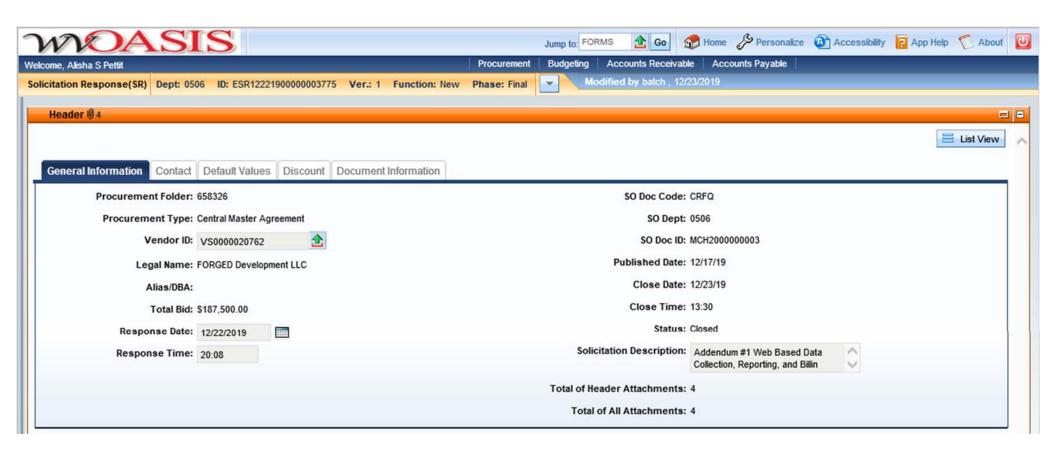
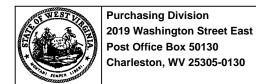


2019 Washington Street, East Charleston, WV 25305 Telephone: 304-558-2306 General Fax: 304-558-6026

Bid Fax: 304-558-3970

The following documentation is an electronically-submitted vendor response to an advertised solicitation from the *West Virginia Purchasing Bulletin* within the Vendor Self-Service portal at *wvOASIS.gov*. As part of the State of West Virginia's procurement process, and to maintain the transparency of the bid-opening process, this documentation submitted online is publicly posted by the West Virginia Purchasing Division at *WVPurchasing.gov* with any other vendor responses to this solicitation submitted to the Purchasing Division in hard copy format.





## State of West Virginia Solicitation Response

Proc Folder: 658326

Solicitation Description: Addendum #1 Web Based Data Collection, Reporting, and Billin

**Proc Type**: Central Master Agreement

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VENDOR

VS0000020762

FORGED Development LLC

Solicitation Number: CRFQ 0506 MCH2000000003

**Total Bid:** \$187,500.00 **Response Date:** 2019-12-22 **Response Time:** 20:08:16

**Comments:** 

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE BUYER

April E Battle (304) 558-0067 april.e.battle@wv.gov

Signature on File FEIN # DATE

All offers subject to all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation

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Line	Comm Ln I	Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Ln Total Or Contract Amount
1		d Data Collection, and Billing System				\$52,500.00
Comm Code	Ma	nufacturer	Specification		Model #	
43232300						
Extended Des	scription :	Web Based Data Collec	tion, Reporting, and	d Billing Syste	em	
Line	Comm Ln I	Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Ln Total Or Contract Amount
2	Optional R	Renewal Year 1				\$45,000.00
Comm Code 43232300	Ма	nufacturer	Specification		Model #	
43232300						
		Optional Renewal Year	1			
Line	Comm Ln I	Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Ln Total Or Contract Amount
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Extended Des	scription :	Web Based Data Collec Optional Renewal Year	tion, Reporting, and 2	d Billing Syste	em	
Line	Comm Ln I	Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Ln Total Or Contract Amount
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Comm Code 43232300	Ма	nufacturer	Specification		Model #	
Extended Des	scription :	Web Based Data Collec Optional Renewal Year	tion, Reporting, and 3	d Billing Syste	em	

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS SUBMITTING BIDS

- **1. REVIEW DOCUMENTS THOROUGHLY:** The attached documents contain a solicitation for bids. Please read these instructions and all documents attached in their entirety. These instructions provide critical information about requirements that if overlooked could lead to disqualification of a Vendor's bid. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the provisions contained in these instructions and the Solicitation. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of Vendor's bid.
- **2. MANDATORY TERMS:** The Solicitation may contain mandatory provisions identified by the use of the words "must," "will," and "shall." Failure to comply with a mandatory term in the Solicitation will result in bid disqualification.
- **3. PREBID MEETING:** The item identified below shall apply to this Solicitation.
  - ✓ A pre-bid meeting will not be held prior to bid opening
  - □ A MANDATORY PRE-BID meeting will be held at the following place and time:

All Vendors submitting a bid must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting. Failure to attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting shall result in disqualification of the Vendor's bid. No one individual is permitted to represent more than one vendor at the pre-bid meeting. Any individual that does attempt to represent two or more vendors will be required to select one vendor to which the individual's attendance will be attributed. The vendors not selected will be deemed to have not attended the pre-bid meeting unless another individual attended on their behalf.

An attendance sheet provided at the pre-bid meeting shall serve as the official document verifying attendance. Any person attending the pre-bid meeting on behalf of a Vendor must list on the attendance sheet his or her name and the name of the Vendor he or she is representing.

Additionally, the person attending the pre-bid meeting should include the Vendor's E-Mail address, phone number, and Fax number on the attendance sheet. It is the Vendor's responsibility to locate the attendance sheet and provide the required information. Failure to complete the attendance sheet as required may result in disqualification of Vendor's bid.

All Vendors should arrive prior to the starting time for the pre-bid. Vendors who arrive after the starting time but prior to the end of the pre-bid will be permitted to sign in but are charged with knowing all matters discussed at the pre-bid.

Questions submitted at least five business days prior to a scheduled pre-bid will be discussed at the pre-bid meeting if possible. Any discussions or answers to questions at the pre-bid meeting are preliminary in nature and are non-binding. Official and binding answers to questions will be published in a written addendum to the Solicitation prior to bid opening.

**4. VENDOR QUESTION DEADLINE**: Vendors may submit questions relating to this Solicitation to the Purchasing Division. Questions must be submitted in writing. All questions must be submitted on or before the date listed below and to the address listed below in order to be considered. A written response will be published in a Solicitation addendum if a response is possible and appropriate. Nonwritten discussions, conversations, or questions and answers regarding this Solicitation are preliminary in nature and are nonbinding.

Submitted e-mails should have solicitation number in the subject line. Question Submission Deadline: December 16, 2019, at 3:00 PM EST

Submit Questions to: April Battle, File #22

2019 Washington Street, East

Charleston, WV 25305

Fax: (304) 558-4115 (Vendors should not use this fax number for bid submission)

Email: April.e.battle@wv.gov

- **5. VERBAL COMMUNICATION:** Any verbal communication between the Vendor and any State personnel is not binding, including verbal communication at the mandatory pre-bid conference. Only information issued in writing and added to the Solicitation by an official written addendum by the Purchasing Division is binding.
- **6. BID SUBMISSION:** All bids must be submitted electronically through wvOASIS or signed and delivered by the Vendor to the Purchasing Division at the address listed below on or before the date and time of the bid opening. Any bid received by the Purchasing Division staff is considered to be in the possession of the Purchasing Division and will not be returned for any reason. The Purchasing Division will not accept bids, modification of bids, or addendum acknowledgment forms via e-mail. Acceptable delivery methods include electronic submission via wvOASIS, hand delivery, delivery by courier, or facsimile.

The bid delivery address is:
Department of Administration, Purchasing Division
2019 Washington Street East
Charleston, WV 25305-0130

A bid that is not submitted electronically through wvOASIS should contain the information listed below on the face of the envelope or the bid may be rejected by the Purchasing Division.:

SEALED BID: WV WISEWOMAN Program Web-Based Data Collection, Reporting, & Billing System

BUYER: April Battle, File #22

SOLICITATION NO.: CRFQ 0506 MCH2000000003

BID OPENING DATE: December 23, 2019

BID OPENING TIME: **1** :**30 PM EST** FAX NUMBER: **(304) 558-3970** 

The Purchasing Division may prohibit the submission of bids electronically through wvOASIS at its sole discretion. Such a prohibition will be contained and communicated in the wvOASIS system resulting in the Vendor's inability to submit bids through wvOASIS. Submission of a response to an Expression or Interest or Request for Proposal is not permitted in wvOASIS.

For Request For Proposal ("RFP") Responses Only: In the event that Vendor is responding to a request for proposal, the Vendor shall submit one original technical and one original cost proposal plus convenience copies of each to the Purchasing Division at the address shown above. Additionally, the Vendor should identify the bid type as either a technical or cost proposal on the face of each bid envelope submitted in response to a request for proposal as follows:

BID	TYPE: (This only applies to CRFP)
	Technical
	Cost

**7. BID OPENING:** Bids submitted in response to this Solicitation will be opened at the location identified below on the date and time listed below. Delivery of a bid after the bid opening date and time will result in bid disqualification. For purposes of this Solicitation, a bid is considered delivered when confirmation of delivery is provided by wvOASIS (in the case of electronic submission) or when the bid is time stamped by the official Purchasing Division time clock (in the case of hand delivery).

Bid Opening Data and Time: December 23, 2019, at 1:30PM EST

Bid Opening Location: Department of Administration, Purchasing Division 2019 Washington Street East Charleston, WV 25305-0130

- **8. ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Changes or revisions to this Solicitation will be made by an official written addendum issued by the Purchasing Division. Vendor should acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this Solicitation by completing an Addendum Acknowledgment Form, a copy of which is included herewith. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification. The addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.
- **9. BID FORMATTING:** Vendor should type or electronically enter the information onto its bid to prevent errors in the evaluation. Failure to type or electronically enter the information may result in bid disqualification.
- **10. ALTERNATE MODEL OR BRAND:** Unless the box below is checked, any model, brand, or specification listed in this Solicitation establishes the acceptable level of quality only and is not intended to reflect a preference for, or in any way favor, a particular brand or vendor. Vendors may bid alternates to a listed model or brand provided that the alternate is at least equal to the model or brand and complies with the required specifications. The equality of any alternate being bid shall be determined by the State at its sole discretion. Any Vendor bidding an alternate model or brand should clearly identify the alternate items in its bid and should include manufacturer's specifications, industry literature, and/or any other relevant documentation demonstrating the equality of the alternate

items. Failure to provide information for alternate items may be grounds for rejection of a Vendor's bid. This Solicitation is based upon a standardized commodity established under W. Va. Code § 5A-3-61. Vendors are expected to bid the standardized commodity identified. Failure to bid the standardized commodity will result in your firm's bid being rejected.

