

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

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| Division Number: 211 | Program Name: On Ramps Reimbursement Program |
| Org. Code: 711P | Legal/Funding Authority: GAA, Rider 59 |
| Speed Chart: 6P023 University of Texas at | TGC 771 |
| Payee Name: Austin | ISAS Contract #: 3502 |
| Payee ID: 37217217217 | PO #: 35284 |

UTAUS CN:26752

INTERAGENCY CONTRACT

Section 1.0 AGENCIES AND AUTHORITY:

This Interagency Contract (IAC) is entered into by and between the Texas Education Agency (Receiving Agency) and the University of Austin at Texas (UT) (Performing Agency) pursuant to the authority granted and in compliance with the provisions of the Interagency Cooperation Act, Chapter 771, of the Texas Government Code which enables state agencies to contract with other state agencies for governmental functions and services.

Section 2.0 STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED:

Purpose, objectives, and timeline of major milestones are outlined in Appendix One, Description of Services, attached hereto, is hereby incorporated by reference and made, therefore, a part of this IAC.

Section 3.0 TERM OF CONTRACT:

This IAC is to begin **09/01/2015** and shall terminate on **08/31/2017**. TEA, at its own discretion, may extend the contract awarded for up to an additional one-year term thereafter by mutual agreement of the Agencies in the form of a written amendment and it is subjected to availability of funds.

Section 4.0 AMOUNT:

The total amount of this IAC shall not exceed \$4,000,000.00 for the two years of funding. The maximum amount for year one is \$2,000,000.00 and any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016, may be added to fiscal year 2017. The proposed budget is hereby incorporated in Appendix Two, Budget.

Section 5.0 PAYMENT FOR SERVICES:

Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall pay Performing Agency according to the accepted cost proposal to provide the services and/or resources described in this IAC. TEA shall pay for services received from the appropriation item or account from which the TEA would ordinarily make expenditures for similar services or resources. Payments received by the Performing Agency shall be credited to its current appropriation item(s) or account(s) from which the expenditure for the services or resources were made.

Performing Agency shall bill the TEA quarterly for services rendered in accordance with the provisions of the IAC. Performing Agency may submit invoices electronically to the following email address: TEAAccountsPayable@tea.texas.gov or the Performing Agency can direct invoices to:

Texas Education Agency
Attn: Accounting Department
1701 N. Congress Avenue, Suite 2-125
Austin, Texas 78701-1494

Purchases of food are generally prohibited and must be preapproved by the TEA Project Manager. Food purchases must be in accordance with Federal Regulations, Title 2, Subtitle A, Chapter II, Part 200,

Subpart E, §200.432. Purchases must be necessary and reasonable for the successful performance of the Contract. This applies to both federal and state funded contracts. Website to view the regulations:

http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=f61b41b94d57ed256eb46811a14d243d&mc=true&node=se2.1.200_1432&rgn=div8

TEA follows the Federal Rate Schedule for reimbursement of meal and lodging expenditures adopted by the State of Texas. Performing Agency shall maintain receipts in accordance with paragraph F of the Contract General Provisions. The Comptroller's website for travel rules and regulations – **textravel**: <https://fmx.cpa.state.tx.us/fmx/travel/textravel/index.php>. Receipts must be made available for programmatic or financial audit, by TEA and by others authorized by law or regulation to make such an audit, for a period of not less than seven (7) years.

State travel expense reimbursement is not a per diem. Employees and Performing Agency staff must claim the actual expenses incurred for meals and lodging not to exceed the maximum allowable rates. The maximum should not be claimed unless the actual expenditures equal or exceed the maximum allowable rate.

Section 6.0 CONTRACT MANAGEMENT:

6.1 Notices: Any notice relating to this IAC, which is required or permitted to be given under this IAC by one Agency to the other Agency shall be in writing and shall be addressed to the Receiving Agency at the email address specified below.

6.2 Points of Contact: Agencies shall direct all correspondence and notices related to the contract to:

| Receiving Agency | Performing Agency |
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| Kelly Callaway | Jennifer C. Saenz |
| Division Director | Partnership and Outreach Coordinator |
| Instructional Materials and Educational Technology | Office of Strategy and Policy |
| Texas Education Agency | University of Texas at Austin |
| kelly.callaway@tea.state.tx.us | jennifer.saenz@austin.utexas.edu |
| 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Suite 3-114 | P.O. Box 7637 |
| Austin, Texas 78701-1494 | Austin, Texas 78713-7637 |

Section 7.0 CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

Any modifications, additions, or deletions, to the terms and conditions of this IAC, including the allocation of additional funds to the current list of proposed activities, or any extensions of the IAC, shall be processed through a written amendment and executed by both Agencies.

