

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

**VWR International, LLC**  
Master Agreement No: **MA16000234-2**  
(hereinafter "Contractor")

And

**The State of South Carolina**  
Contract Number: **4400012781**  
(hereinafter "Participating State")

1. Scope: This Participating Addendum (PADD) covers the Laboratory Equipment and Supplies contract led by the State of Idaho (Master Agreement No. MA16000234-2) for use by state agencies and other entities located in the Participating State, as provided below.

2. Participation: Use of NASPO ValuePoint cooperative contracts by agencies, political subdivisions and other entities authorized by an individual state's statutes to use State contracts are subject to the prior approval of the respective State Chief Procurement Official. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the State Chief Procurement Official.

Pursuant to Section 11-35-4810, South Carolina public procurement units, both state and local (as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-4610(5), as amended) are authorized to participate in cooperative purchasing.

Participation by local public procurement units (as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-4610(3), as amended) in the Master Service Agreement is optional. By submitting an order and receiving delivery of an item pursuant to the Master Service Agreement, a local public procurement unit manifests its intent to be and is bound by the Master Service Agreement, including this addendum, unless the local public procurement unit has entered into a separate Participating Addendum.

Each SC Participant's obligations and liabilities are independent of any other SC Participant's obligations and liabilities. SC Participants are not obligated for any order submitted by another SC Participant and do not incur any liability with regard to any other SC Participant. The State Procurement Office is acting solely on behalf of SC governmental bodies and bears no liability for any damages that any party may incur with regard to the Master Service Agreement.

**3. Participating State Modifications or Additions to Master Agreement:**

The following commodity categories are excluded from this contract:

1. Precious metals.
2. Computer equipment.
3. All equipment items and laboratory fixtures with a Unit List Price of \$50,000 or more.
4. All items for which no discounts are given.
5. All laboratory furniture with a Unit List Price of \$50,000 or more.
6. Items covered under other existing contracts.

**4. Deletions from Master Agreement:** The following provisions of the Master Agreement do not form a part of the contract with the State of South Carolina or any of its public procurement units:

- 4.5. Governing Laws and Regulations
23. Payment
35. Governing Law and Venue

**5. Definitions:**

“Authorized Agent” All authority regarding the conduct of this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Officer. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Procurement Officer is the only government official authorized to bind the government with regard to this procurement.

“Board” means the Board of the South Carolina State Fiscal Accountability Authority..

“Procurement Officer” means the person, or his successor, identified as such in this Participating Addendum.

“SC Participant(s)” means all participating South Carolina public procurement units (as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-4610(5), as amended) or governmental bodies (as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-310(18), as amended).

“State” means the Using Governmental Unit(s) identified on the Cover Page.

“You and Your” means contractor.

“Using Governmental Unit” means all South Carolina Public Procurement Units [11-35-4610(5)] eligible to purchase under this contract.

**6. Board as Procurement Agent:** The Procurement Officer is an employee of the Board of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, acting on behalf of the Using Governmental Unit(s) pursuant to the Consolidated Procurement Code. Any contracts awarded as a result of this procurement are between the Contractor and the Using Governmental Units(s). The Board is not a party to such contracts, unless and to the extent that the Board is a using governmental unit, and bears no liability for any party’s losses arising out of or relating in any way to the contract.

7. South Carolina Prompt Payment Statute: The obligations of any SC Participant are governed by Section 11-35-45 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, if the participant is a "governmental body," as that term is defined in Section 11-35-310(18).

8. SC Registered Distributor: Vendor agrees to distribute its products to South Carolina governmental bodies through vendors registered with the South Carolina Secretary of State as an authorized South Carolina vendor <http://www.scbos.com>.

9. Iran Divestment Act - Certification:

(a) The Iran Divestment Act List is a list published by the Board pursuant to Section 11-57-310 that identifies persons engaged in investment activities in Iran. Currently, the list is available at the following URL: <http://procurement.sc.gov/PS/PS-iran-divestment.phtm>(.) Section 11-57-310 requires the government to provide a person ninety days written notice before he is included on the list. The following representation, which is required by Section 11-57-330(A), is a material inducement for the State to enter into a participating addendum with you.

