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PART 3 PROCUREMENT SPECIFICATIONS

3.1 General Requirements:

- The vendor will be required to book air and ground transportation, hotel and motel rooms for the State's business travelers according to the <u>Travel Regulations</u>. The traveler will be provided an itinerary to confirm arrival and departure dates, mode of travel (air, rail, or rental car), and the name of the hotel and room rate. The vendor will obtain the lowest fare possible which meets the traveler's agenda for the mode of travel preferred, the accommodations, and any in-city ground transportation.
- For purposes of this RFP, the state will be divided into six districts and vendors allowed to submit proposals for each district.

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- The vendor, if submitting bids for only one or two districts, must be in full compliance with all aspects of this RFP, and must be able to extend services efficiently to all State agencies and political subdivisions, regardless of the location of the Agency or political subdivision
- 3 1 4 The vendor must have the capability for the State to book airlines and other modes of travel on-line (via the World Wide Web)

3.2 Scope of Work:

Hours of Operation. The vendor should provide full travel service on a regular basis during the hours of 8 00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Travel services outside these hours shall be handled in accordance with emergency services. Outside calls can not be routed to answering machines. In the event the phone system is out of service, reservations must be handled manually. All calls shall be handled promptly and the vendor should have a continual quality control program in service

Emergency Services. The Agent shall maintain a 24/7 toll free number to assist State travelers with any travel emergency that may arise regardless of the time or location. The emergency service number shall be staffed by fully trained reservationists who have the ability to retrieve the caller's reservation records and/or caller's itinerary to promptly advise and assist the traveler. The emergency staff must have the capability to answer questions and provide assistance in solving any travel related problems that may arise. Vendor shall have the capability to dispatch airline tickets to any area of the world either through the Vendor's own network of offices, airport ticket counters, or E-Tickets

3.2.3 Air Fares:

- 1. The vendor guarantees to offer State travelers the Lowest Logical Available Airfare (LLAA) at the time the reservation is placed. The vendor is required to give first consideration to air carriers that currently have existing contracts/agreements with the State for specified discounts in determining the LLAA (i e Airfare01, or most recent contract for air carriers).
- 2. Vendor is responsible for ticketing within the specified time to ensure application of LLAA. If LLAA is sold out, the agent will wait-list the class of service and advise traveler of the same. Upon clearance of lower airfare, vendor will advise traveler of the fare difference and ticketing requirements. Direct billing to individual State agency's accounts is a desired option but not required
- 3. Vendor should advise travelers of the availability of different flight options which may produce a lower fare (flights plus or minus three hours of the requested departure time that produce lower fares or flights that are available with one stop in lieu of more expensive non-stop flights).
- 4. If any flight is canceled within the legal time frames specified by the air carrier, the vendor is responsible to inform any traveler of any penalty that may be incurred due to change or cancellation of special fares. The notification should be communicated prior to ticketing and restated on the traveler's itinerary.

3.2.4 <u>Auto Rentals/Limousine Services:</u>

The vendor will be required to provide reservations for ground transportation such as automobiles, limousine, train, etc. at the most economical rate. The vendor is required to give first consideration to rental firms that have existing contracts/agreements for rentals with the State (as specified in CRENTAL04, or most recent contract for rental car services).

3.2.5 Accommodations:

Vendor should offer all reservations for lodging (motel/hotel) at the most economical rate. Vendor should give first consideration to the host hotel of a national or regional conference as the benchmark. For accommodations within the State of West Virginia, vendor should give preference to hotels/motels with which the State has existing contracts/agreements (as specified in MOTEL04 for West Virginia only lodging, or most recent contract for short-term lodging).

3.2.6 <u>Tickets, Itinerary & Documents</u>.

- 1 E-Tickets Tickets shall be provided by the vendor to the traveler when applicable. Ticket cost may be charged to the traveler's travel card, personal charge card, or agency direct billed account.
- 2. Itinerary. Upon issuance of the E-Tickets, two full copies of the traveler's itinerary must be provided. The itinerary must indicate:
 - Full address and phone number of the booking Agent.
 - Carrier name(s) and flight numbers (departing and returning).
 - Arrival and departure dates and times.
 - Seat assignment, meal service.
 - Ground transportation confirmation number.
 - Hotel/motel reservation name and confirmation number
 - The lowest fare available or reason lowest fare not utilized.
 - Standard rate versus the traveler's actual rate and savings if any.
- 3. Documents Vendor should provide passport/visa services. Said services should include, but shall not be limited to: supplying visa information and applications, maintaining a database of travelers' visa and passport numbers with expiration dates, and sending reminders to the individual travelers six (6) months prior to expiration.
- 4. Security Issues: Vendor should advise travelers of any possible security problems concerning destination or carriers. The vendor has the responsibility to inform travelers as to the areas of the world where travel may be unsafe due to international terrorism as well as specific carriers that should be avoided as advised by the State Department. In the event of loss/theft of traveler's passport, the Vendor shall provide assistance in obtaining an emergency renewal.