Section 8.0 ENTIRE CONTRACT:

This contract together with the documents mentioned herein and which are incorporated herein by this reference, contains the entire agreement between the Agencies relating to the rights granted and the obligations assumed in it. Any oral representations or modifications concerning this contract shall be of no force or effect unless contained in a subsequent amendment executed by both Agencies.

8.1 Appendixes:

8.1.1 Appendix One, Description of Services

8.1.2 Appendix Two, Budget

8.1.3 Appendix Three, Sample Invoice

8.2 Attachments:

Attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference are the documents indicated below with an "X" beside each:

- General Provisions
- Special Provisions A – Program Specific
- Special Provisions B – Debarment and Suspension Certification
- Special Provisions C – Lobbying Certification

Section 9.0 CERTIFICATIONS:

RECEIVING AGENCY further certifies that it has the authority to receive the above services by authority granted in: Texas Government Code, Chapter 771, Interagency Cooperation Act

PERFORMING AGENCY further certifies that it has authority to perform the above services by authority granted in: Texas Government Code, Chapter 771, Interagency Cooperation Act.

Subject to approval, the authorized representatives of the undersigned Agencies bind themselves to the faithful performance of this IAC. It is mutually understood that this IAC will be effective on the earliest date shown in Section 3.0.

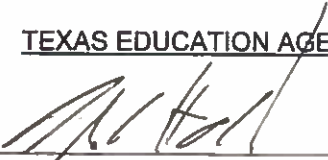
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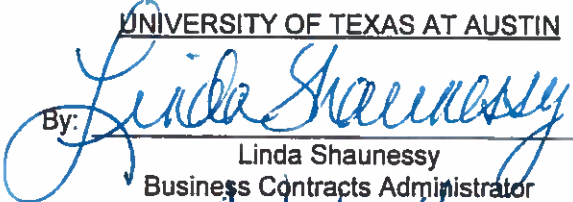
TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

By:



By:



Mike Morath
Commissioner

Linda Shaunessy
Business Contracts Administrator

5/12/16

4/11/2016

Date

Date

Return one (1) copy with original signature to
Norma Barrera
Purchasing, Contracts and Agency Services
Texas Education Agency
1701 North Congress Avenue, Room 2-125
Austin, Texas 78701-1494

or

Submit a signed copy via email to:
TEAContracts@tea.texas.gov

**APPENDIX ONE
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES**

- I. **Purpose and Objectives:** The purpose of the OnRamps Reimbursement Program is to reimburse districts for costs related to students taking OnRamps Dual Enrollment courses for college credit. The purpose of the OnRamps program is to provide an affordable and convenient UT Austin experience for Texas students regardless of their location or their college plans and to increase the number and diversity of students who engage in learning experiences aligned with the expectations of leading research universities.

OnRamps offers five dual-enrollment courses with a year-long professional-development program attached to each offering:

- A. Reading and Writing the Rhetoric of American Identity
- B. Discovery PreCalculus
- C. Statistics
- D. Thriving in our Digital World - Computer Science
- E. Introduction to Geoscience: Earth, Wind, and Fire

Designed by UT faculty and aligned with expectations of a leading research university, the college-level courses allow students to earn both high school and college credit if they successfully meet the college course requirements. Local high school teachers who are professional trained by UT faculty teach the courses in conjunction with UT faculty.

II. **Tasks/Schedule of Major Activities**

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| Fall, 2015 | Student enrollment |
| | One-day workshops: Held in the fall and spring, the 1-day workshops are designed to address immediate challenges and opportunities teachers face in their implementation of OnRamps. |
| Spring, 2016 | One-day workshops |
| Summer, 2016 | Summer institute: During a 2-week residential institute held at UT, teachers are immersed in learning the content of their OnRamps courses, developing their skill in implementing the innovative pedagogy underlying the courses, navigating OnRamps technology tools, including Canvas learning management system, and cultivating a community of practice. |
| Fall, 2016 | Student enrollment |
| | One-day workshops |
| Spring, 2017 | One-day workshops |
| Summer, 2017 | Summer institute |
| Ongoing | One-on-one support: Each teacher will have access to an instructional coach who provides ongoing support and training for effective implementation of the curriculum. |

III. Reporting Requirement

Contractor shall submit semi-annual reports in a format prescribed by TEA, which includes, at a minimum, the number of teachers trained for each of the five OnRamps courses, number of students in each course offered disaggregated by campus, student completion and success rate, race/ethnicity, and socio-economic status.

