



2019-2022 SPECIAL BUY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the ESUCC and [REDACTED] ("Contractor"). Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC) was created in statute to coordinate the activities of Nebraska's 17 Educational Service Units. The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council was created by LB 603 in 2007 and officially came into existence on July 1, 2008. Cooperative Purchasing is a Project of ESUCC that has been in existence since 1968 with the purpose of providing the Educational Service Unit (ESU) member school districts ("Members") of Nebraska an opportunity to secure the maximum procurement value through cooperative synergies. The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC) Advisory group serves as the steering committee for new and future cooperative buys statewide under its direction. A chief executive officer coordinates the statewide purchasing agreement between educational service units and their school districts and other serviceable entities. The Director of Cooperative Purchasing manages the program with the guidance of the ESUCC, Advisory Board, and the Fiscal Agent. ESUCC serves 17 ESUs that provide a statewide network of educational opportunities to approximately 245 school districts and more than 300,000 students.

In consideration of mutual covenants, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Scope of the Contract.** The Contractor shall provide Members the opportunity to purchase the goods and/or services as defined in **Exhibit A**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, at the prices set forth in this Agreement and its Exhibits.
- 2. Payment Terms/Payment Schedule.** Members shall pay for services rendered and/or for accepted goods on the terms and payment schedule as set forth in **Exhibit B** which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Prices listed in Exhibit B shall remain in effect during the term of this Agreement unless agreed otherwise by the parties in writing.
- 3. Administrative Fee.** Contractor shall submit to ESUCC as an administrative fee a sum equal to two percent (2%) of the total gross dollar volume, less freight of all goods and services and excluding annual support and maintenance purchased by the ESUCC, ESUs, and Members. This fee will be submitted to ESUCC on a quarterly basis beginning three months from the Effective Date of this Agreement for all transactions completed and paid during said quarter.

4. **Term.** This Agreement is effective on October 4, 2019 ("Effective Date") and shall continue until 12:00 midnight (CST) on June 30, 2022, unless terminated earlier as provided by this Agreement or by law.
5. **Governing Law; Designation of Forum.** This Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska. Any action to enforce this Agreement must be brought in the state or federal courts of the State of Nebraska. Mandatory and exclusive venue for any disputes shall be in Sarpy County, Nebraska.
6. **Student Privacy Protections.**
- A. **Definition of Data.** Data include all Personally Identifiable Information (PII), Member Data, and other non-public information. Data include, but are not limited to, student data, metadata, and user content.
 - B. **Definition of Member Data.** Member Data includes all PII and other information that is not intentionally made generally available by ESUCC or its Members on public websites or publications, including but not limited to business, administrative and financial data, intellectual property, and student and personnel data and metadata.
 - C. **Definition of Personally Identifiable Information.** Personally Identifiable Information includes but is not limited to: personal identifiers such as name, address, phone number, date of birth, Social Security number, and student or personnel identification number; "personal information" as used in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05 and personally identifiable information contained in student education records as that term is defined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC 1232g.
 - D. **Definition of User.** User means a participant, instructor, or administrator of ESUCC or its Members who are authorized with login credentials by ESUCC or its Members to use the goods and/or services provided by this Agreement.
 - E. **Data De-Identification.** Contractor may use deidentified Data for product development, research, or other purposes. De-identified Data will have all direct and indirect personal identifiers removed. This includes, but is not limited to, name, ID numbers, date of birth, demographic information, location information, and school ID. Furthermore, Contractor agrees not to attempt to re-identify deidentified Data and not to transfer de-identified Data to any party unless that party agrees not to attempt reidentification.
 - F. **Marketing and Advertising.** Contractor will not use any Data to advertise or market to students or their parents. Advertising or marketing may be directed to the ESUCC, Members, or their school districts only if student information is properly de-identified."
 - G. **Modification of Terms of Service.** Contractor will not change how Data are collected, used, or shared under the terms of this Agreement in any way without advance notice to and consent from the ESUCC, the Members, and the affected school district(s).

