

**GRANT AWARD LETTER  
SUMMARY OF GRANT AWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

<b>State Agency</b> Colorado Department of Labor and Employment	<b>Grant Amount</b> Federal Fiscal Year 2025:     \$2,384,800.93  <b>Total for all Federal Fiscal Years: \$2,384,800.93</b>
<b>Grantee</b> City and County of Denver, Denver Human Services	
<b>Grantee UEI</b> PJNHEFNDAJ6	
<b>Grant Issuance Date</b> The later of October 1, 2024 or the date the State Controller or an authorized delegate signs this Grant Letter	
<b>Grant Expiration Date</b> September 30, 2025	
<b>Grant Authority -</b>  Section 412(e)(5) of P.L. 82-414, the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 USC 1522); C.R.S. Section 6-2-115.5; HB23-1283	

**Grant Purpose**

The Colorado Refugee Services Program (CRSP) was legislatively transferred from the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) beginning October 1, 2024. As a result, renewals agreements for vendors continuing to do business with CRSP under CDLE are being executed on new agreements rather than standard amendments. This agreement shall then replace the CDHS agreement standard terms and conditions. Services beginning from the Effective Date shall be governed by this agreement's provisions, exhibits, and order of precedence and will serve as a continuation of the initially executed CDHS agreement period of performance with extensions.

**Exhibits and Order of Precedence**

The following Exhibits and attachments are included with this Grant:

1. Exhibit A, Statement of Work.
2. Exhibit B, Sample Option Letter
3. Exhibit C, Grant Funding Change Letter
4. Exhibit D, Budget
5. Exhibit E, Federal Provisions
6. Exhibit F, PII Certification
7. Exhibit G, HIPAA BAA

In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this Grant and any Exhibit or attachment, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by reference to the documents in the following order of priority:

1. Exhibit E, HIPAA BAA
2. Exhibit C, Federal Provisions.
3. Colorado Special Provisions in §17 of the main body of this Grant
4. The provisions of the other sections of the main body of this Grant.
5. Exhibit A, Statement of Work.
6. Exhibit F, PII Certification
7. Exhibit B, Sample Option Letter
8. Exhibit C, Grant Funding Change Letter
9. Exhibit B, Budget.

**FEDERAL AWARD(S) APPLICABLE TO THIS GRANT AWARD**

Federal Awarding Office	ACF/ORR Office of Mandatory Grants
Grant Program	Refugee and Entrant Assistance State Administered Programs
Assistance Listing Number	93.566
Federal Award Number	2401CORCMA, 2501CORCMA
Federal Award Date *	04/30/2024, 4/30/2025
Federal Award End Date	09/30/2025, 9/30/2026
Federal Statutory Authority	Section 412(e)(5) of P.L. 82-525, the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 USC 1522)
Total Amount of Federal Award (this is <u>not</u> the amount of this grant agreement)	\$36,044,324.00, \$45,000,000.00

\* Funds may not be available through the Federal Award End Date subject to

**SIGNATURE PAGE**

**THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE EXECUTED THIS AGREEMENT**

EACH PERSON SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS THAT THE SIGNER IS DULY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT AND TO BIND THE PARTY AUTHORIZING SUCH SIGNATURE.

<p><b>GRANTEE</b> City and County of Denver Denver Human Services</p> <hr/> <p>By: Anne-Marie Braga, Executive Director</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p><b>STATE OF COLORADO</b> Jared S. Polis, Governor Colorado Department of Labor and Employment Joe M. Barela, Executive Director</p> <hr/> <p>By: Darcy R. Kennedy, Deputy Executive Director/CFO</p> <p>Date: _____</p>
<p>In accordance with §24-30-202, C.R.S., this Agreement is not valid until signed and dated below by the State Controller or an authorized delegate.</p> <p><b>STATE CONTROLLER</b> Robert Jaros, CPA, MBA, JD</p> <hr/> <p>By: Alexander Fintz, CDLE Controller Delegate</p> <p>Effective Date: _____</p>	

## 1. GRANT

As of the Grant Issuance Date, the State Agency shown on the first page of this Grant Award Letter (the "State") hereby obligates and awards to Grantee shown on the first page of this Grant Award Letter (the "Grantee") an award of Grant Funds in the amounts shown on the first page of this Grant Award Letter. By accepting the Grant Funds provided under this Grant Award Letter, Grantee agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of this Grant Award Letter and requirements and provisions of all Exhibits to this Grant Award Letter.