**APPENDIX TWO
BUDGET**

I. Invoicing/Billing Schedule Agreement:

To administer the OnRamps Reimbursement Program most efficiently, the contracting agencies have agreed to the following regarding invoices and payments:

- A. The University of Texas (UT) will invoice districts for professional development, student tuition, and room and board expenses as appropriate.
- B. UT will include on the invoice an OnRamps Reimbursement Program Credit for the total amount of professional development and tuition.
- C. Districts will be responsible for paying UT directly for room and board. (The OnRamps Reimbursement Program does not cover room and board expenses.)
- D. UT will invoice TEA once each semester for the amount credited to districts as indicated in B. above. Invoices will include district-by-district totals for each of the following:
 - 1. Student tuition
 - 2. Reduced student tuition
 - 3. Pioneer cohort student tuition
 - 4. New teacher professional development
 - 5. Returning teacher professional development
- E. Upon request, UT will provide TEA copies of all district invoices for any specified quarter(s) along with other documentation of expenses incurred such as student enrollment and evidence of teacher attendance at professional development workshops. All such records will be maintained by UT for a period of not less than seven (7) years from the date of completion of the Contract Project or the date of the receipt by TEA of Performing Agency's final claim for payment or final expenditure report in connection with this Contract, whichever is later.

District expenses covered by the OnRamps Reimbursement Program are shown below:

| Covered Expenses | Cost | Additional Information |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---|
| Student Tuition | \$295.00 | Per student, per year |
| Reduced Student Tuition | \$75.00 | For those students who qualify for free- or reduced-price lunch |
| Pioneer Cohort Student Tuition | \$200.00 | See Appendix Three |
| Summer Institute New Teachers | \$1,500.00 | Required for first-time teachers |
| Summer Institute Returning Teachers | \$450.00 | Required for returning teachers |

Year (1) of this IAC is projected to be \$1,109,325.00 and Year (2) \$1,626,785.00. The maximum amount for Year (1) is \$2,000,000.00 and the total amount for the two years shall not exceed \$4,000,000.00.

Projected Costs

| 2016 | Pricing | Numbers | Totals |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Student Enrollment | \$295 | 3,375 | \$995,625.00 |
| New teacher | \$1,500 | 65 | \$97,500.00 |
| Returning teacher | \$450.00 | 36 | \$16,200.00 |
| | | Total | \$1,109,325.00 |
| 2017 | | | |
| Student Enrollment | \$295 | 5,063 | \$1,493,585.00 |
| New teacher | \$1,500 | 78 | \$117,000.00 |
| Returning teacher | \$450.00 | 36 | \$16,200.00 |
| | | Total | \$1,626,785.00 |

Note: Information regarding the number of students who will qualify for the reduced fee is not currently available. The reduced fee is, therefore, not reflected in this budget. Once the data are available, an amendment reflecting the revised budget may be processed if appropriate.

The budget for 2017 is based on a projected 50% increase in enrollment. An amendment may be processed once actual student enrollment data is available.

**Appendix Three
District Invoice Sample**

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN



University Extension
Continuing & Innovative Education

INVOICE

INVOICE # 001
DATE: JANUARY 16, 2015

P.O. Box 7637, Austin, Texas 78713-7637
Phone (512) 471-2900 Fax (512) 471-2905
uex@austin.utexas.edu