- H. **Data Collection.** Contractor will only collect Data necessary to fulfill its duties as outlined in this Agreement.
- I. **Data Use.** Contractor will use Data only for the purpose of fulfilling its duties and providing services under this Agreement, and for improving services under this Agreement.
- J. **Data Mining.** Contractor is prohibited from mining Data for any purposes other than those agreed to by the parties. Data mining or scanning of user content for the purpose of advertising or marketing to students or their parents is prohibited.
- K. **Data Sharing.** Data cannot be shared with any additional parties without prior written consent of the User except as required by law.
- L. **Data Transfer or Destruction.** Contractor will ensure that all Data in its possession and in the possession of any subcontractors, or agents to which the Contractor may have transferred Data, are destroyed or transferred to the ESUCC under the direction of the ESUCC when the Data are no longer needed for their specified purpose, at the request of the Member.
- M. **Rights and License in and to Data.** Parties agree that all rights, including all intellectual property rights, shall remain the exclusive property of the Member, and Contractor has a limited, nonexclusive license solely for the purpose of performing its obligations as outlined in the Agreement. This Agreement does not give Contractor any rights, implied or otherwise, to Data, content, or intellectual property, except as expressly stated in the Agreement. This includes the right to sell or trade Data.
- N. **Access.** Any Data held by Contractor will be made available to a Member upon request by the Member.
- O. **Security Controls.** Contractor will store and process Data in accordance with industry best practices. This includes appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to secure Data from unauthorized access, disclosure, and use. Contractor will conduct periodic risk assessments and remediate any identified security vulnerabilities in a timely manner. Contractor will also have a written incident response plan, to include prompt notification of the Member in the event of a security or privacy incident, as well as best practices for responding to a breach of PII. Contractor agrees to share its incident response plan upon request.
- P. **Response to Legal Orders, Demands or Requests for Data.** Except as otherwise expressly prohibited by law, Contractor will:
 - (1) Promptly notify ESUCC and Members of any subpoenas, warrants, or other legal orders, demands or requests received by Contractor seeking Data;
 - (2) Consult with ESUCC and Members regarding its response;
 - (3) Cooperate with ESUCC's and Member's reasonable requests in connection with efforts by them to intervene and quash or modify the legal order, demand or request; and

(4) Upon ESUCC's or a Member's request, provide them with a copy of its response.

7. Termination.

A. ESUCC may terminate this Agreement in whole or part if funding from federal, state, or other sources for ESUCC or its Members is not obtained and continued at levels sufficient to allow for purchase of the good and/or services in the indicated quantities or term. ESUCC shall notify the Contractor as soon as practicable if funds to meet ESUCC's or Members' obligations become unavailable. The determination of ESUCC as to the insufficiency of funds is conclusive.

B. Each party may terminate this Agreement if the other party breaches or is in default of any material obligation hereunder which default is incapable of cure, or which, being capable of cure, has not been cured within 30 days after receipt of written notice of such default or such additional cure period as the nondefaulting party may authorize in writing.

C. Each party may terminate this Agreement by written notice if federal or state laws or rules are modified or interpreted in a way that the services are no longer allowable or appropriate for purchase under this contract or are no longer eligible for the funding proposed for payments authorized by this contract.

D. ESUCC may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, by written notice to the Contractor and may regard the Contractor in default of this Agreement if the Contractor becomes:

- (1) Insolvent;
- (2) Makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors;
- (3) Files a voluntary petition of bankruptcy;
- (4) Suffers or permits the appointment of a receiver for its business or assets;
- (5) Becomes subject to any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency law, whether domestic or foreign; or
- (6) Has wound up or liquidated, voluntarily or otherwise.

E. ESUCC may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, immediately, without notice, if the Contractor is debarred or suspended from performing services on any public contracts.

