz  
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E-mail: bilz@rotarylift.com

#### **Participating Entity:**

Name: State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services,  
Procurement Division  
Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 1202, Hartford, CT 06103  
Contact Person: Marisol Rivera  
Telephone: 860-713-5435  
E-mail: Marisol.rivera@ct.gov

## **5. Orders**

Any order placed by a Purchasing Entity through the Master Agreement shall be deemed to be a sale under (and governed by the prices and other terms and conditions) the Master Agreement unless the parties of the order agree in writing that another contract or agreement applies to such order.

All purchase orders shall contain the Master Agreement No. CW7260 and the DAS Contract No. 22PSX0228

## **6. Participating Entity Modifications or Additions to Master Agreement**

### **6.1 Definitions**

The following definitions apply to this Participating Addendum:

#### **a. Business Day**

A day of the week recognized by the Client Agency as a workday, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and any State or federal holiday.

#### **b. Claims**

All actions, suits, claims, demands, investigations, and proceedings of any kind, open, pending, or threatened, whether mature, un-matured, contingent, known or unknown, at law or in equity in any forum.

#### **c. Client Agency**

Any Purchasing Entity, department, commission, board, bureau, agency, institution, public authority, office, council, association, instrumentality or political subdivision of the State, non-profit organization organized in the State and any entity identified in Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 4a-

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54, as applicable, who is authorized and chooses to make purchases under, and pursuant to the terms of this Contract.

#### **d. Confidential Information**

Any name, number or other information that may be used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to identify a specific individual including, but not limited to, such individual's name, date of birth, mother's maiden name, motor vehicle operator's license number and residential address, Social Security number, employee identification number, employer or taxpayer identification number, alien registration number, government passport number, health insurance identification number, demand deposit account number, savings account number, credit card number, debit card number or unique biometric data such as fingerprint, voice print, retina or iris image, or other unique physical representation. Without limiting the foregoing, Confidential Information shall also include any information that DAS classifies as "confidential" or "restricted." Confidential Information shall not include information that may be lawfully obtained from publicly available sources or from federal, state, or local government records which are lawfully made available to the general public.

#### **e. Confidential Information Breach**

Generally, an instance where an unauthorized person or entity accesses Confidential Information in any manner, including but not limited to the following occurrences: (1) any Confidential Information that is not encrypted or protected is misplaced, lost, stolen or in any way compromised; (2) one or more third parties have had access to or taken control or possession of any Confidential Information that is not encrypted or protected without prior written authorization from the State; (3) the unauthorized acquisition of encrypted or protected Confidential Information together with the confidential process or key that is capable of compromising the integrity of the Confidential Information; or (4) if there is a substantial risk of identity theft or fraud to the Client Agency, the Contractor, or State.

#### **f. Contract**

This Participating Addendum and the Master Agreement.

#### **g. Contractor Parties**

Contractor's members, principals, directors, officers, shareholders, partners, managers, representatives, agents, servants, consultants, employees or any one of them or any other person or entity with whom the Contractor is in privity or with whom Contractor contracts to Perform under this Contract in any capacity.

#### **h. Deliverable**

Each (1) Good, Service or fulfillment of Performance; and (2) warranty of a Deliverable(s) that is listed in the Pricing Schedule or provided by Contractor as an element of Contractor's overall approach and solution to the requirements of this Contract. Any one of them or a combination of any of them may be developed or produced by Contractor or by a third party as a supplier or subcontractor to Contractor.

#### **j. Reserved**

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i. **Goods or Services**

Goods, Services or both, as specified in the Master Agreement.

l. **Reserved**

m. **Reserved**

n. **Reserved**

j. **Perform**

All acts and things of the Contractor and Contractor Parties, severally and collectively, that are necessary or appropriate to fulfill or accomplish this Contract fully, including the Deliverables and all other Contract obligations. The word "Perform" includes all parts of speech.

k. **Purchase Order**

A written or electronic document that the Client Agency issues for one or more Deliverables in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

l. **Records**

All working papers and such other information and materials furnished or prepared by the Contractor in Performing including but not limited to, documents, data, plans, books, computations, drawings, specifications, notes, reports, records, estimates, summaries, memoranda and correspondence, kept or stored in any form.

m. **Services**

The labor or work, necessary or appropriate for the Contractor to Perform.

s. **Reserved**

n. **Statement of Work ("SOW")**

Statement issued in connection with a Purchase Order for a Deliverable available under this Contract which sets forth all work and payment requirements for Contractor's Performance in connection with said Purchase Order.

u. **Reserved**

o. **Term**

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The original term of this Contract plus any extensions exercised under this Contract.

p. **Termination**

An end to this Contract prior to the end of its Term.