- **11. EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:** The Solicitation contains the specifications that shall form the basis of a contractual agreement. Vendor shall clearly mark any exceptions, clarifications, or other proposed modifications in its bid. Exceptions to, clarifications of, or modifications of a requirement or term and condition of the Solicitation may result in bid disqualification.
- **12. COMMUNICATION LIMITATIONS:** In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-6.6, communication with the State of West Virginia or any of its employees regarding this Solicitation during the solicitation, bid, evaluation or award periods, except through the Purchasing Division, is strictly prohibited without prior Purchasing Division approval. Purchasing Division approval for such communication is implied for all agency delegated and exempt purchases.
- **13. REGISTRATION:** Prior to Contract award, the apparent successful Vendor must be properly registered with the West Virginia Purchasing Division and must have paid the \$125 fee, if applicable.
- **14. UNIT PRICE:** Unit prices shall prevail in cases of a discrepancy in the Vendor's bid.
- **15. PREFERENCE:** Vendor Preference may be requested in purchases of motor vehicles or construction and maintenance equipment and machinery used in highway and other infrastructure projects. Any request for preference must be submitted in writing with the bid, must specifically identify the preference requested with reference to the applicable subsection of West Virginia Code § 5A-3-37, and should include with the bid any information necessary to evaluate and confirm the applicability of the requested preference. A request form to help facilitate the request can be found at: <a href="http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/Venpref.pdf">http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/Venpref.pdf</a>.
- **15A. RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE:** The State of West Virginia applies a reciprocal preference to all solicitations for commodities and printing in accordance with W. Ya. Code § 5A-3-37(b). In effect, non-resident vendors receiving a preference in their home states, will see that same preference granted to West Virginia resident vendors bidding against them in West Virginia. A request form to help facilitate the request can be found at:

http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/Venpref.pdf.

**16. SMALL, WOMEN-OWNED, OR MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES:** For any solicitations publicly advertised for bid, in accordance with West Virginia Code § 5A-3-37(a)(7) and W. Ya. CSR § 148-22-9, any non-resident vendor certified as a small, women—owned, or minority-owned business under W. Ya. CSR § 148-22-9 shall be provided the same preference made available to any resident vendor. Any non-resident small, women-owned, or minority-owned business must identify itself as such in writing, must submit that writing to the Purchasing Division with its bid, and must be properly certified under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 prior to contract award to receive the preferences

made available to resident vendors. Preference for a non-resident small, women-owned, or minority owned business shall be applied in accordance with W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9.

- **17. WAIVER OF MINOR IRREGULARITIES:** The Director reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in bids or specifications in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-4.6.
- **18. ELECTRONIC FILE ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** Vendor must ensure that its submission in wvOASIS can be accessed and viewed by the Purchasing Division staff immediately upon bid opening. The Purchasing Division will consider any file that cannot be immediately accessed and viewed at the time of the bid opening (such as, encrypted files, password protected files, or incompatible files) to be blank or incomplete as context requires, and are therefore unacceptable. A vendor will not be permitted to unencrypt files, remove password protections, or resubmit documents after bid opening to make a file viewable if those documents are required with the bid. A Vendor may be required to provide document passwords or remove access restrictions to allow the Purchasing Division to print or electronically save documents provided that those documents are viewable by the Purchasing Division prior to obtaining the password or removing the access restriction.
- **19. NON-RESPONSIBLE:** The Purchasing Division Director reserves the right to reject the bid of any vendor as Non-Responsible in accordance with W. Va. Code of State Rules § 148-1- 5.3, when the Director determines that the vendor submitting the bid does not have the capability to fully perform, or lacks the integrity and reliability to assure good-faith performance."
- **20. ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION:** The State may accept or reject any bid in whole, or in part in accordance with W. Va. Code of State Rules § 148-1-4.5. and § 148-1-6.4.b."
- **21. YOUR SUBMISSION IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT:** Vendor's entire response to the Solicitation and the resulting Contract are public documents. As public documents, they will be disclosed to the public following the bid/proposal opening or award of the contract, as required by the competitive bidding laws of West Virginia Code  $\S$   $\S$  5A-3-I et seq., 5-22-1 et seq., and 5G-I-I et seq. and the Freedom of Information Act West Virginia Code  $\S$   $\S$  298-1-1 et seq.

DO NOT SUBMIT MATERIAL YOU CONSIDER TO BE CONFIDENTIAL, A TRADE SECRET, OR OTHERWISE NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.

Submission of any bid, proposal, or other document to the Purchasing Division constitutes your explicit consent to the subsequent public disclosure of the bid, proposal, or document. The Purchasing Division will disclose any document labeled "confidential," "proprietary," "trade secret," "private," or labeled with any other claim against public disclosure of the documents, to include any "trade secrets" as defined by West Virginia Code § 47-22-1 et seq. All submissions are subject to public disclosure without notice.

**22. INTERESTED PARTY DISCLOSURE:** West Virginia Code § 6D-1-2 requires that the vendor submit to the Purchasing Division a disclosure of interested parties to the contract for all contracts with an actual or estimated value of at least \$1 Million. That disclosure must occur on the form prescribed and approved by the WV Ethics Commission prior to contract award. A copy of that form is included

with this solicitation or can be obtained from the WV Ethics Commission. This requirement does not apply to publicly traded companies listed on a national or international stock exchange. A more detailed definition of interested parties can be obtained from the form referenced above.

**23. WITH THE BID REQUIREMENTS:** In instances where these specifications require documentation or other information with the bid, and a vendor fails to provide it with the bid, the Director of the Purchasing Division reserves the right to request those items after bid opening and prior to contract award pursuant to the authority to waive minor irregularities in bids or specifications under W. Va. CSR § 148-1-4.6. This authority does not apply to instances where state law mandates receipt with the bid.

#### **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- 1. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT: Issuance of a Award Document signed by the Purchasing Division Director, or his designee, and approved as to form by the Attorney General's office constitutes acceptance of this Contract made by and between the State of West Virginia and the Vendor. Vendor's signature on its bid signifies Vendor's agreement to be bound by and accept the terms and conditions contained in this Contract.
- **2. DEFINITIONS:** As used in this Solicitation/Contract, the following terms shall have the meanings attributed to them below. Additional definitions may be found in the specifications included with this Solicitation/Contract.
  - 2.1. "Agency" or "Agencies" means the agency, board, commission, or other entity of the State of West Virginia that is identified on the first page of the Solicitation or any other public entity seeking to procure goods or services under this Contract.
  - 2.2. "Bid" or "Proposal" means the vendors submitted response to this solicitation.
  - 2.3. "Contract" means the binding agreement that is entered into between the State and the Vendor to provide the goods or services requested in the Solicitation.
  - 2.4. "Director" means the Director of the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division.
  - 2.5. "Purchasing Division" means the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division.
  - 2.6. "Award Document" means the document signed by the Agency and the Purchasing Division, and approved as to form by the Attorney General, that identifies the Vendor as the contract holder.
  - 2.7. "Solicitation" means the official notice of an opportunity to supply the State with goods or services that is published by the Purchasing Division.
  - 2.8. "State" means the State of West Virginia and/or any of its agencies, commissions, boards, etc. as context requires.
  - 2.9. "Vendor" or "Vendors" means any entity submitting a bid in response to the Solicitation, the entity that has been selected as the lowest responsible bidder, or the entity that has been awarded the Contract as context requires

3. CONTRACT TERM; RENEWAL; EXTENSION: The term of this Contract shall be determined in

accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below: ☑ Term Contract Initial Contract Term: Initial Contract Term: This Contract becomes effective on <u>award</u> and extends for a period of <u>ONE (1)</u> year(s). Renewal Term: This Contract may be renewed upon the mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor, with approval of the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only). Any request for renewal should be delivered to the Agency and then submitted to the Purchasing Division thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the initial contract term or appropriate renewal term. A Contract renewal shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract. Unless otherwise specified below, renewal of this Contract is limited to THREE (3) successive one (1) year periods or multiple renewal periods of less than one year, provided that the multiple renewal periods do not exceed the total number of months available in all renewal years combined. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Renewals must be approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division and Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only) ☐ Alternate Renewal Term - This contract may be renewed for\_\_\_ successive \_\_\_\_\_\_year periods or shorter periods provided that they do not exceed the total number of months contained in all available renewals. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Renewals must be approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division and Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only) Delivery Order Limitations: In the event that this contract permits delivery orders, a delivery order may only be issued during the time this Contract is in effect. Any delivery order issued within one year of the expiration of this Contract shall be effective for one year from the date the delivery order is issued. No delivery order may be extended beyond one year after this Contract has expired. ☐ Fixed Period Contract: This Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and must be completed within days. ☐ Fixed Period Contract with Renewals: This Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and part of the Contract more fully described in the attached specifications must be completed within days. Upon completion of the work covered by the preceding sentence, the vendor agrees that maintenance, monitoring, or warranty services will be provided for \_\_\_\_\_\_year(s) thereafter. ☐ One Time Purchase: The term of this Contract shall run from the issuance of the Award Document until all of the goods contracted for have been delivered, but in no event will this Contract extend for more than one fiscal year. ☐ **Other:** See attached.