3.2.7 Fee Restrictions:

- 1. No charges will be allowed for hotel or rental car only reservations.
- 2. The transaction fee should only be charged at the time of the ticketing of an airline reservation or when a reservation is confirmed with a confirmation number. A transaction fee should not be charged regardless of the number of changes made to an

itinerary until the airline ticket is issued.

- 3. For reservations with multiple travel suppliers such as rental car, hotel, and airline reservations, there should be only a single fee for one reservation or trip
- 4. The State of West Virginia will not pay for paper tickets for domestic air travel.
- 5. There shall be no charges allowed for transfers of method of payment (i.e. when the traveler initially gives a credit card number for payment, but later changes method to an agency account).

3.2.8 Reports & Training Services:

- 1. A representative of the vendor who is familiar with the Sate account shall provide: (1) consultation services, (2) assistance to identify and resolve all service problems and (3) advice, with suggestions, to the Travel Management Office staff through reports and observations of methods or procedures to improve services or correct problems in the following areas:
 - Assistance in monitoring and enforcing the State's travel policies to reduce travel expenses without reducing quality of customer service.
 - Advising the State of current changes and trends in the travel industry.
 - Offering continuous process improvements.
- 2. The vendor shall provide, at the vendor's expense, a specific number of annual training sessions to designated State agencies. The training sessions should include guidelines and procedures for booking travel reservations directly with the vendor and troubleshooting.
- 3. The vendor should be qualified and prepared to assist any State agency with consultation and staff support to arrange for meetings, conferences, seminars, and regional meetings.
- 4. The vendor must provide access to the reservation system to the Travel Management Office (the Travel Management Office randomly checks reservations for accuracy and compliance with travel regulations) as well as the management information reports normally supplied to a corporate client with ad hoc reports upon request with reasonable notice.
- 5. The vendor must act as a consultant to the State to secure/negotiate net or reduced airfares on behalf of the State at no additional cost.
- 6. The vendor must provide access to online accounting services such as invoice search, refund status and MIS reports to the Travel Management office, coordinators,

and travelers.

3.3 Special Terms and Conditions:

3.3.1 "No Debt Affidavit"

West Virginia State Code §5A-3-10a-(3)(d) requires that all vendors submit an affidavit of debt which certifies that there are no outstanding obligations or debts owing the State of West Virginia. The Debt Affidavit is attached to this request for proposal which **must** be completed, signed, and returned **with** the vendor's proposal. If bidding a joint proposal, a Debt Affidavit must be completed for both vendors.

3.4 General Terms and Conditions:

By signing and submitting their proposal, the successful Vendor agrees to be bound by all the terms contained in Section Three (3) of this RFP.

3.4.1 Conflict of Interest:

Vendor affirms that it, its officers or members or employees presently have no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect which would conflict or compromise in any manner or degree with the performance or its services hereunder. The Vendor further covenants that in the performance of the contract, the Vendor shall periodically inquire of its officers, members and employees concerning such interests. Any such interests discovered shall be promptly presented in detail to the State.

3.4.2 Prohibition Against Gratuities:

Vendor warrants that it has not employed any company or person other than a bona fide employee working solely for the vendor or a company regularly employed as its marketing agent to solicit or secure the contract and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award of the contract.

For breach or violation of this warranty, the State shall have the right to annul this contract without liability at its discretion, and/or to pursue any other remedies available under this contract or by law.

3.4.3 Certifications Related to Lobbying:

Vendor certifies that no federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the company or an employee thereof, to any person for purposes of influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal entity, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee or any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Vendor shall complete and submit a disclosure form to report the lobbying

Vendor agrees that this language of certification shall be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this contract was made and entered into.

3.4.4 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 the parties to 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 RFP and resulting contract. Neither the Vendor nor any employees or contractors of the vendor shall be deemed to be employees of the State for any purposes 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, and 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.

The Vendor shall not assign, convey, transfer or delegate any of its responsibilities and obligations under this contract to any person, corporation, partnership, association or entity without expressed written consent of the State.

3.4.5 Indemnification:

The Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State and the Agency, their officers, and employees from and against: (1) 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, (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 laws.

3.4.6 Contract Provisions:

After the successful Vendor is selected, a formal contract document will be executed between the State and the Vendor. In addition, the RFP and the Vendor's response will be included as part of the contract by reference. The order of precedence is the contract, the RFP and the Vendor's proposal in response to the RFP.

34.7 Governing Law:

This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of West Virginia. The Vendor further agrees to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all other applicable laws (Federal, State or Local Government) regulations.

3.4.8 Compliance with Laws and Regulations:

The vendor shall procure all necessary permits and licenses to comply with all applicable laws, Federal, State or municipal, along with all regulations, and ordinances of any regulating body.

The Vendor shall pay any applicable sales, use, or personal property taxes arising out of this contract and the transactions contemplated thereby. Any other taxes levied upon this contract, the transaction, or the equipment, or services delivered pursuant here to shall be borne by the contractor. It is clearly understood that the State of West Virginia is exempt from any taxes regarding performance of the scope of work of this contract.