## 2. TERM

### A. Initial Grant Term and Extension

The Parties' respective performances under this Grant Award Letter shall commence on the Grant Issuance Date and shall terminate on the Grant Expiration Date unless sooner terminated or further extended in accordance with the terms of this Grant Award Letter. Upon request of Grantee, the State may, in its sole discretion, extend the term of this Grant Award Letter by providing Grantee with an updated Grant Award Letter showing the new Grant Expiration Date.

### B. Early Termination in the Public Interest

The State is entering into this Grant Award Letter to serve the public interest of the State of Colorado as determined by its Governor, General Assembly, or Courts. If this Grant Award Letter ceases to further the public interest of the State or if State, Federal or other funds used for this Grant Award Letter are not appropriated, or otherwise become unavailable to fund this Grant Award Letter, the State, in its discretion, may terminate this Grant Award Letter in whole or in part by providing written notice to Grantee that includes, to the extent practicable, the public interest justification for the termination. If the State terminates this Grant Award Letter in the public interest, the State shall pay Grantee an amount equal to the percentage of the total reimbursement payable under this Grant Award Letter that corresponds to the percentage of Work satisfactorily completed, as determined by the State, less payments previously made. Additionally, the State, in its discretion, may reimburse Grantee for a portion of actual, out-of-pocket expenses not otherwise reimbursed under this Grant Award Letter that are incurred by Grantee and are directly attributable to the uncompleted portion of Grantee's obligations, provided that the sum of any and all reimbursements shall not exceed the maximum amount payable to Grantee hereunder. This subsection shall not apply to a termination of this Grant Award Letter by the State for breach by Grantee.

### C. Grantee's Termination Under Federal Requirements

Grantee may request termination of this Grant by sending notice to the State, or to the Federal Awarding Agency with a copy to the State, which includes the reasons for the termination and the effective date of the termination. If this Grant is terminated in this manner, then Grantee shall return any advanced payments made for work that will not be performed prior to the effective date of the termination.

## 3. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall be construed and interpreted as follows:

- A. "**Budget**" means the budget for the Work described in Exhibit B.

- B. “**Business Day**” means any day in which the State is open and conducting business, but shall not include Saturday, Sunday or any day on which the State observes one of the holidays listed in §24-11-101(1) C.R.S.
- C. “**CORA**” means the Colorado Open Records Act, §§24-72-200.1 *et seq.*, C.R.S.
- D. “**Grant Award Letter**” means this letter which offers Grant Funds to Grantee, including all attached Exhibits, all documents incorporated by reference, all referenced statutes, rules and cited authorities, and any future updates thereto.
- E. “**Grant Funds**” means the funds that have been appropriated, designated, encumbered, or otherwise made available for payment by the State under this Grant Award Letter.
- F. “**Grant Expiration Date**” means the Grant Expiration Date shown on the first page of this Grant Award Letter.
- G. “**Grant Issuance Date**” means the Grant Issuance Date shown on the first page of this Grant Award Letter.
- H. “**Exhibits**” exhibits and attachments included with this Grant as shown on the first page of this Grant
- I. “**Extension Term**” means the period of time by which the Grant Expiration Date is extended by the State through delivery of an updated Grant Award Letter
- J. “**Federal Award**” means an award of Federal financial assistance or a cost-reimbursement contract under the Federal Acquisition Regulations by a Federal Awarding Agency to the Recipient. “Federal Award” also means an agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the Federal Award. The term does not include payments to a contractor or payments to an individual that is a beneficiary of a Federal program.
- K. “**Federal Awarding Agency**” means a Federal agency providing a Federal Award to a Recipient. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) is the Federal Awarding Agency for the Federal Award which is the subject of this Grant.
- L. “**Goods**” means any movable material acquired, produced, or delivered by Grantee as set forth in this Grant Award Letter and shall include any movable material acquired, produced, or delivered by Grantee in connection with the Services.
- M. “**Incident**” means any accidental or deliberate event that results in or constitutes an imminent threat of the unauthorized access or disclosure of State Confidential Information or of the unauthorized modification, disruption, or destruction of any State Records.
- N. “**Initial Term**” means the time period between the Grant Issuance Date and the Grant Expiration Date.
- O. “**Matching Funds**” means the funds provided Grantee as a match required to receive the Grant Funds.
- P. “**Party**” means the State or Grantee, and “Parties” means both the State and Grantee.
- Q. “**PII**” means personally identifiable information including, without limitation, any information maintained by the State about an individual that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual’s identity, such as name, social security number, date and place of birth,