F. The parties may terminate this Agreement without cause by mutual written consent or by either party with a minimum of 90 days written notice.

G. Upon the termination for any reason or expiration of this Agreement, the Contractor promptly must return to ESUCC all papers, materials and other property of ESUCC then in its possession, including but not limited to all work in progress as is appropriate in its then existing form to ESUCC.

8. Indemnification.

A. The Contractor hereby waives and agrees to indemnify and save harmless ESUCC and the ESUs and their officials, agents, employees, and volunteers (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Indemnities"), against any and all claims of injuries, death, damage to property, liabilities, judgments, costs and expenses which may otherwise accrue against Indemnities in consequence of the granting of this Agreement or which may otherwise result therefrom.

B. The Contractor shall, at his or her own expense, appear, defend and pay all charges of attorneys and all costs and other expenses arising therefrom or incurred in connection therewith.

C. If any judgment shall be rendered against ESUCC or the ESUs in any such action, the Contractor shall, at his or her own expense, satisfy and discharge the same.

D. Any performance bond or insurance protection required by this contract, or otherwise provided by the Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify and save harmless and defend the Indemnities as herein provided.

E. The Contractor's obligation to indemnify and save harmless any Indemnities will survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement by either party for any reason.

9. Insurance. Contractor shall secure and keep in force during the term of this Agreement the following insurance coverages from insurance companies or government self-insurance pools authorized to do business in Nebraska:

A. Commercial general liability, including premises or operations, contractual, and products or completed operations coverages (if applicable), with minimum liability limits of \$1,000,000 per person and \$5,000,000 per occurrence; and


B. If applicable, workers compensation coverage meeting all statutory requirements.

The Contractor shall furnish a certificate of insurance to the undersigned ESUCC representative prior to commencement of this Agreement. Failure to provide insurance as required in this agreement is a material breach of contract entitling ESUCC to terminate this Agreement immediately.

10. Public Records. The Contractor acknowledges that ESUCC must comply with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712 through § 84-713 and release public records as defined law upon request, which may include this Agreement and all records created and maintained in relation to this Agreement.

11. Publicity. ESUCC does not endorse the goods or services of the Contractor. Except for listing ESUCC as a client during the term of this Agreement, news releases or

other publicity concerning this Agreement must not be made by the Contractor without the prior written approval of ESUCC.

- 12. Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco/Weapons Free Workplace.** The Contractor and all subcontractors, if any, shall not manufacture, sell, distribute, dispense, possess or use controlled substances or marijuana, as defined by Nebraska law, during the performance of this Agreement while on ESUCC, ESU, or Member premises or at ESUCC, ESU, or Member related functions. The Contractor and all subcontractors, if any, shall not possess any weapon, as defined by Nebraska law and the federal "Drug-Free Schools Act," on ESUCC, ESU, or Member property or at ESUCC, ESU, or Member related functions. The Contractor and all subcontractors, if any, also shall adhere to all ESUCC, ESU, and Member policies and regulations that prohibit the possession, distribution, sale, dispensation, or use of any alcohol or tobacco products while on ESUCC, ESU, or Member premises or at ESUCC, ESU, or Member related functions. Failure to comply with this provision may be considered a material breach. ESUCC may suspend or terminate the Contractor, subcontractor, or both if it violates these laws, regulations, or policies or this provision.
- 13. Nondiscrimination.** The Contractor and all subcontractors, if any, shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant who is to be employed for performance of this Agreement with respect to his or her hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of his race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin.
- 14. Independent Contractor.** Contractor is an independent contractor under this contract and is not an ESUCC, ESU, or Member employee for any purpose. The Contractor retains sole and absolute discretion in the manner and means of carrying out Contractor's activities and responsibilities under this Agreement, except to the extent specified in this Agreement.
- 15. Employment Eligibility Verification.** The Contractor shall use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of employees hired on or after October 1, 2009 and who are physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. If the Contractor employs or contracts with any subcontractor in connection with this Agreement, the Contractor shall include a provision in the contract requiring the subcontractor to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska.
- 16. Taxpayer Identification.** Contractor's federal employer identification number is:

- 17. Sales Tax.** ESUCC, ESUs, and Members are exempt from sales tax and shall not pay any sales tax under this Agreement. ESUCC, ESUs and/or Members will provide the Contractor with applicable sales tax exemption certificates upon written request.