## **6.2 Whistleblower Provision**

This Contract may be subject to the provisions of Section 4-61dd of the Connecticut General Statutes. In accordance with this statute, if an officer, employee or appointing authority of the Contractor takes or threatens to take any personnel action against any employee of the Contractor in retaliation for such employee's disclosure of information to any employee of the contracting state or quasi-public agency or the Auditors of Public Accounts or the Attorney General under the provisions of such statute, Contractor shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars for each offense, up to a maximum of twenty percent of the value of this Contract. Each violation shall be a separate and distinct offense and in the case of a continuing violation, each calendar day's continuance of the violation shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense. The State may request that the Attorney General bring a civil action in the Superior Court for the Judicial District of Hartford to seek imposition and recovery of such civil penalty. In accordance with such statute, each large state contractor, as defined in the statute, shall post a notice of the provisions of the statute relating to large state contractors in a conspicuous place which is readily available for viewing by the employees of the Contractor.

## **6.3 Forum and Choice of Law**

The parties deem this Contract to have been made in the City of Hartford, State of Connecticut. Both parties agree that it is fair and reasonable for the validity and construction of this Contract to be, and it shall be, governed by the laws and court decisions of the State of Connecticut, without giving effect to its principles of conflicts of laws. To the extent that any immunities provided by Federal law or the laws of the State of Connecticut do not bar an action against the State, and to the extent that these courts are courts of competent jurisdiction, for the purpose of venue, the complaint shall be made returnable to the Judicial District of Hartford only or shall be brought in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut only, and shall not be transferred to any other court, provided, however, that nothing here constitutes a waiver or compromise of the sovereign immunity of the State of Connecticut. The Contractor waives any objection which it may now have or will have to the laying of venue of any Claims in any forum and further irrevocably submits to such jurisdiction in any suit, action or proceeding.

## **6.4 Sovereign Immunity**

The parties acknowledge and agree that nothing in this Contract shall be construed as a modification, compromise or waiver by the State of any rights or defenses of any immunities provided by federal law or the laws of the State of Connecticut to the State or any of its officers and employees, which they may have had, now have or will have with respect to all matters arising out of this Contract. To the extent that this Section conflicts with any other Section, this Section shall govern.

## **6.5 Summary of State Ethics Laws**

Pursuant to the requirements of section 1-101qq of the Connecticut General Statutes (a) the State has provided to the Contractor the summary of State ethics laws developed by the State Ethics Commission pursuant to section 1-81b of the Connecticut General Statutes, which summary is incorporated by



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reference into and made a part of this Contract as if the summary had been fully set forth in this Contract; (b) the Contractor represents that the chief executive officer or authorized signatory of the Contract and all key employees of such officer or signatory have read and understood the summary and agree to comply with the provisions of state ethics law; (c) prior to entering into a contract with any subcontractors or consultants, the Contractor shall provide the summary to all subcontractors and consultants and each such contract entered into with a subcontractor or consultant on or after July 1, 2021, shall include a representation that each subcontractor or consultant and the key employees of such subcontractor or consultant have read and understood the summary and agree to comply with the provisions of state ethics law; (d) failure to include such representations in such contracts with subcontractors or consultants shall be cause for Termination of the Contract; and (e) each contract with such contractor, subcontractor or consultant shall incorporate such summary by reference as a part of the contract terms.

### **6.6 Campaign Contribution Restriction**

For all State contracts, defined in section 9-612 of the Connecticut General Statutes as having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000 or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more, the authorized signatory to this Contract represents that they have received the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the notice.