mother's maiden name, or biometric records; and any other information that is linked or linkable to an individual, such as medical, educational, financial, and employment information. PII includes, but is not limited to, all information defined as personally identifiable information in §§24-72-501 and 24-73-101 C.R.S. "PII" shall also mean "personal identifying information" as set forth at § 24-74-102, et. seq., C.R.S.

- R. "**PHI**" means any protected health information, including, without limitation any information whether oral or recorded in any form or medium: (i) that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and (ii) that identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual. PHI includes, but is not limited to, any information defined as Individually Identifiable Health Information by the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.
- S. "**Recipient**" means the State Agency shown on the first page of this Grant Award Letter, for the purposes of the Federal Award.
- T. "**Services**" means the services to be performed by Grantee as set forth in this Grant Award Letter, and shall include any services to be rendered by Grantee in connection with the Goods.
- U. "**State Confidential Information**" means any and all State Records not subject to disclosure under CORA. State Confidential Information shall include, but is not limited to, PII, PHI, Tax Information, and State personnel records not subject to disclosure under CORA. State Confidential Information shall not include information or data concerning individuals that is not deemed confidential but nevertheless belongs to the State, which has been communicated, furnished, or disclosed by the State to Contractor which (i) is subject to disclosure pursuant to CORA; (ii) is already known to Contractor without restrictions at the time of its disclosure to Contractor; (iii) is or subsequently becomes publicly available without breach of any obligation owed by Contractor to the State; (iv) is disclosed to Contractor, without confidentiality obligations, by a third party who has the right to disclose such information; or (v) was independently developed without reliance on any State Confidential Information.
- V. "**State Fiscal Rules**" means the fiscal rules promulgated by the Colorado State Controller pursuant to §24-30-202(13)(a) C.R.S.
- W. "**State Fiscal Year**" means a 12 month period beginning on July 1 of each calendar year and ending on June 30 of the following calendar year. If a single calendar year follows the term, then it means the State Fiscal Year ending in that calendar year.
- X. "**State Records**" means any and all State data, information, and records, regardless of physical form, including, but not limited to, information subject to disclosure under CORA.
- Y. "**Sub-Award**" means this grant by the State (a Recipient) to Grantee (a Subrecipient) funded in whole or in part by a Federal Award. The terms and conditions of the Federal Award flow down to this Sub-Award unless the terms and conditions of the Federal Award specifically indicate otherwise.
- Z. "**Subcontractor**" means third-parties, if any, engaged by Grantee to aid in performance of the Work. "Subcontractor" also includes sub-grantees.

- AA. **“Subrecipient”** means a state, local government, Indian tribe, institution of higher education (IHE), or nonprofit organization entity that receives a Sub-Award from a Recipient to carry out part of a Federal program, but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such program. A Subrecipient may also be a recipient of other Federal Awards directly from a Federal Awarding Agency. For the purposes of this Grant, Grantee is a Subrecipient.
- BB. **“Tax Information”** means Federal and State of Colorado tax information including, without limitation, Federal and State tax returns, return information, and such other tax-related information as may be protected by Federal and State law and regulation. Tax Information includes, but is not limited to all information defined as Federal tax information in Internal Revenue Service Publication 1075.
- CC. **“Uniform Guidance”** means the Office of Management and Budget Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 CFR Part 200, commonly known as the “Super Circular, which supersedes requirements from OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, A-110, A-122, A-89, A-102, and A-133, and the guidance in Circular A-50 on Single Audit Act follow-up.
- DD. **“Work”** means the delivery of the Goods and performance of the Services described in this Grant Award Letter.
- EE. **“Work Product”** means the tangible and intangible results of the Work, whether finished or unfinished, including drafts. Work Product includes, but is not limited to, documents, text, software (including source code), research, reports, proposals, specifications, plans, notes, studies, data, images, photographs, negatives, pictures, drawings, designs, models, surveys, maps, materials, ideas, concepts, know-how, and any other results of the Work. “Work Product” does not include any material that was developed prior to the Grant Issuance Date that is used, without modification, in the performance of the Work.