- 18. Notice.** Each party giving any Notice ("Notice") under this Agreement must give written Notice by personal delivery, registered or certified Mail (in each case, return receipt requested and postage prepaid), or nationally recognized overnight courier (with all fees prepaid.) Notice shall be sent to the following addressees at the following addresses:

Cooperative: ESUCC
Attn: Kraig Lofquist
6949 South 110th Street
LaVista, NE 68128

With copy to:

ESUCC Cooperative Purchasing
Attn: Craig Peterson
PO Box 858
412 W. 14th Ave
Holdrege, NE 68949

Contractor:

Notice is effective only if the party giving the Notice has complied with this section.

- 19. Warranties and Specifications.** Contractor shall be responsible for providing to Members all manufacturer warranties on all goods and services. Contractor shall provide Members with all attachments normally supplied by the manufacturer and/or supplier. Complete product specification sheets or brochures must be provided to Members, ESUs, or ESUCC upon request.
- 20. Entire Agreement.** The Agreement is the complete and exclusive expression of the parties' agreement on the matters contained in this Agreement. All prior and contemporaneous negotiations and agreements between the parties on the matters contained in this Agreement are expressly merged into and superseded by this Agreement.
- 21. Amendments and Modifications.** The parties may amend or modify this Agreement only by a signed, written agreement by both parties that identifies itself as an amendment or modification to this Agreement. No other alternations in the terms of this agreement shall be valid or binding.
- 22. Waivers.** The parties may waive any provision in this Agreement only by a writing executed by the party or parties against whom the waiver is sought to be enforced. No failure or delay: (1) In exercising any right or remedy, **or** (2) In requiring the satisfaction of any condition under this Agreement, **and** (3) No act, omission, or course of dealing between the parties operates as a waiver or estoppel of any right, remedy or condition. A waiver made in writing on one occasion is effective only in

that instance and only for the purpose stated. A waiver once given is not to be construed as a waiver on any future occasion or against any other Person.

- 23. Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Agreement remain in full force, if the essential terms and conditions of this Agreement for each party remain enforceable.
- 24. Counterparts.** The parties may execute this Agreement in multiple counterparts, each of which constitutes an original, and all of which, collectively, constitute only one agreement. The signatures of all of the parties need not appear on the same counterpart, and delivery of an executed counterpart signature page by facsimile or other electronic means is as effective as executing and delivering this Agreement in the presence of the other parties to this Agreement. This Agreement is effective upon delivery of one executed counterpart from each party to the other parties. In proving this Agreement, a party must produce or account only for the executed counterpart of the party to be charged.
- 25. Force Majeure.** Neither party shall be liable for any loss or damage suffered by the other party, directly or indirectly, as a result of the non performing party's failure to perform, or delay in performing, any of its obligations contained in this contract (except any obligations to make payments for services rendered or accepted goods received before the failure to perform or the delay in performance), where, in the opinion of ESUCC, such failure or delay is caused by circumstances beyond the non performing party's control or which make performance commercially impracticable, including but not limited to fire, flood, storm or other natural disaster, explosion, accident, war, riot, civil disorder, government regulations or restrictions of any kind or any acts of any government, alien enemy, judicial action, power failure, acts of God, or other natural circumstances. This Force Majeure provision excludes economic hardship, changes in market conditions, and insufficiency of funds on the part of Contractor.
- 26. Assignment.** This Agreement binds the parties and their respective successors and assignees. The Contractor shall not assign or otherwise dispose of this Agreement or any duty, right, or responsibility contemplated in this Agreement to any other person without the previous written consent of ESUCC.
- 27. Subcontractors.** The Contractor shall not subcontract services or any part of this Agreement without the prior written consent of ESUCC.
- 28. Captions.** The descriptive headings of the Articles, Sections and subsections of this Agreement are for convenience only, do not constitute a part of this Agreement, and do not affect this Agreement's construction or interpretation.
- 29. Rights and Remedies Cumulative.** Any enumeration of ESUCC's rights and remedies set forth in this Agreement is not exhaustive. ESUCC's exercise of any right or remedy under this Agreement does not preclude the exercise of any other right or remedy. All of the ESUCC's rights and remedies are cumulative and are in