(b) By signing this addendum, you certify that, as of the date you sign, you are not on the then-current version of the Iran Divestment Act List.

(c) You must notify the Procurement Officer immediately if, at any time before posting of a participating addendum, you are added to the Iran Divestment Act List.

10. Iran Divestment Act – Ongoing Obligations:

(a) You must notify the procurement officer immediately if, at any time during the contract term, you are added to the Iran Divestment Act List.

(b) Consistent with Section 11-57-330(B), you shall not contract with any person to perform a part of the Work, if, at the time you enter into the subcontract, that person is on the then-current version of the Iran Divestment Act List. [07-7A072-1]

11. Open Trade: During the contract term, including any renewals or extensions, Contractor will not engage in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300. [07-7A053-1]

12. Choice of Law: This PA is established as a term contract (as defined in Section 11-35-310(35)) available for use by all South Carolina public procurement units (as defined in Section 11-35-4610(5)). Use by state governmental bodies (as defined in Section 11-35-310(18)), which includes most state agencies, is mandatory except under limited circumstances, as provided in Section 11-35-310(35). See clause entitled "Acceptance of Offers 10% Below Price." Use by local public procurement units is optional. Section 11-35-4610 defines local public procurement units to include any political subdivision, or unit thereof, which expends public funds. Section 11-35-310(23) defines the term political subdivision as all counties, municipalities, school districts, public service or special purpose districts.

The contract, any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the contract, and all the rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina, except its choice of law rules.

Choice-of-Forum. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the contract shall be resolved exclusively by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer in accordance with Title 11,

(1) Chapter 35, Article 17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the Court of Common Pleas for, or a federal court located in, Richland County, State of South Carolina. (2) Service of Process. Contractor consents that any papers, notices, or process necessary or proper for the initiation or continuation of any disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the contract; for any court action in connection therewith; or for the entry of judgment on any award made, may be served on Contractor by certified mail (return receipt requested) addressed to Contractor at the address provided in the contract or by personal service or by any other manner that is permitted by law, in or outside South Carolina. Notice by certified mail is deemed duly given upon deposit in the United States mail.

13. No Indemnity or Defense: Any term or condition is void to the extent it requires the State to indemnify, defend, or pay attorney's fees to anyone for any reason. [07-7A045-2]

14. Payment&Interest:

(a) The State shall pay the Contractor, after the submission of proper invoices or vouchers, the prices stipulated in this contract for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this contract. Unless otherwise specified herein, including the purchase order, payment shall not be made on partial deliveries accepted by the Government. (b) Unless otherwise provided herein, including the purchase order, payment will be made by check. (c) Notwithstanding any other provision, payment shall be made in accordance with S.C. Code Section 11-35-45, which provides the Contractor's exclusive means of recovering any type of interest from the Owner. Contractor waives imposition of an interest penalty unless the invoice submitted specifies that the late penalty is applicable. Except as set forth in this paragraph, the State shall not be liable for the payment of interest on any debt or claim arising out of or related to this contract for any reason. (d) Amounts due to the State shall bear interest at the rate of interest established by the South Carolina Comptroller General pursuant to Section 11-35-45 ("an amount not to exceed fifteen percent each year"), as amended. (e) Any other basis for interest, including but not limited to general (pre- and post-judgment) or specific interest statutes, including S.C. Code Ann. Section 34-31-20, are expressly waived by both parties. If a court, despite this agreement and waiver, requires that interest be paid on any debt by either party other than as provided by items (c) and (d) above, the parties further agree that the applicable interest rate for any given calendar year shall be the lowest prime rate as listed in the first edition of the Wall Street Journal published for each year, applied as simple interest without compounding.

15. Code of Conduct: When Contractor employees are working on-site, the Contractor agrees to follow and enforce SC Code of Conduct Policy . If Contractor is working at facilities controlled by other State agencies, Contractor agrees to follow and enforce the Code of Conduct Policy of these other State agencies when Contractor is providing services at these facilities under provisions of this contract. The Contractor will assure that each on-site Contractor employee under Contractor's supervision receives a copy of such Code of Conduct. Upon request, SC Department of Technology agrees to provide Contractor with a copy of any applicable codes of conduct. If a Contractor or Subcontractor is working at any State agency which has a Code of Conduct applicable to this Contract, the Project Manager will provide the Contractor with a copy in advance of the Contractor's on-site contract services performance.