Any other term used in this Grant Award Letter that is defined in an Exhibit shall be construed and interpreted as defined in that Exhibit.

#### **4. STATEMENT OF WORK**

Grantee shall complete the Work as described in this Grant Award Letter and in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit A. The State shall have no liability to compensate or reimburse Grantee for the delivery of any goods or the performance of any services that are not specifically set forth in this Grant Award Letter.

#### **5. PAYMENTS TO GRANTEE**

##### **A. Maximum Amount**

Payments to Grantee are limited to the unpaid, obligated balance of the Grant Funds. The State shall not pay Grantee any amount under this Grant that exceeds the Grant Amount for each Federal Fiscal Year shown on the first page of this Grant Award Letter. Financial obligations of the State payable after the current State Fiscal Year are contingent upon funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available. The State shall not be liable to pay or reimburse Grantee for any Work performed or expense incurred before the Grant Issuance Date or after the Grant Expiration Date; provided, however, that Work performed and expenses incurred by Grantee before the Grant Issuance Date that are

chargeable to an active Federal Award may be submitted for reimbursement as permitted by the terms of the Federal Award.

**B. Federal Recovery**

The close-out of a Federal Award does not affect the right of the Federal Awarding Agency or the State to disallow costs and recover funds on the basis of a later audit or other review. Any cost disallowance recovery is to be made within the Record Retention Period, as defined below.

**D. Reimbursement of Grantee Costs**

Upon prior written approval, the State shall reimburse Grantee's allowable costs, not exceeding the maximum total amount described in this Grant Award Letter for all allowable costs described in this Grant Award Letter and shown in the Budget, except that Grantee may adjust the amounts between each line item of the Budget without formal modification to this Agreement as long as the Grantee provides notice to the State of the change, the change does not modify the total maximum amount of this Grant Award Letter or the maximum amount for any state fiscal year, and the change does not modify any requirements of the Work. The State shall reimburse Grantee for the Federal share of properly documented allowable costs related to the Work after the State's review and approval thereof, subject to the provisions of this Grant. The State shall only reimburse allowable costs if those costs are: (i) reasonable and necessary to accomplish the Work and for the Goods and Services provided; and (ii) equal to the actual net cost to Grantee (i.e. the price paid minus any items of value received by Grantee that reduce the cost actually incurred).

**E. Close-Out.**

Grantee shall close out this Grant within 45 days after the Grant Expiration Date. To complete close out, Grantee shall submit to the State all deliverables (including documentation) as defined in this Grant Award Letter and Grantee's final reimbursement request or invoice. The State will withhold 5% of allowable costs until all final documentation has been submitted and accepted by the State as substantially complete. If the Federal Awarding Agency has not closed this Federal Award within 1 year and 90 days after the Grant Expiration Date due to Grantee's failure to submit required documentation, then Grantee may be prohibited from applying for new Federal Awards through the State until such documentation is submitted and accepted.

**2. REPORTING - NOTIFICATION**

**E. Performance and Final Status**

Grantee shall submit all financial, performance and other reports to the State no later than the end of the close out described in §5.E, containing an evaluation and review of Grantee's performance and the final status of Grantee's obligations hereunder.

**F. Violations Reporting**

Grantee shall disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the State and the Federal Awarding Agency, all violations of federal or State criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal Award. The State or the Federal Awarding



Agency may impose any penalties for noncompliance allowed under 2 CFR Part 180 and 31 U.S.C. 3321, which may include, without limitation, suspension or debarment.