### **6.7 Executive Orders and Other Enactments**

- a. All references in this Contract to any Federal, State, or local law, statute, public or special act, executive order, ordinance, regulation or code (collectively, "Enactments") shall mean Enactments that apply to this Contract at any time during its Term, or that may be made applicable to the Contract during its Term. This Contract shall always be read and interpreted in accordance with the latest applicable wording and requirements of the Enactments. Unless otherwise provided by Enactments, the Contractor is not relieved of its obligation to Perform under this Contract if it chooses to contest the applicability of the Enactments or the State's authority to require compliance with the Enactments.
- b. This Contract is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated June 16, 1971, concerning labor employment practices, Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated February 15, 1973, concerning the listing of employment openings and Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999, concerning violence in the workplace, all of which are incorporated into and are made a part of this Contract as if they had been fully set forth in it.
- c. This Contract may be subject to (1) Executive Order No. 14 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated April 17, 2006, concerning procurement of cleaning products and services; and (2) Executive Order No. 61 of Governor Dannel P. Malloy promulgated December 13, 2017 concerning the Policy for the Management of State Information Technology Projects, as issued by the Office of Policy and Management, Policy ID IT-SDLC-17-04. If any of the Executive Orders referenced in this subsection is applicable, it is deemed to be incorporated into and made a part of this Contract as if fully set forth in it.

### **6.8 Nondiscrimination**

- a. For purposes of this Section, the following terms are defined as follows:
  1. "Commission" means the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities;
  2. "Contract" and "contract" include any extension or modification of the Contract or contract;

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3. "Contractor" and "contractor" include any successors or assigns of the Contractor or contractor;
4. "Gender identity or expression" means a person's gender-related identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth, which gender-related identity can be shown by providing evidence including, but not limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender-related identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender-related identity or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is sincerely held, part of a person's core identity or not being asserted for an improper purpose;
5. "good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations;
6. "good faith efforts" shall include, but not be limited to, those reasonable initial efforts necessary to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and additional or substituted efforts when it is determined that such initial efforts will not be sufficient to comply with such requirements;
7. "marital status" means being single, married as recognized by the state of Connecticut, widowed, separated or divorced;
8. "mental disability" means one or more mental disorders, as defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders", or a record of or regarding a person as having one or more such disorders;
9. "minority business enterprise" means any small contractor or supplier of materials fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, if any, or assets of which is owned by a person or persons: (1) who are active in the daily affairs of the enterprise, (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise, and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Connecticut General Statutes § 32-9n; and
10. "public works contract" means any agreement between any individual, firm or corporation and the State or any political subdivision of the State other than a municipality for construction, rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of a public building, highway or other changes or improvements in real property, or which is financed in whole or in part by the State, including, but not limited to, matching expenditures, grants, loans, insurance or guarantees.

For purposes of this Section, the terms "Contract" and "contract" do not include a contract where each contractor is (1) a political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, a municipality, unless the contract is a municipal public works contract or quasi-public agency project contract, (2) any other state, including but not limited to any federally recognized Indian tribal governments, as defined in C.G.S. § 1-267, (3) the federal government, (4) a foreign government, or (5) an agency of a subdivision, state or government described in the immediately preceding enumerated items (1), (2), (3), or (4).

- b. (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut; and the Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when

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employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by the Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved; (2) the Contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action equal opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission; (3) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining Agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which the Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (4) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-56, 46a-68e and 46a-68f; and (5) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor as relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56. If the contract is a public works contract, the Contractor agrees and warrants that he will make good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on such public works projects.

- c. Determination of the Contractor's good faith efforts shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following factors: The Contractor's employment and subcontracting policies, patterns and practices; affirmative advertising, recruitment and training; technical assistance activities and such other reasonable activities or efforts as the Commission may prescribe that are designed to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises in public works projects.
- d. The Contractor shall develop and maintain adequate documentation, in a manner prescribed by the Commission, of its good faith efforts.
- e. The Contractor shall include the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §46a-56; provided if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.
- f. The Contractor agrees to comply with the regulations referred to in this Section as they exist on the date of this Contract and as they may be adopted or amended from time to time during the term of this Contract and any amendments thereto.
- g. (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the State of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation; (2) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such Contractor has a collective bargaining Agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by

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the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (3) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; and (4) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor which relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56.