- **4. NOTICE TO PROCEED:** Vendor shall begin performance of this Contract immediately upon receiving notice to proceed unless otherwise instructed by the Agency. Unless otherwise specified, the fully executed Award Document will be considered notice to proceed.
- **5. QUANTITIES:** The quantities required under this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below.
  - Open End Contract: Quantities listed in this Solicitation are approximations only, based on estimates supplied by the Agency. It is understood and agreed that the Contract shall cover the quantities actually ordered for delivery during the term of the Contract, whether more or less than the quantities shown.
     Service: The scope of the service to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.
     Combined Service and Goods: The scope of the service and deliverable goods to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.
     One Time Purchase: This Contract is for the purchase of a set quantity of goods that are identified in the specifications included herewith. Once those items have been delivered, no additional goods may be procured under this Contract without an appropriate change order approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division, and Attorney General's office.
- **6. EMERGENCY PURCHASES:** The Purchasing Division Director may authorize the Agency to purchase goods or services in the open market that Vendor would otherwise provide under this Contract if those goods or services are for immediate or expedited delivery in an emergency. Emergencies shall include, but are not limited to, delays in transportation or an unanticipated increase in the volume of work. An emergency purchase in the open market, approved by the Purchasing Division Director, shall not constitute of breach of this Contract and shall not entitle the Vendor to any form of compensation or damages. This provision does not excuse the State from fulfilling its obligations under a One Time Purchase contract.
- **7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** All of the items checked below must be provided to the Purchasing Division by the Vendor as specified below.
  - □ **BID BOND (Construction Only):** Pursuant to the requirements contained in W. Va. Code § 5-22-I(c), All Vendors submitting a bid on a construction project shall furnish a valid bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid protecting the State of West Virginia. The bid bond must be submitted with the bid.
  - □ **PERFORMANCE BOND:** The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a performance bond in the amount of I 00% of the contract. The performance bond must be received by the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award.

- □ LABOR/MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND: The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a labor/material payment bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract value. The labor/material payment bond must be delivered to the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award. The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional licenses or certifications contained in the specifications regardless of whether or not that requirement is listed above.
- **8. INSURANCE:** The apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the insurance identified by a checkmark below and must include the State as an additional insured on each policy prior to Contract award. The insurance coverages identified below must be maintained throughout the life of this contract. Thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the insurance policies, Vendor shall provide the Agency with proof that the insurance mandated herein has been continued. Vendor must also provide Agency with immediate notice of any changes in its insurance policies, including but not limited to, policy cancelation, policy reduction, or change in insurers. The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional insurance requirements contained in the specifications prior to Contract award regardless of whether or not that insurance requirement is listed in this section.

Vendor must maintain:

$\checkmark$	Commercial General Liability Insurance in at least an amount of: \$1,000,000.00 per				
	occurrence.				
$\checkmark$	Automobile Liability Insurance in at least an amount of: \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.				
	Professional/Malpractice/Errors and Omission Insurance in at least an amount of:				
	per occurrence. Notwithstanding the forgoing, Vendor's are not required to list				
the	State as an additional insured for this type of policy.				
Cor	mmercial Crime and Third Party Fidelity Insurance in an amount of:				
per	occurrence.				
$\checkmark$	Cyber Liability Insurance in an amount of: \$3,000,000.00 per occurrence.				
	Builders Risk Insurance in an amount equal to I 00% of the amount of the Contract.				
	Pollution Insurance in an amount of: per occurrence.				
	Aircraft Liability in an amount of:per occurrence.				
$\checkmark$	Workers' Compensation in the amount of \$1,000,000.00				

Notwithstanding anything contained in this section to the contrary, the Director of the Purchasing Division reserves the right to waive the requirement that the State be named as an additional insured on one or more of the Vendor's insurance policies if the Director finds that doing so is in the State's best interest.

**9. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE:** The apparent successful Vendor shall comply with laws relating to workers compensation, shall maintain workers' compensation insurance when required, and shall furnish proof of workers' compensation insurance upon request.

#### 10. [Reserved]

11. LIQUII	DATED DAMAGES	: This clause shall in no way be considered ex	clusive and shall not limit		
the State	or Agency's righ	t to pursue any other available remedy. Ve	ndor shall pay liquidated		
damages in the amount specified below or as described in the specifications:					
<b>I</b>	N/A	for			

**12. ACCEPTANCE:** Vendor's signature on its bid, or on the certification and signature page, constitutes an offer to the State that cannot be unilaterally withdrawn, signifies that the product or service proposed by vendor meets the mandatory requirements contained in the Solicitation for that product or service, unless otherwise indicated, and signifies acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation unless otherwise indicated.

☐ Liquidated Damages Contained in the Specifications

- **13. PRICING:** The pricing set forth herein is firm for the life of the Contract, unless specified elsewhere within this Solicitation/Contract by the State. A Vendor's inclusion of price adjustment provisions in its bid, without an express authorization from the State in the Solicitation to do so, may result in bid disqualification. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Vendor must extend any publicly advertised sale price to the State and invoice at the lower of the contract price or the publicly advertised sale price.
- **14. PAYMENT IN ARREARS:** Payment in advance is prohibited under this Contract. Payment may only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services. The Vendor shall submit invoices, in arrears.
- **15. PAYMENT METHODS:** Vendor must accept payment by electronic funds transfer and P-Card. (The State of West Virginia's Purchasing Card program, administered under contract by a banking institution, processes payment for goods and services through state designated credit cards.)
- **16. TAXES:** The Vendor shall pay any applicable sales, use, personal property or any other taxes arising out of this Contract and the transactions contemplated thereby. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.
- **17. ADDITIONAL FEES:** Vendor is not permitted to charge additional fees or assess additional charges that were not either expressly provided for in the solicitation published by the State of West Virginia or included in the unit price or lump sum bid amount that Vendor is required by the solicitation to provide. Including such fees or charges as notes to the solicitation may result in rejection of vendor's bid. Requesting such fees or charges be paid after the contract has been awarded may result in cancellation of the contract.
- **18. FUNDING:** This Contract shall continue for the term stated herein, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available, this Contract becomes void and of no effect beginning on July I of the fiscal year for which funding has not been appropriated or otherwise made available.

- **19. CANCELLATION:** The Purchasing Division Director reserves the right to cancel this Contract immediately upon written notice to the vendor if the materials or workmanship supplied do not conform to the specifications contained in the Contract. The Purchasing Division Director may also cancel any purchase or Contract upon 30 days written notice to the Vendor in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-5.2.b.
- 20. TIME: Time is of the essence with regard to all matters of time and performance in this Contract.
- **21. APPLICABLE LAW:** This Contract is governed by and interpreted under West Virginia law without giving effect to its choice of law principles. Any information provided in specification manuals, or any other source, verbal or written, which contradicts or violates the West Virginia Constitution, West Virginia Code or West Virginia Code of State Rules is void and of no effect.
- **22. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:** Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances. By submitting a bid, Vendor acknowledges that it has reviewed, understands, and will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances.

  SUBCONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE: Vendor shall notify all subcontractors providing commodities or services related to this Contract that as subcontractors, they too are required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances. Notification under this provision must occur prior to the performance of any work under the contract by the subcontractor.
- **23. ARBITRATION:** Any references made to arbitration contained in this Contract, Vendor's bid, or in any American Institute of Architects documents pertaining to this Contract are hereby deleted, void, and of no effect.
- **24. MODIFICATIONS:** This writing is the parties' final expression of intent. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Contract to the contrary no modification of this Contract shall be binding without mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor, with approval of the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only). Any change to existing contracts that adds work or changes contract cost, and were not included in the original contract, must be approved by the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's Office (as to form) prior to the implementation of the change or commencement of work affected by the change.
- **25. WAIVER:** The failure of either party to insist upon a strict performance of any of the terms or provision of this Contract, or to exercise any option, right, or remedy herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment for the future of such term, provision, option, right, or remedy, but the same shall continue in full force and effect. Any waiver must be expressly stated in writing and signed by the waiving party.

- **26. SUBSEQUENT FORMS:** The terms and conditions contained in this Contract shall supersede any and all subsequent terms and conditions which may appear on any form documents submitted by Vendor to the Agency or Purchasing Division such as price lists, order forms, invoices, sales agreements, or maintenance agreements, and includes internet websites or other electronic documents. Acceptance or use of Vendor's forms does not constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions contained thereon.
- **27. ASSIGNMENT:** Neither this Contract nor any monies due, or to become due hereunder, may be assigned by the Vendor without the express written consent of the Agency, the Purchasing Division, the Attorney General's office (as to form only), and any other government agency or office that may be required to approve such assignments.
- **28. WARRANTY:** The Vendor expressly warrants that the goods and/or services covered by this Contract will: (a) conform to the specifications, drawings, samples, or other description furnished or specified by the Agency; (b) be merchantable and fit for the purpose intended; and (c) be free from defect in material and workmanship.
- **29. STATE EMPLOYEES:** State employees are not permitted to utilize this Contract for personal use and the Vendor is prohibited from permitting or facilitating the same.
- **30. PRIVACY, SECURITY, AND CONFIDENTIALITY: The** Vendor agrees that it will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the Agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the Agency's policies, procedures, and rules. Vendor further agrees to comply with the Confidentiality Policies and Information Security Accountability Requirements, set forth in http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy/defau lt.htm1.
- **31. YOUR SUBMISSION IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT:** Vendor's entire response to the Solicitation and the resulting Contract are public documents. As public documents, they will be disclosed to the public following the bid/proposal opening or award of the contract, as required by the competitive bidding laws of West Virginia Code § § 5A-3-I et seq., 5-22-1 et seq., and 50-1-1 et seq. and the Freedom of Information Act West Virginia Code § § 29B-1-I et seq.

DO NOT SUBMIT MATERIAL YOU CONSIDER TO BE CONFIDENTIAL, A TRADE SECRET, OR OTHERWISE NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.

Submission of any bid, proposal, or other document to the Purchasing Division constitutes your explicit consent to the subsequent public disclosure of the bid, proposal, or document. The Purchasing Division will disclose any document labeled "confidential," "proprietary," "trade secret," "private," or labeled with any other claim against public disclosure of the documents, to include any "trade secrets" as defined by West Virginia Code § 47-22-1 et seq. All submissions are subject to public disclosure without notice.