### **3. GRANTEE RECORDS**

#### **E. Maintenance and Inspection**

Grantee shall make, keep, and maintain, all records, documents, communications, notes and other written materials, electronic media files, and communications, pertaining in any manner to this Grant for a period of three years following the completion of the close out of this Grant. Grantee shall permit the State to audit, inspect, examine, excerpt, copy and transcribe all such records during normal business hours at Grantee's office or place of business, unless the State determines that an audit or inspection is required without notice at a different time to protect the interests of the State.

#### **F. Monitoring**

The State will monitor Grantee's performance of its obligations under this Grant Award Letter using procedures as determined by the State. Grantee shall allow the State to perform all monitoring required by the Uniform Guidance, based on the State's risk analysis of Grantee. The State shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to change its monitoring procedures and requirements at any time during the term of this Agreement. The State shall monitor Grantee's performance in a manner that does not unduly interfere with Grantee's performance of the Work. If Grantee enters into a subcontract or subgrant with an entity that would also be considered a Subrecipient, then the subcontract or subgrant entered into by Grantee shall contain provisions permitting both Grantee and the State to perform all monitoring of that Subcontractor in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

#### **G. Final Audit Report**

Grantee shall promptly submit to the State a copy of any final audit report of an audit performed on Grantee's records that relates to or affects this Grant or the Work, whether the audit is conducted by Grantee or a third party. Additionally, if Grantee is required to perform a single audit under 2 CFR 200.501, *et seq.*, then Grantee shall submit a copy of the results of that audit to the State within the same timelines as the submission to the federal government.

### **4. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION-STATE RECORDS**

#### **E. Confidentiality**

Grantee shall hold and maintain, and cause all Subcontractors to hold and maintain, any and all State Records that the State provides or makes available to Grantee for the sole and exclusive benefit of the State, unless those State Records are otherwise publically available at the time of disclosure or are subject to disclosure by Grantee under CORA. Grantee shall not, without prior written approval of the State, use for Grantee's own benefit, publish, copy, or otherwise disclose to any third party, or permit the use by any third party for its benefit or to the detriment of the State, any State Records, except as otherwise stated in this Grant Award Letter. Grantee shall provide for the security of all State Confidential Information in accordance with all policies promulgated by the Colorado Office of Information Security and all applicable laws, rules, policies, publications, and guidelines. If Grantee or any of its Subcontractors will or may receive the following types of data,

Grantee or its Subcontractors shall provide for the security of such data according to the following: (i) the most recently promulgated IRS Publication 1075 for all Tax Information and in accordance with the Safeguarding Requirements for Federal Tax Information attached to this Grant as an Exhibit, if applicable, (ii) the most recently updated PCI Data Security Standard from the PCI Security Standards Council for all PCI, (iii) the most recently issued version of the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Security Policy for all CJII, and (iv) the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act for all PHI and the HIPAA Business Associate Agreement attached to this Grant, if applicable. Grantee shall immediately forward any request or demand for State Records to the State's principal representative.

F. Other Entity Access and Nondisclosure Agreements

Grantee may provide State Records to its agents, employees, assigns and Subcontractors as necessary to perform the Work, but shall restrict access to State Confidential Information to those agents, employees, assigns and Subcontractors who require access to perform their obligations under this Grant Award Letter. Grantee shall ensure all such agents, employees, assigns, and Subcontractors sign nondisclosure agreements with provisions at least as protective as those in this Grant, and that the nondisclosure agreements are in force at all times the agent, employee, assign or Subcontractor has access to any State Confidential Information. Grantee shall provide copies of those signed nondisclosure restrictions to the State upon request.

G. Use, Security, and Retention

Grantee shall use, hold and maintain State Confidential Information in compliance with any and all applicable laws and regulations in facilities located within the United States, and shall maintain a secure environment that ensures confidentiality of all State Confidential Information wherever located. Grantee shall provide the State with access, subject to Grantee's reasonable security requirements, for purposes of inspecting and monitoring access and use of State Confidential Information and evaluating security control effectiveness. Upon the expiration or termination of this Grant, Grantee shall return State Records provided to Grantee or destroy such State Records and certify to the State that it has done so, as directed by the State. If Grantee is prevented by law or regulation from returning or destroying State Confidential Information, Grantee warrants it will guarantee the confidentiality of, and cease to use, such State Confidential Information.