addition to any other right or remedy set forth in this Agreement, any other agreement between the parties, or which may now or subsequently exist at law or in equity, by statute or otherwise.

30. Relationship Among Parties. This Agreement creates no relationship of joint venture, partnership, limited partnership, agency, or employer- employee between the parties, and the parties acknowledge that no other facts or relations exist that would create any such relationship between them. Neither party has any right or authority to assume or to create any obligation or responsibility on behalf of the other party except as my from time to time be provided by written instrument signed by both parties.

31. Rules of Construction. The parties hereto have each been represented by counsel, or had the opportunity to be represented, during the negotiation and execution of this Agreement, and therefore waive application of any law or rule of construction providing that ambiguities in the contract will be construed against the party drafting such contract.

32. Piggyback Clause. For the term of the Agreement and any mutually agreed extensions, other public agencies may purchase, lease-purchase, or rent the identical item(s) at the same price and upon the same terms and conditions as provided in this Agreement. The term "public agencies" means any county, city, village, school district, or agency of any state government or of the United States; any drainage district, sanitary and improvement district, or other municipal corporation or political subdivision of Nebraska; and any political subdivision of another state.

33. Attachments. Attachments to this Agreement include the following:

Exhibit A – Scope of Services to be provided to ESUCC and Members
Exhibit B – Payment Terms & Schedule
Exhibit C – Vendor Software License Agreement

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement on the last date written below.

ESUCC

By: _____
Name: Kraig Lofquist
Title: Executive Director
Date: _____

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

EXHIBIT "A"

SCOPE OF GOODS OR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS

<<VENDOR-INSERT SCOPE OF GOODS>>

EXHIBIT "B"

1. Contractor's Pricing

Contractor's Pricing Model under this Agreement is:

<<VENDOR-INSERT PRICING>>

2. Payment Terms/ Payment Schedule

- A. Members will pay Contractor for all undisputed amounts for the goods and/or services identified in Exhibit A and provided by Contractor under this Agreement within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice, provided that goods/services have been accepted by the Member as hereinafter provided.
- B. The procedure for billing and payment for services or products and deliverables shall be as specified in this exhibit.

3. Acceptance of Services or Products:

- A. The Contractor shall deliver any goods, perform any services or both in accordance with the schedule set forth in any RFP, RFQ, the time specified in a purchase order issued by ESUCC, ESU, or Member, or this Agreement (whichever is later).
- B. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, the Contractor shall provide written notification of completion of any deliveries, or performances of services or both, to the Member ("Delivery Notice").
- C. Members shall have sixty (60) days from the date of receipt of the Delivery Notice to provide the Contractor with written notification of acceptance or rejection due to unsatisfactory performance or nonconforming goods.
- D. If the Member issues a rejection notice, the Contractor shall as quickly as is practicable, correct or replace all deficiencies at its expense. ESUCC shall not unreasonably withhold or delay its acceptance or rejection.

4. Title and Risk of Loss:

- A. Title and risk of loss for goods shall remain with the Contractor until goods are accepted by the Member, ESU, or ESUCC.
- B. Insurance during shipment and until the goods are accepted by ESUCC, ESU, or Member is the responsibility of the Contractor.

EXHIBIT "C"

SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT

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