**32. LICENSING:** In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-6.1.e, Vendor must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, West Virginia Insurance Commission, or any other state agency or political subdivision. Obligations related to political subdivisions may include, but are not limited to, business licensing, business and occupation taxes, inspection compliance, permitting, etc. Upon request, the Vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the Purchasing Division Director or the Agency to verify that the Vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

**SUBCONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE:** Vendor shall notify all subcontractors providing commodities or services related to this Contract that as subcontractors, they too are required to be licensed, in good standing, and up-to-date on all state and local obligations as described in this section. Obligations related to political subdivisions may include, but are not limited to, business licensing, business and occupation taxes, inspection compliance, permitting, etc. Notification under this provision must occur prior to the performance of any work under the contract by the subcontractor.

- **33. ANTITRUST:** In submitting a bid to, signing a contract with, or accepting a Award Document from any agency of the State of West Virginia, the Vendor agrees to convey, sell, assign, or transfer to the State of West Virginia all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the State of West Virginia. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders the initial payment to Vendor.
- **34. VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS:** By signing its bid or entering into this Contract, Vendor certifies (1) that its bid or offer was made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership, person or entity submitting a bid or offer for the same material, supplies, equipment or services; (2) that its bid or offer is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; (3) that this Contract is accepted or entered into without any prior understanding, agreement, or connection to any other entity that could be considered a violation of law; and (4) that it has reviewed this Solicitation in its entirety; understands the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein.

Vendor's signature on its bid or offer also affirms that neither it nor its representatives have any interest, nor shall acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would compromise the performance of its services hereunder. Any such interests shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency. The individual signing this bid or offer on behalf of Vendor certifies that he or she is authorized by the Vendor to execute this bid or offer or any documents related thereto on Vendor's behalf; that he or she is authorized to bind the Vendor in a contractual relationship; and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the Vendor has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

**35. VENDOR RELATIONSHIP:** The relationship of the Vendor to the State shall be that of an independent contractor and no principal-agent relationship or employer-employee relationship is contemplated or created by this Contract. The Vendor as an independent contractor is solely liable for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents. Vendor shall be responsible for selecting, supervising, and compensating any and all individuals employed pursuant to the terms of this Solicitation and resulting contract. Neither the Vendor, nor any employees or subcontractors of the Vendor, shall be deemed to be employees of the State for any purpose whatsoever. Vendor shall be exclusively responsible for payment of employees and contractors for all wages and salaries, taxes, withholding payments, penalties, fees, fringe benefits, professional liability insurance premiums, contributions to insurance and pension, or other deferred compensation plans, including but not limited to, Workers' Compensation and Social Security obligations, licensing fees, etc. and the filing of all necessary documents, forms, and returns pertinent to all of the foregoing.

Vendor shall hold harmless the State and shall provide the State and Agency with a defense against any and all claims including, but not limited to, the foregoing payments, withholdings, contributions, taxes, Social Security taxes, and employer income tax returns.

- **36. INDEMNIFICATION:** The Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and the Agency, their officers, and employees from and against: (I) Any claims or losses for services rendered by any subcontractor, person, or firm performing or supplying services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of the Contract; (2) Any claims or losses resulting to any person or entity injured or damaged by the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors by the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use, or disposition of any data used under the Contract in a manner not authorized by the Contract, or by Federal or State statutes or regulations; and (3) Any failure of the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors to observe State and Federal laws including, but not limited to, labor and wage and hour laws.
- **37. PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT:** In accordance with West Virginia Code § § 5A-3- I 0a and 5-22-1 (i), the State is prohibited from awarding a contract to any bidder that owes a debt to the State or a political subdivision of the State, Vendors are required to sign, notarize, and submit the Purchasing Affidavit to the Purchasing Division affirming under oath that it is not in default on any monetary obligation owed to the state or a political subdivision of the state.
- **38. ADDITIONAL AGENCY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT USE:** This Contract may be utilized by other agencies, spending units, and political subdivisions of the State of West Virginia; county, municipal, and other local government bodies; and school districts ("Other Government Entities"), provided that both the Other Government Entity and the Vendor agree. Any extension of this Contract to the aforementioned Other Government Entities must be on the same prices, terms, and conditions as those offered and agreed to in this Contract, provided that such extension is in compliance with the applicable laws, rules, and ordinances of the Other Government Entity. A refusal to extend this Contract to the Other Government Entities shall not impact or influence the award of this Contract in any manner.

- **39. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Vendor, its officers or members or employees, shall not presently have or acquire an interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict with or compromise the performance of its obligations hereunder. Vendor shall periodically inquire of its officers, members and employees to ensure that a conflict of interest does not arise. Any conflict of interest discovered shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.
- **40. REPORTS:** Vendor shall provide the Agency and/or the Purchasing Division with the following reports identified by a checked box below:
  - ☑ Such reports as the Agency and/or the Purchasing Division may request. Requested reports may include, but are not limited to, quantities purchased, agencies utilizing the contract, total contract expenditures by agency, etc.
  - ☐ Quarterly reports detailing the total quantity of purchases in units and dollars, along with a listing of purchases by agency. Quarterly reports should be delivered to the Purchasing Division via email at <a href="mailto:purchasing.reguisitions@wv.gov">purchasing.reguisitions@wv.gov</a>.
- **41. BACKGROUND CHECK:** In accordance with W. Va. Code § 15-20-3, the Director of the Division of Protective Services shall require any service provider whose employees are regularly employed on the grounds or in the buildings of the Capitol complex or who have access to sensitive or critical information to submit to a fingerprint-based state and federal background inquiry through the state repository. The service provider is responsible for any costs associated with the fingerprint-based state and federal background inquiry.

After the contract for such services has been approved, but before any such employees are permitted to be on the grounds or in the buildings of the Capitol complex or have access to sensitive or critical information, the service provider shall submit a list of all persons who will be physically present and working at the Capitol complex to the Director of the Division of Protective Services for purposes of verifying compliance with this provision. The State reserves the right to prohibit a service provider's employees from accessing sensitive or critical information or to be present at the Capitol complex based upon results addressed from a criminal background check.

Service providers should contact the West Virginia Division of Protective Services by phone at (304) 558-9911 for more information.

**43. PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC ALUMINUM, GLASS, AND STEEL:** In Accordance with W. Va. Code § 5-19-1 et seq., and W. Va. CSR § 148-10-1 et seq., for every contract or subcontract, subject to the limitations contained herein, for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, improvement or maintenance of public works or for the purchase of any item of machinery or equipment to be used at sites of public works, only domestic aluminum, glass or steel products shall be supplied unless the spending officer determines, in writing, after the receipt of offers or bids, (1) that the cost of domestic aluminum, glass or steel products is unreasonable or inconsistent with the public interest of the State of West Virginia, (2) that domestic aluminum, glass or steel products are not produced in sufficient quantities to meet the contract requirements, or (3) the available domestic

aluminum, glass, or steel do not meet the contract specifications. This provision only applies to public works contracts awarded in an amount more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or public works contracts that require more than ten thousand pounds of steel products.

The cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than twenty percent (20%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products. If the domestic aluminum, glass or steel products to be supplied or produced in a

"substantial labor surplus area", as defined by the United States Department of Labor, the cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than thirty percent (30%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products. This preference shall be applied to an item of machinery or equipment, as indicated above, when the item is a single unit of equipment or machinery manufactured primarily of aluminum, glass or steel, is part of a public works contract and has the sole purpose or of being a permanent part of a single public works project. This provision does not apply to equipment or machinery purchased by a spending unit for use by that spending unit and not as part of a single public works project.

All bids and offers including domestic aluminum, glass or steel products that exceed bid or offer prices including foreign aluminum, glass or steel products after application of the preferences provided in this provision may be reduced to a price equal to or lower than the lowest bid or offer price for foreign aluminum, glass or steel products plus the applicable preference. If the reduced bid or offer prices are made in writing and supersede the prior bid or offer prices, all bids or offers, including the reduced bid or offer prices, will be reevaluated in accordance with this rule.

**44. INTERESTED PARTY SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE:** W. Va. Code § 6D-1-2 requires that for contracts with an actual or estimated value of at least \$1 million, the vendor must submit to the Agency a supplemental disclosure of interested parties reflecting any new or differing interested parties to the contract, which were not included in the original pre— award interested party disclosure, within 30 days following the completion or termination of the contract. A copy of that form is included with this solicitation or can be obtained from the WV Ethics Commission. This requirement does not apply to publicly traded companies listed on a national or international stock exchange. A more detailed definition of interested parties can be obtained from the form referenced above.

#### **45. PROHIBITION AGAINST**

**46. USED OR REFURBISHED:** Unless expressly permitted in the solicitation published by the State, Vendor must provide new, unused commodities, and is prohibited from supplying used or refurbished commodities, in fulfilling its responsibilities under this Contract.

**DESIGNATED CONTACT:** Vendor appoints the individual identified in this Section as the Contract Administrator and the initial point of contact for matters relating to this Contract.

PAS = Managing Director
(Name, Title)
Rex H. Brown, Managing Director
(Printed Name and Title)
5300 N 30 <sup>th</sup> Street, CAET Building, Omaha Nebraska 68111 (Address)
(402)934-1292
(Phone Number) / (Fax Number)
rbrown@forgeddev.com (email address)

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE: By signing below, or submitting documentation through wvOASIS, I certify that I have reviewed this Solicitation in its entirety; that I understand the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein; that this bid, offer or proposal constitutes an offer to the State that cannot be unilaterally withdrawn; that the product or service proposed meets the mandatory requirements contained in the Solicitation for that product or service, unless otherwise stated herein; that the Vendor accepts the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation, unless otherwise stated herein; that I am submitting this bid, offer or proposal for review and consideration; that I am authorized by the vendor to execute and submit this bid, offer, or proposal, or any documents related thereto on vendor's behalf; that

I am authorized to bind the vendor in a contractual relationship; and that to the best of my knowledge, the vendor has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

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### ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM SOLICITATION NO.: CRFQ 0506 MCH2000000003

Instructions: Please acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this solicitation by completing this addendum acknowledgment form. Check the box next to each addendum received and sign below. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification.

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## West Virginia WISEWOMAN Program Web-Based Data Collection, Reporting, and Billing System

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#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE: The West Virginia (WV) Purchasing Division is soliciting bids on behalf of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WVDHHR), Bureau for Public Health (BPH), Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health (OMCFH) to establish an open ended contract of a web-based data collection, reporting, and billing system for the WV WISEWOMAN program. WV WISEWOMAN is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funded program that serves low-income, uninsured/underinsured WV women ages 40-64 and provides them with preventive health services such as health screenings for the detection and prevention of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and healthy behavior support services.