For: OnRamps Dual-Enrollment Program
Account#19-5250-0595

TO Austin Independent School District
ATTN: Jacob Reach
1111 West 6th Street A480
Austin, Texas 78703
512-414-9646

| DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|---|---|
| Professional Development | |
| Computer Science | |
| Vincent Wrencher, Anderson High School | \$450.00 |
| Steven Wnorowski, Austin High School | \$450.00 |
| Jamie Steck, Lanier High School | \$1500.00 |
| ELA | |
| Ebony Bagnall, Akins High School | \$1500.00 |
| John Flickinger, Bowie High School | \$1500.00 |
| Damon Caraway, Reagan Early College | \$1500.00 |
| PreCalculus | |
| Kristina Vannoy, Akins High School | \$450.00 |
| Lisa Watson, Bowie High School | \$1500.00 |
| Logan Healey, Crockett High School | \$1500.00 |
| Lou Kuhn, Crockett High School | \$1500.00 |
| Shane Rosenkrantz, Reagan Early College | \$1500.00 |
| Judy Goens, Travis High School | \$1500.00 |
| Student Enrollment as of October 8th (census date) \$295.00/student | |
| Akins High School - 40 students | \$11800.00 |
| Anderson High school - 26 students | \$7670.00 |
| Austin High School - 12 students | \$3540.00 |
| Bowie High school - 76 students | \$22420.00 |
| Crockett High School - 100 students | \$29500.00 |
| Lanier High School - 29 students | \$8555.00 |
| Reagan High School - 143 students | \$42185.00 |
| Travis High School - 114 students | \$33630.00 |
| Room and Board | |
| Summer Institute (10 nights, \$70.00/night) | \$700.00 |
| Fall and Spring one-day workshops (2 nights, \$200/night) | \$400.00 |
| | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT \$14,850.00 |

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|-----------------------------|---------------|
| STUDENT ENROLLMENT | \$159,300.00 |
| ROOM AND BOARD | \$1100.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$175,250.00 |
| APPROPRIATION REIMBURSEMENT | -\$174,150.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,100.00 |

The University of Texas at Austin
Tax Payer ID #: 74-6000203

Make all checks payable to *The University of Texas at Austin*
THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

SPECIAL PROVISIONS A
PROGRAM SPECIFIC

Special Provisions A is incorporated into and as such a part of the Agreement between TEA and The University of Texas at Austin.

1. This Agreement is not valid for amounts in excess of one million dollars without Board of Regents' approval.
2. Appendix Three contains an invoice that both parties have agreed the University of Texas at Austin will use as a sample and constitutes an invoice in an approved format.
3. TEA will make all payments to The University of Texas at Austin by issuing a check and not a transfer of funds.
4. The total amount of the agreement is \$4,000,000.00. The maximum amount of funds that can be spent in FY16 is \$2,000,000.00. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016 may be used in FY17 for the same purpose.