H. Incident Notice and Remediation

If Grantee becomes aware of any Incident, it shall notify the State immediately and cooperate with the State regarding recovery, remediation, and the necessity to involve law enforcement, as determined by the State. After an Incident, Grantee shall take steps to reduce the risk of incurring a similar type of Incident in the future as directed by the State, which may include, but is not limited to, developing and implementing a remediation plan that is approved by the State at no additional cost to the State.

I. Safeguarding PII

If Grantee or any of its Subcontractors will or may receive PII under this Agreement, Grantee shall provide for the security of such PII, in a manner and form acceptable to the State, including, without limitation, State non-disclosure requirements, use of appropriate

technology, security practices, computer access security, data access security, data storage encryption, data transmission encryption, security inspections, and audits. Grantee shall be a "Third-Party Service Provider" as defined in §24-73-103(1)(i), C.R.S. and shall maintain security procedures and practices consistent with §§24-73-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S. In addition, as set forth in § 24-74-102, *et. seq.*, C.R.S., Contractor, including, but not limited to, Contractor's employees, agents and Subcontractors, agrees not to share any PII with any third parties for the purpose of investigating for, participating in, cooperating with, or assisting with Federal immigration enforcement. If Contractor is given direct access to any State databases containing PII, Contractor shall execute, on behalf of itself and its employees, the certification attached hereto as Exhibit \_\_ on an annual basis Contractor's duty and obligation to certify as set forth in Exhibit \_\_ shall continue as long as Contractor has direct access to any State databases containing PII. If Contractor uses any Subcontractors to perform services requiring direct access to State databases containing PII, the Contractor shall require such Subcontractors to execute and deliver the certification to the State on an annual basis, so long as the Subcontractor has access to State databases containing PII.

## **5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Grantee shall not engage in any business or activities, or maintain any relationships that conflict in any way with the full performance of the obligations of Grantee under this Grant. Grantee acknowledges that, with respect to this Grant, even the appearance of a conflict of interest shall be harmful to the State's interests and absent the State's prior written approval, Grantee shall refrain from any practices, activities or relationships that reasonably appear to be in conflict with the full performance of Grantee's obligations under this Grant. If a conflict or the appearance of a conflict arises, or if Grantee is uncertain whether a conflict or the appearance of a conflict has arisen, Grantee shall submit to the State a disclosure statement setting forth the relevant details for the State's consideration. Grantee acknowledges that all State employees are subject to the ethical principles described in §24-18-105, C.R.S. Grantee further acknowledges that State employees may be subject to the requirements of §24-18-105, C.R.S. with regard to this Grant.

## **6. INSURANCE**

Grantee shall maintain at all times during the term of this Grant such liability insurance, by commercial policy or self-insurance, as is necessary to meet its liabilities under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §24-10-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S. (the "GIA"). Grantee shall ensure that any Subcontractors maintain all insurance customary for the completion of the Work done by that Subcontractor and as required by the State or the GIA.

## **7. REMEDIES**

In addition to any remedies available under any exhibit to this Grant Award Letter, if Grantee fails to comply with any term or condition of this Grant or any terms of the Federal Award, the State may terminate some or all of this Grant and require Grantee to repay any or all Grant funds to the State in the State's sole discretion. The State may also terminate this Grant Award Letter at any time if the State has determined, in its sole discretion, that Grantee has ceased performing the Work without intent to resume performance, prior to the completion of the Work.

## **8. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Except as herein specifically provided otherwise or as required or permitted by federal regulations related to any Federal Award that provided any of the Grant Funds, disputes concerning the performance of this Grant that cannot be resolved by the designated Party representatives shall be referred in writing to a senior departmental management staff member designated by the State and a senior manager or official designated by Grantee for resolution.

**9. NOTICES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

Each Party shall identify an individual to be the principal representative of the designating Party and shall provide this information to the other Party. All notices required or permitted to be given under this Grant Award Letter shall be in writing, and shall be delivered either in hard copy or by email to the representative of the other Party. Either Party may change its principal representative or principal representative contact information by notice submitted in accordance with this §13.