NOTE: This request is covered in part or in whole by federal funds. All bidders will be required to acknowledge and adhere to Attachment 1: Provisions Required for Federally Funded Procurements.

NOTE: The WVDHHR has developed an EEOP Utilization Report and it is available at: <a href="http://intranet.wvdhhr.org/ops/EEO/forms/H1.5%20Utilization%20Report%20and%20EEO%20policy.pdf">http://intranet.wvdhhr.org/ops/EEO/forms/H1.5%20Utilization%20Report%20and%20EEO%20policy.pdf</a>

#### **SCOPE OF WORK**

The Scope of Work includes services to run and maintain a web-based data collection, reporting, and billing system for the WV WISEWOMAN program. Additionally, the vendor must supply services to manage, enhance, and customize a web-based data collection system to meet the needs of WV WISEWOMAN as described below:

- **2. DEFINITIONS:** The terms listed shall have the meanings assigned to them below. Additional definitions can be found in section 2 of the General Terms and Conditions.
  - 2.1 "Contract Services" means web-based data management system to support and record, collect, and analyze data for the West Virginia WISEWOMAN Program as more fully described in these specifications. The system shall include all server hardware, software, customer support, maintenance, and on-going system upgrades.
  - 2.2 "Pricing Page" means the pages, contained wvOASIS or attached hereto as Exhibit A, upon which Vendor should list its proposed price for the Contract Services.
  - 2.3 "Solicitation" means the official notice of an opportunity to supply the State with goods or services that is published by the Purchasing Division.

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- 2.4 "WISEWOMAN" stands for Well Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation, a CDC funded program. The program extends services provided to women as part of the WV Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (BCCSP). WISEWOMAN provides additional preventive health services such as health screening for cardiovascular disease (CVD), risk assessment, and healthy behavior support services.
- 2.5 "CDC" stands for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a United States federal agency under the Department of Health and Human Services.
- 2.6 "EMR" means electronic medical record or a digital version of a participant's paper chart.
- 2.7 "HIPAA" means Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, United States legislation that provides data privacy and security provisions for safeguarding medical information.
- 2.8 "MDE" means Minimum Data Elements, data required by the CDC.
- 2.9 "USER" means WV WISEWOMAN clinic staff who are permitted to access data.
- 2.10 "PARTICIPANT" means WV WISEWOMAN program enrollee.
- **3. QUALIFICATIONS:** Vendor, or Vendor's staff if requirements are inherently limited to individuals rather than corporate entities, shall have the following minimum qualifications:
  - 3.1. Vendor must have five years of experience setting up, installing, configuring, maintaining, troubleshooting, and operating applications for CDC-funded programs.

**Response:** The team of FORGED Development exceeds this requirement. Our team members have experience in project management, process development, program evaluation, database creation, software development, hardware configuration, system implementation, and establishing help desk services in support for CDC funded programs.

3.2. The vendor must have a minimum of five years knowledge and experience with data integration, EMR, data backup and recovery, and database management. Vendor must submit resume upon request detailing experience.

**Response:** The team of FORGED Development exceeds this requirement and does comply with this requirement.

3.3. Vendor must have the WV WISEWOMAN database in production within 6 months of contract award, this includes test and staging.

**Response:** The team at FORGED Development can comply and exceed this requirement. Based upon the information provided in this RFQ, and availability of the WV WISEWOMAN staff we estimate that your implementation will be completed in (4) months of contract award.

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The WV WISEWOMAN deployment two dedicated platforms with identical capabilities and unique URLs. The first platform will support User training and feature testing for the WV WISEWOMAN program. The platform will operate as the WV WISEWOMAN Production Program server. The benefit of having dedicated platforms centers around security, performance, and the development of features specific to West Virginia.

Our implementation process begins with our business analyst confirming parameters and goals for the Program. We use this information as a basis for the development of a Project Management Plan specific to the needs and requirements of the WV WISEWOMAN program. Our Project Team will begin your implementation with a kickoff meeting to discuss your Project Plan. During the meeting we will cover key components such as: Project Milestones, Task Assignments, RAID Log, and Communication Plan. At FORGED Development, we stress the importance of transparency throughout the implementation process. As such, the Project Team will conduct weekly progress meetings to ensure operational efforts are yielding the results as outlined in your Project Plan. Our focus is to promote quality assurance throughout all phases of the implementation and ongoing system operations.

3.4. Vendor must have a minimum of five years prior knowledge and experience with generation of MDE reports for the CDC.

**Response:** The team of FORGED Development exceeds this requirement.

#### 4. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- 4.1. **Mandatory Contract Services Requirements and Deliverables:** Contract Services must meet or exceed the mandatory requirements listed below.
  - 4.1.1. Software & Billing Requirements for Web Based Data Collection System
  - 4.1.1.1. Software must track and allow users to access participant data and information.

**Response:** HELM meets and exceeds this requirement through "Role Based" and Customized User Access. West Virginia will be able to define User Access based upon the role and job function of the team member. In addition, the access for each User can have unique access profiles based upon cross-support or coverage requirements for departments or users of HELM. The granularity associated with User Access can be seen per group, clinic, agency, or individual. The System Administrator can delegate secondary authorization privileges at the group and clinic level to support informational and access requirements.

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4.1.1.2. Software must have the capabilities to collect all CDC required WISEWOMAN MDE data. These can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/wisewoman/index.htm

**Response:** HELM supports this requirement and has additional data collection and information management capabilities. HELM can assist community leaders identify barriers to services, appointment adherence, and follow-up management to support a more granular view of local community needs.

4.1.1.3. Software must generate MDE file in accordance with CDC data submissions. These can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/wisewoman/index.htm.

**Response:** HELM supports this requirement in accordance with published CDC guidelines. HELM is structured to support current program requests and implement future data capture, report, and file generation compliance requirements for the WISEWOMAN Minimum Data Element (MDE) program requirements.

4.1.1.4. Software must have established mechanisms that will allow users to review and assess the completeness, consistency, and timeliness of data collected.

**Response:** HELM supports this requirement and offers multiple views of data collected by system Users to review and modification records to ensure completeness of data collected. The information presented for analysis is based upon the access controls established for the User by the designated local group administrator.

4.1.1.5. Software must generate a warning regarding abnormal and alert biometric values and lab work for each participant. User will have to manually correct or review these warning errors.

**Response:** The HELM software provides warning indicator alerts notifying the User of predefined abnormal biometric information of the relevant program Participant. Information is sent to the assigned clinical staff and indicates the specific area requiring their review of the Participant warning. Information is presented in a highly visible format to provide an at-a-glance preview of the alert. The User also has the option of sharing alert information with additional team members.

4.1.1.6. Software must generate daily lists of participants needing follow-up based upon screening and baseline dates for providers.

**Response:** The HELM Software provides real-time information regarding patient followups, appointments, and referrals based upon the assigned group in an active calendar format. Patient level data is presented to the supporting organization, while aggerate information is present to WISEWOMAN Program sponsors.

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4.1.1.7. Software must auto populate the number of health coaching sessions and healthy behavior support services provided to participants. This is based on the CDC approved templates for health coaching and healthy behavior support services with each having a specific number of sessions that indicate completion. A participant may have multiples of each at any given time.

**Response:** HELM exceeds this requirement by providing a real-time view of supported services and identifies specific activity of a Clinic, Group, and Individual. HELM can provide CDC approved health coaching and support services data of the Participant status. This information is also available to the Participant through a Participant Portal. This additional access is meant to encourage active Participant involvement and promote healthy lifestyle development by the Participant.

4.1.1.8. Software must continuously generate follow-up date and annual rescreening due dates to trigger reminders for participants. These reminders should occur within one month of the due date. Software must also auto populate participant contact info for these reminders.

**Response:** HELM exceeds this requirement and provides real-time information for the USER and Participant.

4.1.1.9. Software must include transfer and transition of all legacy data from the WV WISEWOMAN program's current Microsoft Access database. There are currently 300+ records with new ones entered daily.

**Response:** HELM meets and exceeds this requirement. HELM can map the current WV WISEWOMAN information contained in the Microsoft Access program and transfer all related data into the HELM platform to eliminate the need for secondary data entry.

4.1.1.10. Software must allow 200+ external users and enable 10 internal WISEWOMAN staff to assign differing levels of system access to those users. External users will consist of the clinical providers of the WISEWOMAN program.

**Response:** HELM meets and exceeds this requirement. The Software as a Service (SaaS) architecture of HELM supports the stated external and internal program Users. The access and authorization of program information can be defined and determined by the WV WISEWOMAN staff based upon a User's role and area of responsibility.

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4.1.1.11. Software must create ad-hoc reports as identified by the WV WISEWOMAN staff. Reports should be able to be ran by both internal and external users. MDEs are due twice annually to the CDC, once in June and again in December each year. Other reports will be added as needed for program evaluation.

**Response:** HELM meets and exceeds this requirement. HELM provides real-time informational dashboards and can produce ad-hoc reports as determined by The WV WISEWOMAN staff for defined Users. In addition, HELM report types include; Client Information, Summary of Services, Claim Status, Contract Balances, Demographics, Performance Indicators, Screening Rates, Client Follow-up, Alert Notification and Rescreening Notifications to name just a few. HELM incorporates error checking during data collection in preparation of the CDC MDE bi-annual report periods. Inaccurate or incomplete records are identified with color codes to assist the program prior to MDE submission. MDE On Demand reports can be generated to identify incomplete records and missed data. This process will support real-time management of program activity.

4.1.1.12. Software must include a payment authorization system for billing purposes which will support the needs of the WV WISEWOMAN program. Some visits for WISEWOMAN participant visits are mandated to be paid from WVBCCSP funds-Navigation and Integrated. Other services such as risk assessment, risk reduction counseling, health coaching, and diagnostic follow up visits are paid from WV WISEWOMAN funds. The Batch Invoice form and Payment Fee Schedule that the program developed needs to be integrated into this software. This will serve as a check on complete data sets being entered into the system prior to payment.