- h. The Contractor shall include the provisions of the foregoing paragraph in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; provided, if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.
- i. Pursuant to subsection (c) of section 4a-60 and subsection (b) of section 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Contractor, for itself and its authorized signatory of this Contract, affirms that it understands the obligations of this section and that it will maintain a policy for the duration of the Contract to assure that the Contract will be performed in compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of such sections. The Contractor and its authorized signatory of this Contract demonstrate their understanding of this obligation by (A) having provided an affirmative response in the required online bid or response to a proposal question which asks if the contractor understands its obligations under such sections, (B) signing this Contract, or (C) initialing this nondiscrimination affirmation in the following box:

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## **6.9 Indemnification**

- a. Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State and its officers, representatives, agents, servants, employees, successors and assigns from and against any and all (1) Claims arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with this Contract for the acts of commission or omission (collectively, the "Acts") of the Contractor or Contractor Parties; and (2) liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses, including but not limited to, attorneys' and other professionals' fees, arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with Claims, Acts or this Contract. Contractor shall use counsel reasonably acceptable to the State in carrying out its obligations under this Section. Contractor's obligations under this Section to indemnify, defend and hold harmless against Claims includes Claims concerning confidentiality of any part of or all of the Contractor's bid, proposal or any Records, any intellectual property rights, other proprietary rights of any person or entity, copyrighted or non-copyrighted compositions, secret processes, patented or unpatented inventions, articles or appliances furnished or used in the Performance.
- b. Contractor shall not be responsible for indemnifying, defending or holding the State harmless from any liability arising due to the negligence of the State or any third party acting under the direct control or supervision of the State.

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- c. Contractor shall reimburse the State for any and all damages to the real or personal property of the State caused by the Acts of Contractor or any Contractor Parties. The State shall give Contractor reasonable notice of any such Claims.
- d. Contractor's duties under this Section shall remain fully in effect and binding in accordance with the terms of this Contract, without being lessened or compromised in any way, even where the Contractor is alleged or is found to have merely contributed in part to the Acts giving rise to the Claims or where the State is alleged or is found to have contributed to the Acts giving rise to the Claims or both.
- e. Contractor shall carry and maintain at all times during the Term of this Contract, and during the time that any provisions survive the Term of this Contract, sufficient commercial general liability insurance to satisfy its obligations under this Contract. Contractor shall name the State as an additional insured on the policy and shall provide a copy of the policy to DAS prior to the Effective Date of this Contract. Contractor shall not begin Performance until the delivery of the policy to DAS. The State shall be entitled to recover under the insurance policy even if a body of competent jurisdiction determines that the Client Agency or the State was contributorily negligent.
- f. This Section shall survive the Termination of this Contract and shall not be limited by reason of any insurance coverage.

#### **6.10 Tangible Personal Property**

- a. Contractor on its behalf and on behalf of its Affiliates, as defined below, shall comply with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-411b, as follows:
  - 1. For the Term, Contractor and its Affiliates shall collect and remit to the State of Connecticut, Department of Revenue Services, any Connecticut use tax due under the provisions of Chapter 219 of the Connecticut General Statutes for items of tangible personal property sold by the Contractor or by any of its Affiliates in the same manner as if the Contractor and such Affiliates were engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property for use in Connecticut and had sufficient nexus with the State under the provisions of Chapter 219 to be required to collect Connecticut use tax;
  - 2. A customer's payment of a use tax to the Contractor or its Affiliates relieves the customer of liability for the use tax;
  - 3. Contractor and its Affiliates shall remit all use taxes they collect from customers on or before the due date specified in this Contract if any, which may not be later than the last day of the month next succeeding the end of a calendar quarter or other tax collection period during which the tax was collected;
  - 4. Contractor and its Affiliates are not liable for use tax billed by them but not paid to them by a customer; and
  - 5. Any Contractor or Affiliate who fails to remit use taxes collected on behalf of its customers by the due date specified in this Contract shall be subject to the interest and penalties provided for persons required to collect sales tax under Chapter 219 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- b. For purposes of this Section of this Contract, the word "Affiliate" means any person, as defined in section 12-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, that controls is controlled by, or is under common control with another person. A person controls another person if the person owns, directly or

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indirectly, more than ten per cent of the voting securities of the other person. The term "voting security" means a security that confers upon the holder the right to vote for the election of members of the board of directors or similar governing body of the business, or that is convertible into, or entitles the holder to receive, upon its exercise, a security that confers such a right to vote. "Voting security" includes a general partnership interest.