Contract Terms and Conditions

- A. **Definitions as used in these Contract Terms and Conditions:**
- *Contract, Interagency Contract, IAC* means the entire document, and all of TEA's attachments, appendices, schedules, exhibits (including but not limited to the Terms and Conditions and Attachments), amendments and extensions of or to the Interagency Contract;
 - *Receiving Agency* means the Texas Education Agency, TEA or Party other than Performing Agency ;
 - *Performing Agency* means the Party to this Contract or Contractor other than TEA;
 - *Project Manager/Administrator* means the respective person(s) representing TEA or Performing Agency, as indicated by the Contract, for the purposes of administering the Contract Project;
 - *Contract Project* means the purpose intended to be achieved through the Contract;
 - *Amendment* means a contract document used to formalize revisions to the Contract mutually agreed to by both Parties.
- B. **Contingency:** The Contract, including any amendments, extensions or subsequent contracts are executed by TEA contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds by legislative act. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Contract or any other document, this Contract is void upon the insufficiency (in TEA's discretion) or unavailability of appropriated funds. In addition, this Contract may be terminated by TEA at any time for any reason upon notice to Performing Agency. Expenditures and/or activities for which Performing Agency may claim reimbursement shall not be accrued or claimed subsequent to receipt of such notice from TEA.
- C. **Indemnification:** For local educational agencies (LEAs), regional education service centers (ESCs), institutions of higher education (IHEs), and state agencies; Performing Agency, to the extent permitted by law, shall hold TEA harmless from and shall indemnify TEA against any and all claims, demands, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature asserted by any third party and occurring or in any way incident to, arising from, or in connection with, any acts of Performing Agency in performance of the Contract Project.
- D. **Subcontracting and Substitutions:** Performing Agency shall not assign, transfer or subcontract any of its rights or responsibilities under this Contract without prior formal written amendment to this Contract properly executed by both TEA and Performing Agency. Substitutions are not permitted without written approval of the TEA Project Manager.
- E. **Encumbrances/Obligations:** All encumbrances, accounts payable, and expenditures shall occur on or between the beginning and ending dates of this Contract. All goods must have been received and all services rendered during the Contract period in order for Performing Agency to recover funds due. In no manner shall encumbrances be considered or reflected as accounts payable or as expenditures.
- F. **Records Retention and the Right to Audit:** Performing Agency shall maintain its records and accounts in a manner that shall assure a full accounting for all funds received and expended by Performing Agency in connection with the Contract Project. These records and accounts shall be retained by Performing Agency and made available for programmatic or financial audit by TEA and by others authorized by law or regulation to make such an audit for a period of not less than seven (7) years from the date of completion of the Contract Project or the date of the receipt by TEA of Performing Agency's final claim for payment or final expenditure report in connection with this Contract, whichever is later. If an audit has been announced, the records shall be retained until such audit has been completed.
- The parties acknowledge the state Auditor's authority to conduct audits of state agencies under Chapter 321, Texas Government Code. TEA reserves the right to monitor and audit the Performing Agency's compliance with the requirements of this Contract.
- G. **Information Security Requirements: Access to Confidential TEA Information.** Performing Agency represents and warrants that it will take all necessary and appropriate action within its abilities to safeguard Confidential Information and to protect it from unauthorized disclosure. Whenever communications with Performing Agency necessitate the release of Confidential TEA Information, additional TEA Confidential forms will need to be signed by each individual who will require access to or may be exposed to that information. If Contractor discloses any TEA confidential information to a subcontractor or agent, Contractor will require the subcontractor or agent to comply with the same restrictions and obligations as are imposed on Contractor. Whenever communications with Contractor necessitate the release of Confidential TEA Information, additional TEA Confidential forms will need to be signed by each individual who will require access to or may be exposed to that information. Contractor shall access TEA's systems or Confidential TEA Information only for the purposes for which it is authorized. TEA reserves the right to review the Contractor's security policy to ensure that any data that is on the Contractor's servers is secure. Contractor shall cooperate fully by making resources, personnel, and systems access available to TEA and TEA's authorized representative(s).

Contractor shall ensure that any TEA Confidential Information in the custody of Contractor is properly sanitized or destroyed when the information is no longer required to be retained by TEA or Contractor in accordance with this Contract. Electronic media used for storing any Confidential TEA Information must be sanitized by clearing, purging or destroying in accordance with such standards established by the National Institute of Standards and

Technology and the Center for Internet Security. These standards are also required if the Contractor is collecting, maintaining, or analyzing data gathered, collected, or provided under this Contract. Contractor must maintain a record documenting the removal and completion of all sanitization procedures with the following information:

- 1) Date and time of sanitization/destruction;
- 2) Description of the item(s) and serial number(s) if applicable;
- 3) Inventory number(s); and
- 4) Procedures and tools used for sanitization/destruction.

No later than sixty (60) days from contract expiration or termination or as otherwise specified in this Contract, Contractor must complete the sanitization and destruction of the data and provide to Comptroller all sanitization documentation.

Access to Internal TEA Network and Systems

As a condition of gaining remote access to any internal TEA network and systems, Contractor must comply with TEA's policies and procedures. TEA's remote access request procedures will require Contractor to submit TEA Applicable Access Request forms for TEA's review and approval. Remote access technologies provided by Contractor must be approved by TEA's Information Security Officer. TEA, in its sole discretion, may deny network or system access to any individual that does not complete the required forms. Contractor must secure its own connected systems in a manner consistent with TEA's requirements. TEA reserves the right to audit the security measures in effect on Contractor's connected systems without prior warning. TEA also reserves the right to immediately terminate network and system connections not meeting such requirements.

Disclosure of Security Breach

Contractor shall provide notice to TEA's Project Manager and TEA's Information Security Officer as soon as possible following Contractor's discovery or reasonable belief that there has been unauthorized use, exposure, access, disclosure, compromise, modification, or loss of sensitive or confidential Comptroller information ("Security Incident"). Within twenty-four (24) hours of the discovery or reasonable belief of a Security Incident, Contractor shall provide a written report to TEA's Information Security Officer detailing the circumstances of the incident which includes at a minimum:

- 1) Description of the nature of the Security Incident;
- 2) The type of TEA information involved;
- 3) Who may have obtained the information;
- 4) What steps Contractor has taken or will take to investigate the Security Incident;
- 5) What steps Contractor has taken or will take to mitigate any negative effect of the Security Incident; and
- 6) A point of contact for additional information.