**Response:** HELM meets and exceeds this requirement. The HELM platform can provide the WV WISEWOMAN program the ability to select funding sources dynamically through the utilization of CPT Codes. The action is recorded for corresponding services provided to the Participant. The funding utilization information can be seen real-time and is also presented as a report. Additionally, HELM can incorporate an existing process and related forms into the platform. This feature supports prior authorization and confirmation of services in preparation of Provider payments.

4.1.1.13. Software must include a billing system in which WV WISEWOMAN specific Medicare Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) billing codes can be entered and tracked. Medicare CPT codes change annually, therefore the software must adapt to annual changes.

**Response:** HELM meets and exceeds these requirements and has the capability of presenting this information in pulldown menus. The menus can be modified as needed by the System administrator to dynamically meet program demands.

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4.1.1.14. Software must include a billing component that tracks all invoices and includes claims which were paid, unpaid, or rejected. Software must validate each unpaid claim within 60 days and either approve it for payment or define the reason payment is denied.

**Response:** HELM meets and exceeds this requirement. HELM can manage invoicing and claim authorization information seamlessly in the platform. This is accomplished through the preauthorization and services verification components within HELM. Information can be view through On Demand Reports.

4.1.1.15. Software must produce a report for each WISEWOMAN site for services and products not yet paid and summarize the status of unpaid/paid claims on a monthly basis. This can be in a Microsoft Excel or Word format.

**Response:** HELM meets and exceeds this requirement. This information is contained in the standard reporting package and can be displayed on-demand within HELM.

#### 4.1.2 Standards of Privacy and Security

4.1.2.1 Software must provide support for HIPAA compliance.

**Response:** HELM meets this requirement. HELM was designed to meet and exceed all security requirements of HIPAA as it pertains the handling, protecting, and releasing Protect Health Information (PHI) and Electronic Protected Health Information (EPHI).

4.1.2.2 All data is property of the WVDHHR, BPH, OMCFH's WV WISEWOMAN Program.

**Response:** FORGED Development agrees with this statement, collected data and related information associated with the Program is the property of the WV WISEWOMAN Program.

4.1.2.3 Upon termination of the contract, WV WISEWOMAN will own all data collected and stored within the web-based data collection system. This will include all historical data to ensure the program can meet all federal reporting requirements. The Vendor will turn all data over to WV WISEWOMAN. Vendor will decide how to turn over data to the program; this could be via Excel files or printed. This would occur if the program suffered a loss of funding, CDC would require program closure within 90 days.

Response: FORGED Development will comply with this request.

4.1.2.4 Vendor must sign a security safeguards policy and confidentiality agreement and ensure privacy of data prior to contract award. These can be found at: <a href="https://privacy.wv.gov/privacypolicies/Pages/default.aspx">https://privacy.wv.gov/privacypolicies/Pages/default.aspx</a>

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4.1.2.5 The vendor will maintain application security to prevent unauthorized access to or disclosure of data transmissions.

**Response:** FORGED Development agrees and will comply with this request.

4.1.2.6 Vendor must provide agency with a Security, Privacy, and Confidentiality Plan within thirty (30) calendar days of contract award.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

4.1.2.7 The vendor will provide privacy protections equivalent to those provided by Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information., 45CFR Part 160 and Sub- Parts A & E of Part 164.

https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/indroduction.pdf

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

4.1.2.8 The vendor will notify the State of WV, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health immediately by phone and email, given upon award of contact, of any unlawful or unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI of with they become aware, if the data is determined to have been compromised. The vendor will provide all necessary details including, but not limited to, what data was compromised, when, how and by whom; and when they first became aware and provide a corrective action plan as to how any unlawful or unauthorized access will be avoided in the future.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

4.1.2.9 The vendor will work with the State of WV, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health and investigate and comply with any state for federal laws <a href="http://www.technology.wv.gov/SiteCollectionDocuments/">http://www.technology.wv.gov/SiteCollectionDocuments/</a>
Policies%20Issued%20by%20the%20CTO/2017POI 001 SecuritySept2016.pd!) if any unlawful or unauthorized use for disclosure occurs including, but not limited to, payment of amounts deemed reasonable and necessary to mitigate the effects of breach.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

4.1.2.10 The vendor will document and keep current its security measures as required by applicable law <a href="http://ht

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4.1.2.11 In the event of termination of vendor services, the vendor will surrender and transfer all data to WV WISEWOMAN, allowing for electronic download (file transfer protocol (FTP). After confirmation of successful transfer, the vendor will destroy all data to ensure data privacy. Please refer to 4.1.2.4. The Director of Database Management will determine this, but typically occurs at the time of contract award.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

4.1.2.12 At the conclusion of the contract, or if the contract becomes void for any reason, all data (active directory users, databases and other pertinent licenses and software) will revert to the ownership of the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health.

**Response:** FORGED Development will meet this requirement and recognizes the request to return all program data related database, users, and general information to the Office of Child and Family Health.

#### 4.1.3 Deliverables, Scope of Work, and Timeframe:

4.1.3.1 1-year Contract life with optional 3-year renewals. WV WISEWOMAN grant cycle runs until September 29, 2023:

**Response:** FORGED Development acknowledges this information and can provide the state support outlined in the MCH20\*3 Bid Opportunity for the WV WISEWOMAN Program during the stated timeframe if contract is awarded.

4.1.3.1.1 Deliverable 1: Day 1 through the end of the contract: Vendor will provide software, software support, and software licenses to all WV WISEWOMAN provider sites (up to 100 sites) and central office. System must meet all functional requirements for enrollment, screening, diagnostic services, financial reporting, importation, and conversion of data. Vendor will support its use Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Eastern Standard Time. State holidays are included.

Response: FORGED Development will comply with this request.

4.1.3.2 Deliverable 2: Vendor will provide data system training for identified OMCFH program staff and contracted healthcare provider sites. Training will be provided by vendor in conjunction with on-site installation. Training and installation for WISEWOMAN staff and providers will be one, one-day session at OMCFH's office located at 350 Capitol Street, Charleston, West Virginia. If training is on-site, vendor will be responsible for all costs incurred for travel for its staff attending the training and installation session.

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4.1.3.3 Deliverable 3: Day 60: Vendor will develop and provide OMCFH with a system User Manual as an aid to be used by lead staff. Vendor will develop and provide OMCFH with a system Technical Manual.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

4.1.4.4 As needed, vendor will troubleshoot anomalies, either independently or working with a current CDC contractor.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

4.1.4.5 Vendor will provide ongoing 24/7/365 support services for addressing data errors, hardware issues, and system availability.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

4.1.4.6 Vendor must provide online training and technical assistance on the WV WISEWOMAN web-based data collection system to WV WISEWOMAN staff and all provider clinics for the entirety of the contract.

**Response:** FORGED Development has a developed a robust training curriculum and will comply with this request.

4.1.4.7 Vendor must provide support services (for the duration of the contract) for network management, database management and security management including proactive monitoring of system where appropriate.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request. We provide active managed support services. Our data centers are staffed 24x7x365 with proactive security monitoring.

4.1.4.8 Vendor must continually upgrade system to maintain data collection and reporting of federal MDE requirements and program needs.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

4.1.4.9 Vendor shall provide within the system: a) System User Manuals and b) System Administrator/Technical Manuals.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

4.1.4.10 For the duration of the contract and eventual updates, vendor must ensure continuing hardware and software compatibility to avoid data loss, functionality loss, or usability issues.

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#### 5. CONTRACT AWARD:

- **5.1 Contract Award:** The Contract is intended to provide Agency with a purchase price for the Contract Services. The Contract shall be awarded to the Vendor that provides the Contract Services meeting the required specifications for the lowest overall total cost as shown on the Pricing Pages.
- **5.2 Pricing Page:** Vendor should complete the Pricing Page (exhibit A) by inserting a Per Month Cost for each deliverable. Cost for each Deliverable and a Grand Total Cost. Vendor should complete the Pricing Page in full as failure to complete the Pricing Page in its entirety may result in Vendor's bid being disqualified. This will be determined by the Director of WV BCCSP and the Director of Database Management.

Vendor should type or electronically enter the information into the Pricing Pages through wvOASIS, if available, or as an electronic document. In most cases, the Vendor can request an electronic copy of the Pricing Pages for bid purposes by sending an email request to the following address: April.E.Battle@wv.gov.

- **6. PERFORMANCE:** Vendor and Agency shall agree upon a schedule for performance of Contract Services and Contract Services Deliverables, unless such a schedule is already included herein by Agency. In the event that this Contract is designated as an open-end contract, Vendor shall perform in accordance with the release orders that may be issued against this Contract.
- **7. PAYMENT:** Agency shall pay shown on the Pricing Pages, for all Contract Services performed and accepted under this Contract. Vendor shall accept payment in accordance with the payment procedures of the State of West Virginia.
- **8. TRAVEL:** Vendor shall be responsible for all mileage and travel costs, including travel time, associated with performance of this Contract. Any anticipated mileage or travel costs may be included in the flat fee or hourly rate listed on Vendor's bid, but such costs will not be paid by the Agency separately.
- **9. FACILITIES ACCESS:** Performance of Contract Services may require access cards and/or keys to gain entrance to Agency's facilities. In the event that access cards and/or keys are required:
  - 9.1. Vendor must identify principal service personnel which will be issued access cards and/or keys to perform service.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

9.2. Vendor will be responsible for controlling cards and keys and will pay replacement fee, if the cards or keys become lost or stolen.

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9.3. Vendor shall notify Agency immediately of any lost, stolen, or missing card or key

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

9.4. Anyone performing under this Contract will be subject to Agency's security protocol and procedures.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

9.5. Vendor shall inform all staff of Agency's security protocol and procedures.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

#### **10. VENDOR DEFAULT:**

- 10.1. The following shall be considered a vendor default under this Contract.
  - 10.1.1. Failure to perform Contract Services in accordance with the requirements contained herein.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

10.1.2. Failure to comply with other specifications and requirements contained herein.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

10.1.3. Failure to comply with any laws, rules, and ordinances applicable to the Contract Services provided under this Contract.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

10.1.4. Failure to remedy deficient performance upon request.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

- 10.2. The following remedies shall be available to Agency upon default.
  - 10.2.1. Immediate cancellation of the Contract.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

10.2.2. Immediate cancellation of one or more release orders issued under this Contract.

**Response:** FORGED Development will comply with this request.

10.2.3. Any other remedies available in law or equity

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#### **11. MISCELLANEOUS:**

11.1. Contract Manager: During its performance of this Contract, Vendor must designate and maintain a primary contract manager responsible for overseeing Vendor's responsibilities under this Contract. The Contract manager must be available during normal business hours to address any customer service or other issues related to this Contract. Vendor should list its Contract manager and his or her contact information below.