- c. Contractor represents and warrants that each of its Affiliates has vested in the Contractor plenary authority to so bind the Affiliates in any agreement with the State of Connecticut. Contractor on its own behalf and on behalf of its Affiliates shall also provide, no later than 30 days after receiving a request by the State's contracting authority, such information as the State may require to ensure, in the State's sole determination, compliance with the provisions of Chapter 219 of the Connecticut General Statutes, including, but not limited to, §12-411b.

### **6.11 Audit and Inspection of Plants, Places of Business and Records**

- a. The State and its agents, including, but not limited to, the Connecticut Auditors of Public Accounts, Attorney General and State's Attorney and their respective agents, may, at reasonable hours, inspect and examine all of the parts of the Contractor's and Contractor Parties' plants and places of business which, in any way, are related to, or involved in, the Performance of this Contract.
- b. Contractor shall maintain, and shall require each Contractor Party to maintain, accurate and complete Records. Contractor shall make all of its and the Contractor Parties' Records available at all reasonable hours for audit and inspection by the State and its agents.
- c. The State shall make all requests for any audit or inspection in writing and shall provide the Contractor with at least twenty- four (24) hours' notice prior to the requested audit and inspection date. If the State suspects fraud or other abuse, or in the event of an emergency, the State is not obligated to provide any prior notice.
- d. Contractor shall pay for all costs and expenses of any audit or inspection which reveals information that, in the sole determination of the State, is sufficient to constitute a Breach by the Contractor under this Contract. The Contractor will remit full payment to the State for such audit or inspection no later than 30 days after receiving an invoice from the State. If the State does not receive payment within such time, the State may setoff the amount from any moneys which the State would otherwise be obligated to pay the Contractor in accordance with this Contract.
- e. Contractor shall keep and preserve or cause to be kept and preserved all of its and Contractor Parties' Records until three (3) years after the latter of (1) final payment under this Contract, or (2) the expiration or earlier termination of this Contract, as the same may be modified for any reason. The State may request an audit or inspection at any time during this period. If any Claim or audit is started before the expiration of this period, the Contractor shall retain or cause to be retained all Records until all Claims or audit findings have been resolved.
- f. Contractor shall cooperate fully with the State and its agents in connection with an audit or inspection. Following any audit or inspection, the State may conduct and the Contractor shall cooperate with an exit conference.
- g. Contractor shall incorporate this entire Section verbatim into any contract or other agreement that it enters into with any Contractor Party.