Each day thereafter until the investigation is complete, Contractor shall provide TEA's Information Security Officer with a written report regarding the status of the investigation and the following additional information as it becomes available:

- 1) Who is known or suspected to have gained unauthorized access to TEA information;
- 2) Whether there is any knowledge if TEA information has been abused or compromised;
- 3) What additional steps Contractor has taken or will take to investigate the Security Incident;
- 4) What steps Contractor has taken or will take to mitigate any negative effect of the Security Incident; and
- 5) What corrective action Contractor has taken or will take to prevent future similar unauthorized use or disclosure.

Contractor shall confer with TEA's Chief Information Security Officer regarding the proper course of the investigation and risk mitigation. TEA reserves the right to conduct an independent investigation of any Security Incident, and should TEA choose to do so, Contractor shall cooperate fully by making resources, personnel, and systems access available to TEA and TEA's authorized representative(s). Subject to review and approval of TEA's Information Security Officer, Contractor, at its own cost, shall provide notice that satisfies the requirements of applicable law to individuals whose personal, confidential, or privileged data were compromised or likely compromised as a result of the Security Incident. If TEA, in its sole discretion, elects to send its own separate notice, then all costs associated with preparing and providing notice shall be reimbursed to TEA by Contractor. If Contractor does not reimburse such costs within thirty (30) days of TEA's written request, then TEA shall have the right to collect such costs.

- H. **Point of Contact and Escalation:** All notices, reports and correspondence required by this Contract shall be in writing and delivered to the TEA Project Manager listed in 6.2 of this IAC. Within thirty (30) days of execution of a contract, the respective Parties will designate the next level of personnel within each organization to address conflicts or ambiguity that cannot be resolved at the Project Manager level.
- I. **Dispute Resolution:** The parties agree to use good-faith efforts to resolve questions, issues, or disputes of any nature that may arise under or by this Contract; provided, however nothing in this paragraph shall preclude either party from pursuing any remedies as may be available under Texas law.

- J. **Compliance with Laws:** Performing Agency shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any court or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting Performing Agency's performance, including if applicable, prompt payment and licensing laws and regulations. For the entire duration of the Contract, Performing Agency shall maintain all required licenses, certifications, and any other documentation necessary to perform this Contract. When required or requested by the Agency, Performing Agency shall furnish TEA with satisfactory proof of its compliance with this provision.
- K. **Governing Law:** This Contract is governed by and construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Any and all obligations under this Contract are due in Travis County and venue is proper only in such county.
- L. **Federal Regulations Applicable to All Federally Funded Contracts:** The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) annual edition is the codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government produced by the Office of the Federal Register (OFR) and the Government Publishing Office. Website: http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=6214841a79953f26c5c230d72d6b70a1&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl
- M. **Public Information:** The Parties acknowledge they are subject to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act.
- N. **Assignment:** No assignment of this Contract or of any right accruing hereunder shall be made, in whole or part, by Performing Agency without prior consent of TEA.
- O. **Excluded Parties List System:** The Texas Education Agency and the Performing Agency must adhere to the directions provided in the President's Executive Order (EO) 13224, Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism. That Executive Order prohibits any transaction or dealing by United States persons, including but not limited to the making or receiving of any contribution of funds, goods, or services to or for the benefit of those persons listed in the General Services Administration's Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) which may be viewed on the System for Award Management (SAM) site at <http://www.sam.gov>.
- P. **FERPA; Nondisclosure; Press Releases:** All information gathered, produced, derived, obtained, analyzed, controlled or Accessed by Performing Agency in connection with this Contract ("Confidential Information") shall be and remain Confidential Information and shall not be released or disclosed by Performing Agency without the prior written consent of the TEA, which consent must specifically identify the Confidential Information to be disclosed by Performing Agency and the nature of the disclosure for which consent is sought. Performing Agency, its employees and subcontractor's, agree that in executing tasks on behalf of the TEA, they will not use any student-identifying information in any way that violates the provisions of FERPA, and will destroy or return all student-identifying information within thirty (30) days of project completion. Performing Agency also agrees not to disclose any information to which it is privy under this Contract without the prior consent of the agency. Performing Agency will not make any press releases, public statements, or advertisement referring to the Project or the engagement of Performing Agency in connection with the Project, or release any information relative to the Project for publication, advertisement or any other purpose without the prior written approval of TEA.
- Q. **Independent Contractor:** Performing Agency shall serve as an independent Contractor in providing services under this Contract. Performing Agency's employees are not and shall not be construed as employees or agents of the Texas Education Agency.
- R. **Termination:** This Contract shall terminate upon full performance of all requirements contained in this Contract, unless otherwise extended or renewed as provided in accordance with the Contract terms and conditions.
1. **Termination for Convenience:** TEA may terminate this Contract at any time, in whole or in part, without penalty, by providing fifteen (15) calendar days advance written notice to the other Party. In the event of such a termination, the Performing Agency shall, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing, cease all work immediately upon the effective date of termination. TEA shall be liable for reimbursing only those expenses incurred by the Performing Agency that are permitted, properly performed under this Contract and were incurred prior to the effective termination date.
 2. **Termination for Cause/Default:** If the Performing Agency fails to provide the goods or services contracted for according to the provisions of the Contract, or fails to comply with any of the terms or conditions of the Contract, TEA may, upon written notice of default to the Performing Agency, immediately terminate all or any part of the Contract. Termination is not an exclusive remedy, but will be in addition to any other rights and remedies provided in equity, by law or under the Contract.
- TEA may exercise any other right, remedy or privilege which may be available to it under applicable law of the state and any other applicable law or may proceed by appropriate court action to enforce the provisions of the Contract, or to recover damages for the breach of any agreement being derived from the Contract. The exercise of any of the foregoing remedies will not constitute a termination of the Contract unless TEA notifies the Performing Agency in writing prior to the exercise of such remedy.