**10. RIGHTS IN WORK PRODUCT AND OTHER INFORMATION**

Grantee hereby grants to the State a perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty free license, with the right to sublicense, to make, use, reproduce, distribute, perform, display, create derivatives of and otherwise exploit all intellectual property created by Grantee or any Subcontractors or Subgrantees and paid for with Grant Funds provided by the State pursuant to this Grant.

**11. GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY**

Liability for claims for injuries to persons or property arising from the negligence of the Parties, their departments, boards, commissions committees, bureaus, offices, employees and officials shall be controlled and limited by the provisions of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §24-10-101, et seq., C.R.S.; the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. Pt. VI, Ch. 171 and 28 U.S.C. 1346(b), and the State’s risk management statutes, §§24-30-1501, et seq. C.R.S. No term or condition of this Contract shall be construed or interpreted as a waiver, express or implied, of any of the immunities, rights, benefits, protections, or other provisions, contained in these statutes.

**12. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**E. Assignment**

Grantee’s rights and obligations under this Grant are personal and may not be transferred or assigned without the prior, written consent of the State. Any attempt at assignment or transfer without such consent shall be void. Any assignment or transfer of Grantee’s rights and obligations approved by the State shall be subject to the provisions of this Grant Award Letter.

**F. Captions and References**

The captions and headings in this Grant Award Letter are for convenience of reference only, and shall not be used to interpret, define, or limit its provisions. All references in this Grant Award Letter to sections (whether spelled out or using the § symbol), subsections, exhibits or other attachments, are references to sections, subsections, exhibits or other attachments contained herein or incorporated as a part hereof, unless otherwise noted.

**G. Entire Understanding**

This Grant Award Letter represents the complete integration of all understandings between the Parties related to the Work, and all prior representations and understandings related to the Work, oral or written, are merged into this Grant Award Letter.

H. Modification

The State may modify the terms and conditions of this Grant by issuance of an updated Grant Award Letter, which shall be effective if Grantee accepts Grant Funds following receipt of the updated letter. The Parties may also agree to modification of the terms and conditions of the Grant in a formal amendment to this Grant, properly executed and approved in accordance with applicable Colorado State law and State Fiscal Rules.

I. Statutes, Regulations, Fiscal Rules, and Other Authority.

Any reference in this Grant Award Letter to a statute, regulation, State Fiscal Rule, fiscal policy or other authority shall be interpreted to refer to such authority then current, as may have been changed or amended since the Grant Issuance Date. Grantee shall strictly comply with all applicable Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations in effect or hereafter established, including, without limitation, laws applicable to discrimination and unfair employment practices.

J. Digital Signatures

If any signatory signs this agreement using a digital signature in accordance with the Colorado State Controller Contract, Grant and Purchase Order Policies regarding the use of digital signatures issued under the State Fiscal Rules, then any agreement or consent to use digital signatures within the electronic system through which that signatory signed shall be incorporated into this Contract by reference.

K. Severability

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Grant Award Letter shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Grant Award Letter, which shall remain in full force and effect, provided that the Parties can continue to perform their obligations under the Grant in accordance with the intent of the Grant.

L. Survival of Certain Grant Award Letter Terms

Any provision of this Grant Award Letter that imposes an obligation on a Party after termination or expiration of the Grant shall survive the termination or expiration of the Grant and shall be enforceable by the other Party.

M. Third Party Beneficiaries

Except for the Parties' respective successors and assigns described above, this Grant Award Letter does not and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies upon any person or entity other than the Parties. Any services or benefits which third parties receive as a result of this Grant are incidental to the Grant, and do not create any rights for such third parties.

N. Waiver

A Party's failure or delay in exercising any right, power, or privilege under this Grant Award Letter, whether explicit or by lack of enforcement, shall not operate as a waiver, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power, or privilege preclude any other or further exercise of such right, power, or privilege.

O. Accessibility

- i. Contractor shall comply with and the Work Product provided under this Contract shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of §§24-85-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., and the *Accessibility Standards for Individuals with a Disability*, as established by OIT pursuant to Section §24-85-103 (2.5), C.R.S. Contractor shall also comply with all State of Colorado technology standards related to technology accessibility and with Level AA of the most current version of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), incorporated in the State of Colorado technology standards.
- ii. The State may require Contractor's compliance to the State's Accessibility Standards to be determined by a third party selected by the State to attest to Contractor's Work Product and software is in compliance with §§24-85-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., and the *Accessibility Standards for Individuals with a Disability* as established by OIT pursuant to Section §24-85-103 (2.5), C.R.S.