### **6.12 Protection of Confidential Information**

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- a. Contractor and Contractor Parties have a duty to and shall, at their own expense, protect from a Confidential Information Breach any and all Confidential Information which they come to possess or control, wherever and however stored or maintained, in a commercially reasonable manner in accordance with the highest current industry standards and best practices, as they may be amended from time to time.
- b. Contractor and all Contractor Parties shall develop, implement and maintain a comprehensive written information security policy for the protection of Confidential Information that meets or exceeds current industry standards and best practices as they may be amended from time to time. The safeguards contained in the written information security policy must meet or exceed the standards for the protection of Confidential Information, and information of a similar character, as set forth in all applicable federal and State law and in written policy of the Client Agency or DAS concerning the confidentiality of Confidential Information. Such data-security program shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  1. A security policy for employees related to the storage, access and transportation of data containing Confidential Information;
  2. Reasonable restrictions on access to records containing Confidential Information, including access to any locked storage where such records are kept and an auditable electronic system of logging and tracking the viewing, accessing or both of Confidential Information;
  3. A process for reviewing policies and security measures at least annually;
  4. Creating secure access controls to Confidential Information, including but not limited to passwords; and
  5. Encrypting of Confidential Information that is stored on laptops, portable devices and storage media or that is being transmitted electronically.
- c. Contractor and Contractor Parties shall notify DAS, the Client Agency and the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General as soon as practical, but no later than the next Business Day, after they become aware of or suspect that any Confidential Information which Contractor or Contractor Parties have come to possess or control has been subject to a Confidential Information Breach. If a Confidential Information Breach has occurred which, in the sole opinion of the Client Agency after consultation with the Attorney General, constitutes a breach of security as defined in Connecticut General Statutes, § 36a- 701b, or otherwise (Breach), the Contractor shall, within three (3) Business Days after the notification, present a credit monitoring and protection plan to the Commissioner of DAS, the Client Agency, and the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General, for review and approval. Such credit monitoring and protection plan shall be made available by the Contractor at its own cost and expense to all individuals affected by the Confidential Information Breach. Such credit monitoring or protection plan shall include, but is not limited to reimbursement for the cost of placing and lifting one (1) security freeze per credit file pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 36a-701a. Such credit monitoring or protection plans shall be approved by the State in accordance with this Section and shall cover a length of time commensurate with the circumstances of the Breach. Neither Contractor's nor any Contractor Party's costs and expenses for the credit monitoring and protection plan shall be recoverable from DAS, the Client Agency, or any State of Connecticut entity or any affected individuals and shall be outside of any liability cap or limitation contained in this Contract.
- d. Contractor shall incorporate the requirements of this Section in all subcontracts requiring each Contractor Party to safeguard Confidential Information in the same manner as provided for in this Section.

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- e. Nothing in this Section shall supersede in any manner Contractor's or Contractor Party's obligations pursuant to the provisions of this Contract concerning the obligations of the Contractor to the Client Agency or DAS.

### **6.13 Audit Requirements for Recipients of State Financial Assistance**

For purposes of this paragraph, the word "Contractor" shall be deemed to mean "nonstate entity," as that term is defined in section 4-230 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Contractor shall provide for an annual financial audit acceptable to the Client Agency for any expenditure of State awarded funds made by the Contractor. Such audit shall include management letters and audit recommendations. The State Auditors of Public Accounts shall have access to all records and accounts for the fiscal year(s) in which the award was made. The Contractor shall comply with federal and State single audit standards as applicable.

### **6.14 Lead State Terms that Do Not Apply to the State**

The parties hereby agree that any provision in the Master Agreement and any of its Exhibits, shall not apply to the State, the Participating Entity or any of the Purchasing Entities if the provision violates sovereign immunity or conflicts with this Participating Addendum. Further, the parties agree that in any instance where a provision requires the State to indemnify the Contractor or that the parties are bound by binding arbitration, constitutes a violation of sovereign immunity, and therefore is not applicable.

### **6.15 Reserved**

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#### **6.23 Reserved**

#### **6.24 Data: Access**

Access to Contract.

The Contractor shall provide to the Client Agency access to any data, as defined in Conn. Gen Stat. Sec. 4e-1, concerning this Contract and the Client Agency that are in the possession or control of the Contractor upon demand and shall provide the data to the Client Agency in a format prescribed by the Client Agency and the State Auditors of Public Accounts at no additional cost.

#### **6.25 P-Card (Purchasing Credit Card)**

Purchases may be made using the State of Connecticut Purchasing Card Program ("P-Card Program or P-Card") in accordance with sections 4-98(c) and 42-133ff(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Contractor shall be equipped to receive orders issued by the Purchasing Entities using the P-Card Program. The Contractor shall be responsible for the credit card user-handling fee associated with P-Card Program purchases. The Contractor shall charge to the P-Card only upon acceptance of Goods delivered to the Purchasing Entity or rendering of Services.

The Contractor shall capture and provide to its merchant bank, Level 3 reporting at the line item level for all orders placed by MasterCard.

Questions regarding the state of Connecticut P-Card Program may be directed to the Procurement Card Program Administrator at [DAS.PCardAdmin@ct.gov](mailto:DAS.PCardAdmin@ct.gov).