3.4.9 Subcontracts/Joint Ventures:

The Vendor is solely responsible for all work performed under the contract and shall assume prime contractor responsibility for all services offered and products to be delivered under the terms of this contract. The State will consider the Vendor to be the sole point of contact with regard to all contractual matters. The Vendor may, with the prior written consent of the State, enter into written subcontracts for performance of work under this contract, however, the vendor is totally responsible for payment of all subcontractors.

Any change in Federal or State law, or court actions which constitute binding precedent in West Virginia, and which significantly alters the Vendor's required activities or any change in the availability of funds, shall be viewed as binding and shall warrant good faith renegotiation of the compensation paid to the Vendor by the Agency and of such other provisions of the contract that are affected. If such renegotiation proves unsuccessful, the contract may be terminated by the State upon written notice to the Vendor at least thirty (30) days prior to termination of this contract.

3.4.11 Non-Appropriation of Funds:

If the Agency is not allotted funds in any succeeding fiscal year for the continued use of the service covered by this contract by the West Virginia Legislature, the Agency may terminate the contract at the end of the affected current fiscal period without further charge or penalty. The Agency shall give the vendor written notice of such non-allocation of funds as soon as possible after the Agency receives notice. No penalty shall accrue to the Agency in the event this provision is exercised.

3.4.12 Contract Termination:

The State may terminate any contract resulting from this RFP immediately at any time the Vendor fails to carry out its responsibilities or to make substantial progress under the terms of this RFP and resulting contract. The State shall provide the Vendor with advance notice of performance conditions which are endangering the contract's continuation. If after such notice the Vendor fails to remedy the conditions contained in the notice, within the time period contained in the notice, the State shall issue the Vendor an order to cease and desist any and all work immediately. The State shall be obligated only for services rendered and accepted prior to the date of the notice of termination.

The contract may also be terminated upon mutual agreement of the parties with thirty (30) days prior notice.

3.4.13 *Changes*:

If changes to the original contract become necessary, a formal contract change order will be negotiated by the State, the Agency and the Vendor, to address changes to the terms and conditions and costs of work included under the contract. An approved contract change order is defined as one approved by the Purchasing Division and approved as to form by the West Virginia Attorney General's Office, encumbered and placed in the U.S. Mail prior to the effective date of such amendment. An approved contract change order is required whenever the change affects the payment provision and/or the scope of the work. Such changes may be necessitated by new and amended Federal and State regulations and requirements. No changes are to be implemented except as described above and shall be limited to 10% of the original contract award amount.

As soon as possible after receipt of a written change request from the Agency, but in no event more than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Vendor shall determine if there is an impact on price with the change requested and provide the Agency a written statement identifying any price impact on the contract or to state that there is no impact. In the event that price will be impacted by the change, the Vendor shall provide a description of the price increase or decrease involved in implementing the requested change.

NO CHANGE SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE VENDOR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE VENDOR RECEIVES AN APPROVED WRITTEN CHANGE ORDER. TO PROCEED ON VERBAL APPROVAL ONLY IS TO DO SO AT THE VENDOR'S OWN RISK.

3.4 14 Invoices, Progress Payments, & Retainage:
The Vendor is required to accept such form of payment (be it State Travel Card, Personal Credit Card, etc.) as is tendered for services.

3.4.15 Liquidated Damages: N/A

3.4.16 Record Retention (Access & Confidentiality):

Vendor shall comply with all applicable Federal and State of West Virginia rules and regulations, and requirements governing the maintenance of documentation to verify any cost of services or commodities rendered under this contract by Vendor. The Vendor shall maintain such records a minimum of five (5) years and make available all records to Agency personnel at Vendor's location during normal business hours upon written request by Agency within 10 days after receipt of the request

Vendor shall have access to private and confidential data maintained by the Agency to the extent required for Vendor to carry out the duties and responsibilities defined in this contract Vendor agrees to maintain confidentiality and security of the data made available and shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and Agency against any and all claims brought by any party attributed to actions of breech of confidentiality by the Vendor, subcontractors, or individuals permitted access by Vendor.

TRANSACTION PRICING

Transaction A: Domestic, online reservations with Travel Center which includes online support using the Quick Agent chat feature. Pricing includes 24-hour emergency enroute assistance; Quick-change service, for re-issuance of tickets while traveling. Includes \$200,000 flight insurance.

Cost per Transaction A: \$14.50

Transaction B: Domestic, agent assisted reservations utilizing phone, fax or e-mail. Includes full support. Includes 24-hour emergency enroute assistance; Quick-change service, for re-issuance of tickets while traveling. Includes \$200,000 flight insurance.

Cost per Transaction B: \$27.00

Transaction C: International reservations, agent assisted reservations, that includes passport assistance, visa service assistance, Country Briefing including business protocol, State Department bulletin, CDC health bulletins, Currency exchange service. 24-hour emergency service anywhere in the world, all major rail and ferry schedules, ticketing and reconfirmation of reservations. \$200,000 flight insurance.

Cost per Transaction C: \$34.00

Delivery fee of \$3.00 local courier or \$7.50 overnight express deliver for document delivery.