P. Federal Provisions

Grantee shall comply with all applicable requirements of Exhibit E at all times during the term of this Grant.

**13. COLORADO SPECIAL PROVISIONS (COLORADO FISCAL RULE 3-3)**

**E. STATUTORY APPROVAL. §24-30-202(1) C.R.S.**

This Contract shall not be valid until it has been approved by the Colorado State Controller or designee. If this Contract is for a Major Information Technology Project, as defined in §24-37.5-102(2.6), then this Contract shall not be valid until it has been approved by the State's Chief Information Officer or designee.

**F. FUND AVAILABILITY. §24-30-202(5.5) C.R.S.**

Financial obligations of the State payable after the current fiscal year are contingent upon funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available.

**G. GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY.**

Liability for claims for injuries to persons or property arising from the negligence of the Parties, its departments, boards, commissions committees, bureaus, offices, employees and officials shall be controlled and limited by the provisions of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §24-10-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S.; the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. Pt. VI, Ch. 171 and 28 U.S.C. 1346(b), and the State's risk management statutes, §§24-30-1501, *et seq.* C.R.S. No term or condition of this Contract shall be construed or interpreted as a waiver, express or implied, of any of the immunities, rights, benefits, protections, or other provisions, contained in these statutes.

**H. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.**

Contractor shall perform its duties hereunder as an independent contractor and not as an employee. Neither Contractor nor any agent or employee of Contractor shall be deemed to

be an agent or employee of the State. Contractor shall not have authorization, express or implied, to bind the State to any agreement, liability, or understanding, except as expressly set forth herein. **Contractor and its employees and agents are not entitled to unemployment insurance or workers compensation benefits through the State and the State shall not pay for or otherwise provide such coverage for Contractor or any of its agents or employees. Contractor shall pay when due all applicable employment taxes and income taxes and local head taxes incurred pursuant to this Contract. Contractor shall (a) provide and keep in force workers' compensation and unemployment compensation insurance in the amounts required by law, (b) provide proof thereof when requested by the State, and (c) be solely responsible for its acts and those of its employees and agents.**

**I. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.**

Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal and State laws, rules, and regulations in effect or hereafter established, including, without limitation, laws applicable to discrimination and unfair employment practices.

**J. CHOICE OF LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE.**

Colorado law, and rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto, shall be applied in the interpretation, execution, and enforcement of this Contract. Any provision included or incorporated herein by reference which conflicts with said laws, rules, and regulations shall be null and void. All suits or actions related to this Contract shall be filed and proceedings held in the State of Colorado and exclusive venue shall be in the City and County of Denver.

**K. PROHIBITED TERMS.**

Any term included in this Contract that requires the State to indemnify or hold Contractor harmless; requires the State to agree to binding arbitration; limits Contractor's liability for damages resulting from death, bodily injury, or damage to tangible property; or that conflicts with this provision in any way shall be void ab initio. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed as a waiver of any provision of §24-106-109 C.R.S.

**L. SOFTWARE PIRACY PROHIBITION.**

State or other public funds payable under this Contract shall not be used for the acquisition, operation, or maintenance of computer software in violation of federal copyright laws or applicable licensing restrictions. Contractor hereby certifies and warrants that, during the term of this Contract and any extensions, Contractor has and shall maintain in place appropriate systems and controls to prevent such improper use of public funds. If the State determines that Contractor is in violation of this provision, the State may exercise any remedy available at law or in equity or under this Contract, including, without limitation, immediate termination of this Contract and any remedy consistent with federal copyright laws or applicable licensing restrictions.

**M. EMPLOYEE FINANCIAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST. §§24-18-201 and 24-50-507 C.R.S.**

The signatories aver that to their knowledge, no employee of the State has any personal or beneficial interest whatsoever in the service or property described in this Contract.

Contractor has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of Contractor's services and Contractor shall not employ any person having such known interests.