The Performing Agency shall remain liable for all covenants and indemnities under the Contract. The Performing Agency shall be liable for all costs and expenses, including court costs, incurred by TEA with respect to the enforcement of any of the remedies listed herein.

3. **Termination Due to Changes in Law:** If federal or state laws or regulations or other federal or state requirements are amended or judicially interpreted so that either Party cannot reasonably fulfill this Contract and if the Parties cannot agree to an amendment that would enable substantial continuation of the Contract, the Parties shall be discharged from any further obligations under this Contract.
 4. **Rights upon Termination or Expiration of Contract:** In the event that the Contract is terminated for any reason, or upon its expiration, TEA shall retain ownership of all associated work products and documentation obtained from the Performing Agency under the Contract.
 5. **Survival of Terms:** Termination of the Contract for any reason shall not release the Performing Agency from any liability or obligation set forth in the Contract that is expressly stated to survive any such termination or by its nature would be intended to be applicable following any such termination, including the provisions regarding confidentiality, indemnification, transition, records, audit, property rights, dispute resolution, and invoice and fees verification.
- S. **Amendments:** All Amendments to this Contract will be in a manner as prescribed by the Agency Contracting Process and are, subject to Paragraph B of the Terms and Conditions and will be made on AMENDMENT TO TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY STANDARD CONTRACT form. All Amendments will be initiated by the TEA Contracts staff. An Amendment to this Contract will become effective on the date of signature of TEA or the effective date shown on the Amendment document whichever is first.
1. The Contractor is permitted to re-budget among direct cost categories within the approved budget to meet unanticipated requirements and to make limited changes to the approved budget without the issuance of a written Amendment as long as the total budget amount does not change. However, a revised budget document must be preapproved by the TEA Project Manager before the making the changes. Once approved, the documents must be submitted to the Contracts office for incorporation into the Contract file. Failure to submit the budget documents will result in invoices being rejected or payment delayed.
 2. Written Amendments are required for the following Contract changes:
 - a. Any revision which would result in the need for additional funding;
 - b. Any revision to the scope of work, deliverables, or objectives of the Contract
 - c. A request to extend the period of the Contract;
 - d. Cumulative transfers among direct cost categories which exceed or are expected to exceed 25 percent of the current total approved budget category;
 - e. Any reduction of funds or reduction in the scope of work;
 - f. Whenever a line item within a class/object code is added;
 - g. An increase in the quantity of capital outlay item(s) requested; and
 - h. An increase or decrease in the number of positions charged to Contract.
- T. **Electronic and Information Resources Accessibility Standards and Reporting:** State agencies shall procure products which comply with the State of Texas Accessibility requirements for Electronic Information Resources specified in 1TAC Chapter 213 when such products are available in the commercial marketplace or when such products are developed in response to a procurement solicitation.