Contract Manager:	Rex H. Brown	
Telephone Number:	(402) 934-1292	
Email Address:	rbrown@forgeddev.com	

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# Exhibit A

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<b>DELIVERABLES</b>	COST		
	Unit Cost	Qty	Total Cost
Web-Based Data Collection, Reporting, and Billing System	\$4,375.00	12	\$52,500.00
Web Based Data Collection, Reporting, and Billing System Optional Renewal Year 1	\$3,750.00	12	\$45,000.00
Web Based Data Collection, Reporting, and Billing System Optional Renewal Year 2	\$3,750.00	12	\$45,000.00
Web Based Data Collection, Reporting, and Billing System Optional Renewal Year 3	\$3,750.00	12	\$45,000.00
GRAND TOTAL COST:		\$187,500.00	

Please provide a Per Unit Cost and Total Cost per Deliverable, and a Grand Total Cost. The contract will be awarded to the Vendor that provides the Deliverables meeting the required specifications for the lowest overall Grand Total Cost.

Date: 12/21/19

# STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA Purchasing Division

# **PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT**

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS:** Under W. Va. Code § 5-22-1(i), the contracting public entity shall not award a construction contract to any bidder that is known to be in default on any monetary obligation owed to the state or a political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, obligations related to payroll taxes, property taxes, sales and use taxes, fire service fees, or other fines or fees.

**ALL CONTRACTS:** Under W. Va. Code §5A-3-10a, no contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and: (1) the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate; or (2) the debtor is in employer default.

**EXCEPTION:** The prohibition listed above does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of the W. Va. Code, workers' compensation premium, permit fee or environmental fee or assessment and the matter has not become final or where the vendor has entered into a payment plan or agreement and the vendor is not in default of any of the provisions of such plan or agreement.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

"Debt" means any assessment, premium, penalty, fine, tax or other amount of money owed to the state or any of its political subdivisions because of a judgment, fine, permit violation, license assessment, defaulted workers' compensation premium, penalty or other assessment presently delinquent or due and required to be paid to the state or any of its political subdivisions, including any interest or additional penalties accrued thereon.

"Employer default" means having an outstanding balance or liability to the old fund or to the uninsured employers' fund or being in policy default, as defined in W. Va. Code § 23-2c-2, failure to maintain mandatory workers' compensation coverage, or failure to fully meet its obligations as a workers' compensation self-insured employer. An employer is not in employer default if it has entered into a repayment agreement with the Insurance Commissioner and remains in compliance with the obligations under the repayment agreement.

"Related party" means a party, whether an individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association or other entity whatsoever, related to any vendor by blood, marriage, ownership or contract through which the party has a relationship of ownership or other interest with the vendor so that the party will actually or by effect receive or control a portion of the benefit, profit or other consideration from performance of a vendor contract with the party receiving an amount that meets or exceed five percent of the total contract amount.

AFFIRMATION: By signing this form, the vendor's authorized signer affirms and acknowledges under penalty of law for false swearing (*W. Va. Code* §61-5-3) that: (1) for construction contracts, the vendor is not in default on any monetary obligation owed to the state or a political subdivision of the state, and (2) for all other contracts, that neither vendor nor any related party owe a debt as defined above and that neither vendor nor any related party are in employer default as defined above, unless the debt or employer default is permitted under the exception above.

## WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE:

Vendor's Name: FORGED Development LLC		
Authorized Signature:	_ Date:	12/21/19
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County of ouglas, to-wit:		
Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me this 2/day of		
My Commission expires fundo . 26 , 2022		
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Purchasing Affidavit (Revised 01/19/2018)

#### WV STATE GOVERNMENT

### HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM

This Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (hereafter, HIPAA) Business Associate Addendum ("Addendum") is made a part of the Agreement ("Agreement") by and between the State of West Virginia ("Agency"), and Business Associate ("Associate"), and is effective as of the date of execution of the Addendum

The Associate performs certain services on behalf of or for the Agency pursuant to the underlying Agreement that requires the exchange of information including protected health information protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), as amended by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. No. 111-5) (the "HITECH Act"), any associated regulations and the federal regulations published at 45 CFR parts 160 and 164 (sometimes collectively referred to as "HIPAA"). The Agency is a "Covered Entity" as that term is defined in HIPAA, and the parties to the underlying Agreement are entering into this Addendum to establish the responsibilities of both parties regarding HIPAA-covered information and to bring the underlying Agreement into compliance with HIPAA.

Whereas it is desirable, in order to further the continued efficient operations of Agency to disclose to its Associate certain information which may contain confidential individually identifiable health information (hereafter, Protected Health Information or PHI); and

Whereas, it is the desire of both parties that the confidentiality of the PHI disclosed hereunder be maintained and treated in accordance with all applicable laws relating to confidentiality, including the Privacy and Security Rules, the HITECH Act and its associated regulations, and the parties do agree to at all times treat the PHI and interpret this Addendum consistent with that desire.

NOW THEREFORE: the parties agree that in consideration of the mutual promises herein, in the Agreement, and of the exchange of PHI hereunder that:

- 1. **Definitions.** Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Addendum shall have the same meaning as those terms in the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164.
  - a. Agency Procurement Officer shall mean the appropriate Agency individual listed at: http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/agencyli.html.
  - b. Agent shall mean those person(s) who are agent(s) of the Business Associate, in accordance with the Federal common law of agency, as referenced in 45 CFR § 160.402(c).
  - **c. Breach** shall mean the acquisition, access, use or disclosure of protected health information which compromises the security or privacy of such information, except as excluded in the definition of Breach in 45 CFR § 164.402.
  - **d. Business Associate** shall have the meaning given to such term in 45 CFR § 160.103.
  - e. HITECH Act shall mean the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act. Public Law No. 111-05. 111h Congress (2009).

- **f. Privacy Rule** means the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information found at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164.
- **g. Protected Health Information or PHI** shall have the meaning given to such term in 45 CFR § 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Associate from or on behalf of Agency.
- h. Security Incident means any known successful or unsuccessful attempt by an authorized or unauthorized individual to inappropriately use, disclose, modify, access, or destroy any information or interference with system operations in an information system.
- i. **Security Rule** means the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information found at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164.
- **j. Subcontractor** means a person to whom a business associate delegates a function, activity, or service, other than in the capacity of a member of the workforce of such business associate.

#### 2. Permitted Uses and Disclosures.

- a. PHI Described. This means PHI created, received, maintained or transmitted on behalf of the Agency by the Associate. This PHI is governed by this Addendum and is limited to the minimum necessary, to complete the tasks or to provide the services associated with the terms of the original Agreement, and is described in Appendix A.
- b. Purposes. Except as otherwise limited in this Addendum, Associate may use or disclose the PHI on behalf of, or to provide services to, Agency for the purposes necessary to complete the tasks, or provide the services, associated with, and required by the terms of the original Agreement, or as required by law, if such use or disclosure of the PHI would not violate the Privacy or Security Rules or applicable state law if done by Agency or Associate, or violate the minimum necessary and related Privacy and Security policies and procedures of the Agency. The Associate is directly liable under HIPAA for impermissible uses and disclosures of the PHI it handles on behalf of Agency.
- c. Further Uses and Disclosures. Except as otherwise limited in this Addendum, the Associate may disclose PHI to third parties for the purpose of its own proper management and administration, or as required by law, provided that (i) the disclosure is required by law, or (ii) the Associate has obtained from the third party reasonable assurances that the PHI will be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the third party by the Associate; and, (iii) an agreement to notify the Associate and Agency of any instances of which it (the third party) is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached. To the extent practical, the information should be in a limited data set or the minimum necessary information pursuant to 45 CFR § 164.502, or take other measures as necessary to satisfy the Agency's obligations under 45 CFR § 164.502.

- 3. Obligations of Associate.
  - a. Stated Purposes Only. The PHI may not be used by the Associate for any purpose other than as stated in this Addendum or as required or permitted by law.
  - b. Limited Disclosure. The PHI is confidential and will not be disclosed by the Associate other than as stated in this Addendum or as required or permitted by law. Associate is prohibited from directly or indirectly receiving any remuneration in exchange for an individual's PHI unless Agency gives written approval and the individual provides a valid authorization. Associate will refrain from marketing activities that would violate HIPAA, including specifically Section 13406 of the HITECH Act. Associate will report to Agency any use or disclosure of the PHI, including any Security Incident not provided for by this Agreement of which it becomes aware.
  - c. Safeguards. The Associate will use appropriate safeguards, and comply with Subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 with respect to electronic protected health information, to prevent use or disclosure of the PHI, except as provided for in this Addendum. This shall include, but not be limited to:
    - Limitation of the groups of its workforce and agents, to whom the PHI is disclosed to those reasonably required to accomplish the purposes stated in this Addendum, and the use and disclosure of the minimum PHI necessary or a Limited Data Set;
    - ii. Appropriate notification and training of its workforce and agents in order to protect the PHI from unauthorized use and disclosure;
    - iii. Maintenance of a comprehensive, reasonable and appropriate written PHI privacy and security program that includes administrative, technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the size, nature, scope and complexity of the Associate's operations, in compliance with the Security Rule;
    - iv. In accordance with 45 CFR §§ 164.502(e)(1)(ii) and 164.308(b)(2), if applicable, ensure that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit protected health information on behalf of the business associate agree to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to the business associate with respect to such information.
  - d. Compliance With Law. The Associate will not use or disclose the PHI in a manner in violation of existing law and specifically not in violation of laws relating to confidentiality of PHI, including but not limited to, the Privacy and Security Rules.
  - e. Mi tigation. Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Associate of a use or disclosure of the PHI by Associate in violation of the requirements of this Addendum, and report its mitigation activity back to the Agency.