16. Publicity: Contractor shall not publish any comments or quotes by State employees, or include the State in either news releases or a published list of customers, without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer. [07-7A060-1]

17. CISG: The parties expressly agree that the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods shall not apply to this agreement. [07-7B030-1]

18. Statewide Term Contract – Contract Limitations: No sales may be made pursuant to this contract for any item or service that is not expressly included in the Scope. No sales may be made pursuant to this contract after expiration of this contract. No Leasing is authorized under this contract. Violation of this provision may result in termination of this contract and may subject contractor to suspension or debarment.

19. Statewide Term Contract - Acceptance Of Offers 10% Below Price: Pursuant to Section 11-35-310(35), the state may purchase items available on this contract from a third party (an "alternate vendor") if the alternate vendor offers a price that is at least ten percent less than the price established by this contract and, after being offered an opportunity, you decline to meet the alternate vendor's price. With regard to the items acquired, the alternate vendor must agree to be bound by all the terms and conditions of this contract. All acquisition pursuant to this clause must be documented by the procurement officer using the required form.

20. Relationship Of Using Governmental Units: Each Using Governmental Unit's obligations and liabilities are independent of every other Using Governmental Unit's obligations and liabilities. No Using Governmental Unit shall be responsible for any other Using Governmental Unit's act or failure to act. [07-7B210-1]

21. Item Substitution: No Substitutes will be allowed on Purchase Orders received from South Carolina procurement units without written permission from the issuing procurement unit.

31. Administrative Fee: Procurement Services (PS) issues and maintains State term contracts for the benefit of all South Carolina state and local public entities. State term contracts allow all public entities to maximize their purchasing power by aggregating their requirements and to benefit from increased efficiencies in the acquisition process. In order to maintain and enhance the quality and quantity of its State term contracts, each participating public procurement unit will be assessed an administrative fee. Accordingly, a public procurement unit (as defined in S.C. Code Ann. § 11-35-4610(5)), by participating in this contract, owes (PS) an administrative services fee ("fee"). Participating public procurement units shall pay the fee to contractor as a part of the contract price. Contractor is responsible both for collecting the fee at the time of billing and for remitting the fee to PS. The fee to be collected by the contractor constitutes a debt by the contractor to PS. Contractor shall factor the fee into its contract pricing and shall not separately itemize or invoice for the fee.

For each reporting period, Contractor shall pay to PS a fee equal to three-quarters (0.75%) percent of the total dollar amount (excluding sales taxes and adjusted for credits or refunds) of purchases made by any public procurement unit from Contractor pursuant to this contract.

(a) As used in this clause, the term "reporting period" means each full calendar quarter (Jan. -- Mar., Apr. -- Jun., Jul. -- Sep., and Oct. -- Dec.) and any remaining periods less than a full calendar quarter during the term of this contract. For each reporting period, contractor shall report to PS its total sales pursuant to this contract for the period and shall remit the fee to the PS Reports Manager. Payment for each reporting period is due no later than the last day of the month immediately following the end of the reporting period (Example: payment for the reporting period ending March 31 is due April 30). If the amount due for a reporting period is less than \$10.00, no payment is required. The procurement officer will provide contractor an information packet, including a detailed explanation of reporting and payment requirements, within fifteen (15) calendar days following contract award. You may contact the Reports Manager at:

Procurement Services Division  
Attn: Reports Manager  
1201 Main Street, Suite 600  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Phone: (803) 737-0600 (ask to speak to the Reports Manager)

(b) Contractor shall submit a usage report for each reporting period, even if no payment is due for the reporting period. The usage report shall include any information requested by PS to verify the amount due. At a minimum, each usage report shall reflect the following information for the applicable reporting period: contractor's name, contract number, contract description, reporting period/quarter, total dollar value of sales (excluding sales taxes and showing any adjustments for credits or refunds), total number of units (if practicable), and the number, date, and amount of contractor's check to PS. Unless otherwise specified by the reports manager, the usage report shall be submitted electronically according to instructions in the information packet. If the reports manager requires the contractor to provide a more detailed usage report, the reports manager will work directly with the contractor to determine the appropriate content and format of the report.