#### **6.26 Reserved**

#### **6.27 Iran Energy Investment Certification**

- a. Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-252a, the Contractor certifies that it has not made a direct investment of twenty million dollars or more in the energy sector of Iran on or after October 1, 2013, as described in Section 202 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2010, and has not increased or renewed such investment on or after said date.
- b. If the Contractor makes a good faith effort to determine whether it has made an investment described in subsection (a) of this Section then the Contractor shall not be deemed to be in breach of this Contract or in violation of this Section. A "good faith effort" for purposes of this subsection includes a determination that the Contractor is not on the list of persons who engage in certain investment activities in Iran created by the Department of General Services of the state of California pursuant to Division 2, Chapter 2.7 of the California Public Contract Code. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair the ability of the State or quasi-public agency to pursue a breach of contract action for any violation of the provisions of this Contract.

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### **6.28 Large State Contract Representation for Contractor**

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-252 and Acting Governor Susan Bysiewicz Executive Order No. 21-2, promulgated July 1, 2021, the Contractor, for itself and on behalf of all of its principals or key personnel who submitted a bid or proposal, represents:

- a. That no gifts were made by (A) the Contractor, (B) any principals and key personnel of the Contractor, who participate substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating State contracts, or (C) any agent of the Contractor or principals and key personnel, who participates substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating State contracts, to (i) any public official or State employee of the State agency or quasi- public agency soliciting bids or proposals for State contracts, who participates substantially in the preparation of bid solicitations or requests for proposals for State contracts or the negotiation or award of State contracts, or (ii) any public official or State employee of any other State agency, who has supervisory or appointing authority over such State agency or quasi-public agency;
- b. That no such principals and key personnel of the Contractor, or agent of the Contractor or of such principals and key personnel, knows of any action by the Contractor to circumvent such prohibition on gifts by providing for any other principals and key personnel, official, employee or agent of the Contractor to provide a gift to any such public official or State employee; and
- c. That the Contractor is submitting bids or proposals without fraud or collusion with any person.

### **6.29 Large State Contract Representation for Official or Employee of State Agency**

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-252 and Acting Governor Susan Bysiewicz Executive Order No. 21-2, promulgated July 1, 2021, the State official or employee represents that the selection of the person, firm or corporation was not the result of collusion, the giving of a gift or the promise of a gift, compensation, fraud or inappropriate influence from any person.

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### **6.30 Consulting Agreements Representation**

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a-81, the person signing this Contract on behalf of the Contractor represents, to their best knowledge and belief and subject to the penalty of false statement as provided in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-157b, that the Contractor has not entered into any consulting agreements in connection with this Contract, except for the agreements listed below. "Consulting agreement" means any written or oral agreement to retain the services, for a fee, of a consultant for the purposes of (A) providing counsel to a contractor, vendor, consultant or other entity seeking to conduct, or conducting, business with the State, (B) contacting, whether in writing or orally, any executive, judicial, or administrative office of the State, including any department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority, official or employee for the purpose of solicitation, dispute resolution, introduction, requests for information, or (C) any other similar activity related to such contracts. "Consulting agreement" does not include any agreements entered into with a consultant who is registered under the provisions of chapter 10 of the Connecticut General Statutes as of the date such contract is executed in accordance with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §4a-81.

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Consultant's Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Firm (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Start Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
End Date

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Cost

The basic terms of the consulting agreement are:

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Description of services provided:

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Is the consultant a former State employee or former public official? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES:

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Name of Former State Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Termination Date of Employment


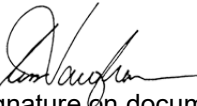
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Participating Addendum as of the date of execution by both parties below.

<b>Participating Entity:</b> State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services Procurement Division	<b>Contractor:</b> Vehicle Service Group
<b>By:</b>  (Signature on document in procurement files)	<b>By:</b>  (Signature on document in procurement files)
<b>Name:</b> Marisol Rivera	<b>Name:</b> Tim Vaughan
<b>Title:</b> Contract Specialist	<b>Title:</b> VP of Salest
<b>Date:</b> 6/16/2023	<b>Date:</b> 6-16-23