[Section 508 of the US Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#) has been revised and adopted. Therefore, all current and potential Contractors are hereby notified of the requirement. The current technical requirements for accessibility contained within this regulation form the basis for our Texas TAC rules on EIR Accessibility.

This refresh of 508 uses the [WCAG 2.0 AA Accessibility Guidelines](#) (also ISO/IEC standard 40500) as the new technical standard that Federal agencies are now required to meet when procuring products and services. With the adoption of 508 requirements being adopted, DIR will be modifying the TAC rules to synchronize with it.

Given this coming change, all Texas agencies and institutions of higher education have begun using or specifying WCAG 2.0 AA guidelines for the design of new websites or web applications. The rationale is twofold:

1. It could be technically difficult and expensive to bring these websites/applications to WCAG 2.0 AA later.
2. WCAG 2.0 AA is a superior, more flexible standard and is in use all over the world. If a website is compliant with WCAG 2.0 AA, it will, by default comply with our current TAC rules on EIR Accessibility.

Web development Contractors should already be familiar with designing to this standard, and their ability to meet these standards should be a strong consideration in the selection process.

The free online resources listed below are available to assist developers and content producers in transitioning to these guidelines.

[WCAG 2.0 at a glance](#)

Contractor must employ real users with disabilities for manual testing. Contract is required to provide a report that will include the results of auto-testing, screen-by-screen assessments, pass/fail status for each of the identified compliance standards to be met and recommendations for how to repair the screens/pages that do not meet the standards. Remediation recommendations shall be provided to the code level. The report should include documentation of the experience of real users with disabilities and may recommend techniques for improving the usable accessibility of the application. Awarded Vendor shall validate, by title, if all accessibility requirements have been met.

All websites must follow Federal 508 accessibility requirements and Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 AA standards and be tested for accessibility before acceptance by TEA. For sites developed outside of TEA, the contractor must contract with a third party with expertise and a proven track record in accessibility testing. The third party must evaluate the site and produce a report that verifies the site is compliant to (WCAG) 2.0 AA.

- U. Intellectual Property Ownership:** Contractor agrees that all Works are, upon creation, works made for hire and the sole property of TEA. If the Works are, under applicable law, not considered works made for hire, Contractor hereby assigns to TEA all worldwide ownership of all rights, including the Intellectual Property Rights, in the Works, without the necessity of any further consideration, and TEA can obtain and hold in its own name all such rights to the Works. Contractor agrees to maintain written agreements with all officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives and subcontractors engaged by Contractor for the Contract Project, granting Contractor rights sufficient to support the performance and grant of rights to TEA by Contractor. Copies of such agreements shall be provided to TEA promptly upon request.

Contractor warrants that (i) it has the authority to grant the rights herein granted, (ii) it has not assigned or transferred any right, title, or interest to the Works or Intellectual Property Rights that would conflict with its obligations under the Contract, and Contractor will not enter into any such agreements, and (iii) the Works will be original and will not infringe any intellectual property rights of any other person or entity. These warranties will survive the termination of the Contract. If any preexisting rights are embodied in the Works, Contractor grants to TEA the irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free right and license to (i) use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, distribute copies of, and prepare derivative works based upon such preexisting rights and any derivative works thereof and (ii) authorize others to do any or all of the foregoing. Contractor agrees to notify TEA on delivery of the Works if they include any such preexisting rights. On request, Contractor will provide TEA with documentation indicating a third party's written approval for Contractor to use any preexisting rights that may be embodied or reflected in the Works.

Contractor agrees, at Contractor's expense, to indemnify, hold harmless and defend TEA and the State from claims involving infringement of third parties' licenses, trademarks, copyrights or patents.

For Colleges and Universities: The foregoing Intellectual Property Ownership provisions apply to any colleges and universities and their employees, agents, representatives, consultants, and subcontractors; provided, that for all Works created or conceived by colleges or universities under the Contract, they are granted a non-exclusive, non-transferable, royalty-free license to use the Works for their own academic and educational purposes only. Colleges and universities are prohibited, however, from advertising, offering for sale, selling, distributing, publicly displaying, publicly performing, or reproducing the Works, or making derivative works from the Works that are created or conceived under this Contract, without the express written permission of TEA Legal Division.