(c) PS or its authorized representatives shall be afforded access to contractor's records (including, without limitation, bank statements, deposits, checks; invoices; correspondence; ledgers; receipts; transmittals) in order to audit all transactions involving goods sold, work performed, or fees due pursuant to this contract, consistent with paragraph 24 of the Master Agreement. PS agrees not to disclose any material discovered or produced during the audit that the contractor reasonably designates as proprietary or confidential. If the audit indicates that contractor has materially underpaid PS, then contractor shall remit the balance found to be due (including any amounts assessed pursuant to subparagraph (d)) and reimburse PS for all costs of the audit.

(d) Payments of the fee which are due and unpaid by the contractor (including amounts disclosed by audit) shall bear simple interest from the date due until paid unless paid within 30 calendar days of becoming due. The interest rate shall be the highest prime rate (as published in The Wall Street Journal) plus 2% per annum (unless a higher rate is provided by law, but in no event be greater than the maximum interest rate permitted by

law), shall be variable, and shall be adjusted effective at the close of business on the day of any change in the prime rate. In addition to the fee and interest, contractor agrees to pay to PS its reasonable expenses of collection, including costs and attorneys' fees (and fees for inside counsel), whether or not PS commences legal action.

(e) If the contractor fails to (i) timely submit accurate usage reports; (ii) remit to PS the fee when due; or (iii) promptly and fully cooperate with an audit request, the State may, without prejudice to any other remedy available to the State, take any one or more of the following actions:

(1) order the contractor to not accept any further orders under the contract until the cause for such order has been eliminated;

(2) terminate this contract;

(3) order the contractor to not accept any further orders under any other statewide term contract;

(4) terminate the contractor's award of any other statewide term contract.

(f) For purposes of this clause, PS is intended as a third-party beneficiary of this contract.

Reports MUST reference the SC Participating number 440000XXXX to assure accurate accounting of purchases under this contract and reported administrative fees. Each remittance will include the period covered and the contract number.

32. Taxes: Any tax the contractor may be required to collect or pay upon the sale, use or delivery of the products shall be paid by the State, and such sums shall be due and payable to the contractor upon acceptance. Any personal property taxes levied after delivery shall be paid by the State. It shall be solely the State's obligation, after payment to contractor, to challenge the applicability of any tax by negotiation with, or action against, the taxing authority. Contractor agrees to refund any tax collected, which is subsequently determined not to be proper and for which a refund has been paid to contractor by the taxing authority. In the event that the contractor fails to pay, or delays in paying, to any taxing authorities, sums paid by the State to contractor, contractor shall be liable to the State for any loss (such as the assessment of additional interest) caused by virtue of this failure or delay. Taxes based on Contractor's net income or assets shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor.

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

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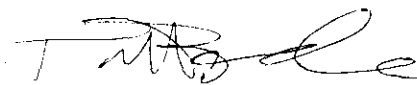
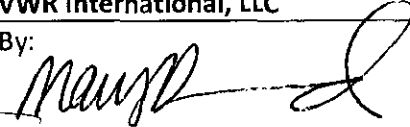
Participating State

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5. Orders: Any Order placed by a Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity for a Product and/or Service available from this Master Agreement shall be deemed to be a sale under (and governed by the prices and other terms and conditions) of the Master Agreement unless the parties to the Order agree in writing that another contract or agreement applies to such Order. All orders issued by purchasing entities within the State must include the Participating State contract number: **4400012781** as well as the Lead State Master Agreement No. **MA16000234-2**.

6. Entire Agreement: This PADD and the Master Agreement No. MA16000234-2, together with its exhibits, set forth the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of all previous communications, representations or agreements, whether oral or written. The terms and conditions of this PADD shall prevail and govern in the case of any inconsistency or conflict with the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement, as to the Participating State, and shall otherwise have no impact on the Master Agreement and its exhibits.

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

Participating State: SOUTH CAROLINA	Contractor: VWR International, LLC
By: 	By: 
Name: Patricia Bode	Name: Mary Diamond
Title: Procurement Manager	Title: VP, Pricing
Date: 4-1-16	Date: 3/31/2016

For questions on executing a participating addendum, please contact:

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