#### f. Support of Individual Rights.

- i. Access to PHI. Associate shall make the PHI maintained by Associate or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to Agency for inspection and copying, and in electronic format, if requested, within ten (10) days of a request by Agency to enable Agency to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 CFR § 164.524 and consistent with Section 13405 of the HITECH Act.
- **ii.** Amendment of PHI. Within ten (10) days of receipt of a request from Agency for an amendment of the PHI or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, Associate or its agents or subcontractors shall make such PHI available to Agency for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Agency to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 CFR § 164.526.
- **iii. Accounting Rights.** Within ten (10) days of notice of a request for an accounting of disclosures of the PHI, Associate and its agents or subcontractors shall make available to Agency the documentation required to provide an accounting of disclosures to enable Agency to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 CFR §164.528 and consistent with Section 13405 of the HITECH Act. Associate agrees to document disclosures of the PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Agency to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.528. This should include a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by Associate and its agents or subcontractors for at least six (6) years from the date of disclosure, or longer if required by state law. At a minimum, such documentation shall include:
  - the date of disclosure:
  - the name of the entity or person who received the PHI, and if known, the address of the entity or person;
  - a brief description of the PHI disclosed; and
  - a brief statement of purposes of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure.
- iv. Request for Restriction. Under the direction of the Agency, abide by any individual's request to restrict the disclosure of PHI, consistent with the requirements of Section 13405 of the HITECH Act and 45 CFR § 164.522, when the Agency determines to do so (except as required by law) and if the disclosure is to a health plan for payment or health care operations and it pertains to a health care item or service for which the health care provider was paid in full "out-of-pocket."
- v. Immediate Discontinuance of Use or Disclosure. The Associate will immediately discontinue use or disclosure of Agency PHI pertaining to any individual when so requested by Agency. This includes, but is not limited to, cases in which an individual has withdrawn or modified an authorization to use or disclose PHI.

- g. Retention of PHI. Notwithstanding section 4.a. of this Addendum, Associate and its subcontractors or agents shall retain all PHI pursuant to state and federal law and shall continue to maintain the PHI required under Section 3.f. of this Addendum for a period of six (6) years after termination of the Agreement, or longer if required under state law.
- h. Agent's, Subcontractor's Compliance. The Associate shall notify the Agency of all subcontracts and agreements relating to the Agreement, where the subcontractor or agent receives PHI as described in section 2.a. of this Addendum. Such notification shall occur within 30 (thirty) calendar days of the execution of the subcontract and shall be delivered to the Agency Procurement Officer. The Associate will ensure that any of its subcontractors, to whom it provides any of the PHI it receives hereunder, or to whom it provides any PHI which the Associate creates or receives on behalf of the Agency, agree to the restrictions and conditions which apply to the Associate hereunder. The Agency may request copies of downstream subcontracts and agreements to determine whether all restrictions, terms and conditions have been flowed down. Failure to ensure that downstream contracts, subcontracts and agreements contain the required restrictions, terms and conditions may result in termination of the Agreement.
- j. Federal and Agency Access. The Associate shall make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI, as well as the PHI, received from, or created or received by the Associate on behalf of the Agency available to the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services consistent with 45 CFR § 164.504. The Associate shall also make these records available to Agency, or Agency's contractor, for periodic audit of Associate's compliance with the Privacy and Security Rules. Upon Agency's request, the Associate shall provide proof of compliance with HIPAA and HITECH data privacy/protection guidelines, certification of a secure network and other assurance relative to compliance with the Privacy and Security Rules. This section shall also apply to Associate's subcontractors, if any.
- k. Security. The Associate shall take all steps necessary to ensure the continuous security of all PHI and data systems containing PHI. In addition, compliance with 74 FR 19006 Guidance Specifying the Technologies and Methodologies That Render PHI Unusable, Unreadable, or Indecipherable to Unauthorized Individuals for Purposes of the Breach Notification Requirements under Section 13402 of Title XIII is required, to the extent practicable. If Associate chooses not to adopt such methodologies as defined in 74 FR 19006 to secure the PHI governed by this Addendum, it must submit such written rationale, including its Security Risk Analysis, to the Agency Procurement Officer for review prior to the execution of the Addendum. This review may take up to ten (10) days.
- Notification of Breach. During the term of this Addendum, the Associate shall notify the Agency and, unless otherwise directed by the Agency in writing, the WV Office of Technology immediately by e-mail or web form upon the discovery of any Breach of unsecured PHI; or within 24 hours by e-mail or web form of any suspected Security Incident, intrusion or unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI in violation of this Agreement and this Addendum, or potential loss of confidential data affecting this Agreement. Notification shall be provided to the Agency Procurement Officer at <a href="https://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/agencyli.htm">www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/agencyli.htm</a> and,

unless otherwise directed by the Agency in writing, the Office of Technology at incident@wv.gov or https://apps.wv.gov/ot/ir/Default.aspx.

The Associate shall immediately investigate such Security Incident, Breach, or unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI or confidential data. Within 72 hours of the discovery, the Associate shall notify the Agency Procurement Officer, and, unless otherwise directed by the Agency in writing, the Office of Technology of: (a) Date of discovery; (b) What data elements were involved and the extent of the data involved in the Breach; (c) A description of the unauthorized persons known or reasonably believed to have improperly used or disclosed PHI or confidential data; (d) A description of where the PHI or confidential data is believed to have been improperly transmitted, sent, or utilized; (e) A description of the probable causes of the improper use or disclosure; and (f) Whether any federal or state laws requiring individual notifications of Breaches are triggered.

Agency will coordinate with Associate to determine additional specific actions that will be required of the Associate for mitigation of the Breach, which may include notification to the individual or other authorities.

All associated costs shall be borne by the Associate. This may include, but not be limited to costs associated with notifying affected individuals.

If the Associate enters into a subcontract relating to the Agreement where the subcontractor or agent receives PHI as described in section 2.a. of this Addendum, all such subcontracts or downstream agreements shall contain the same incident notification requirements as contained herein, with reporting directly to the Agency Procurement Officer. Failure to include such requirement in any subcontract or agreement may result in the Agency's termination of the Agreement.

m. Assistance in Litigation or Administrative Proceedings. The Associate shall make itself and any subcontractors, workforce or agents assisting Associate in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, available to the Agency at no cost to the Agency to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against the Agency, its officers or employees based upon claimed violations of HIPAA, the HIPAA regulations or other laws relating to security and privacy, which involves inaction or actions by the Associate, except where Associate or its subcontractor, workforce or agent is a named as an adverse party.

#### 4. Addendum Administration.

- **a. Term.** This Addendum shall terminate on termination of the underlying Agreement or on the date the Agency terminates for cause as authorized in paragraph (c) of this Section, whichever is sooner.
- b. Duties at Termination. Upon any termination of the underlying Agreement, the Associate shall return or destroy, at the Agency's option, all PHI received from, or created or received by the Associate on behalf of the Agency that the Associate still maintains in any form and retain no copies of such PHI or, if such return or destruction is not feasible, the Associate shall extend the protections of this Addendum to the PHI and limit further uses and disclosures to the purposes that make the return or destruction of the PHI infeasible. This shall also apply to all agents and subcontractors of Associate. The duty of the Associate and its agents

- and subcontractors to assist the Agency with any HIPAA required accounting of disclosures survives the termination of the underlying Agreement.
- **c. Termination for Cause.** Associate authorizes termination of this Agreement by Agency, if Agency determines Associate has violated a material term of the Agreement. Agency may, at its sole discretion, allow Associate a reasonable period of time to cure the material breach before termination.
- d. Judicial or Administrative Proceedings. The Agency may terminate this Agreement if the Associate is found guilty of a criminal violation of HIPAA. The Agency may terminate this Agreement if a finding or stipulation that the Associate has violated any standard or requirement of HIPAA/HITECH, or other security or privacy laws is made in any administrative or civil proceeding in which the Associate is a party or has been joined. Associate shall be subject to prosecution by the Department of Justice for violations of HIPAA/HITECH and shall be responsible for any and all costs associated with prosecution.
- **e. Survival.** The respective rights and obligations of Associate under this Addendum shall survive the termination of the underlying Agreement.

#### 5. General Provisions/Ownership of PHI.

- **a. Retention of Ownership.** Ownership of the PHI resides with the Agency and is to be returned on demand or destroyed at the Agency's option, at any time, and subject to the restrictions found within section 4.b. above.
- **b. Secondary PHI.** Any data or PHI generated from the PHI disclosed hereunder which would permit identification of an individual must be held confidential and is also the property of Agency.
- c. Electronic Transmission. Except as permitted by law or this Addendum, the PHI or any data generated from the PHI which would permit identification of an individual must not be transmitted to another party by electronic or other means for additional uses or disclosures not authorized by this Addendum or to another contractor, or allied agency, or affiliate without prior written approval of Agency.
- **d. No Sales.** Reports or data containing the PHI may not be sold without Agency's or the affected individual's written consent.
- e. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Nothing express or implied in this Addendum is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than Agency, Associate and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.
- f. Interpretation. The provisions of this Addendum shall prevail over any provisions in the Agreement that may conflict or appear inconsistent with any provisions in this Addendum. The interpretation of this Addendum shall be made under the laws of the state of West Virginia.
- **g. Amendment.** The parties agree that to the extent necessary to comply with applicable law they will agree to further amend this Addendum.
- **h. Additional Terms and Conditions.** Additional discretionary terms may be included in the release order or change order process.

APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS DAY OF

Ratrick Morrisey Attorney General

## AGREED:

Name of Agency: FORGED Development
Signature: 77/7
Title: Managing Dinector
Date: 12/21/19

Name of Associate: Rex H. Brown

Signature:\_\_\_\_

Title: Manyang Director

Date: 12/21/19

## Appendix A

(To be completed by the Agency's Procurement Officer prior to the execution of the Addendum, and shall be made a part of the Addendum. PHI not identified prior to execution of the Addendum may only be added by amending Appendix A and the Addendum, via Change Order.)

Name of Associate: REX H. Brown

Name of Agency: Forger Development

Describe the PHI (do not include any actual PHI). If not applicable, please indicate the same.

Any and all health information that can be tied to an individuals information.