

**State of Illinois**  
**Intergovernmental Agreement**  
between  
**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services**  
and  
**Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court**

Agreement No. 2027-55-024-IGA-D

Pursuant to the authority granted by Article VII, Section 10 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*, the **Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services** (hereinafter referred to as Department), and the **Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court** (hereinafter referred to as Contractor), in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, agree as follows:

**WHEREAS** the Department administers the Child Support Enforcement program under Title X of the Illinois Public Aid Code (305 ILCS 5/10-1 *et seq.*) and Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651, *et seq.*) (“Child Support Enforcement”); and

**WHEREAS** the Department seeks services to provide an Access and Visitation Program;

**WHEREAS** the Contractor desires to provide these services under the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1 — DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the following meanings:

- 1.1** “Child Support Enforcement Program” means the program administered by the Department under Article X of the Illinois Public Aid Code 305 ILCS 5/10-1 *et seq.*
- 1.2** The term “IV-D” refers to the Child Support Enforcement Program set forth in 89 Illinois Administrative Code 160.10 established in compliance with Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651, *et seq.*).
- 1.3** The term “IV-D matter” is defined as all administrative and judicial proceedings involving the establishment of parentage and the establishment, modification, enforcement and collection of all IV-D Child Support obligations on behalf of IV-D clients.
- 1.4** The term “non-IV-D” is defined as that which pertains to any support matter other than IV-D as defined in **Sections 1.2 and 1.3**.
- 1.5** The term “ALN” is defined as Assistance Listing Number. The Department’s Division of Child Support Enforcement’s ALN Number is 93.597.

## **ARTICLE 2 — TERM AND SCOPE**

- 2.1 Term.** The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, unless the Agreement is otherwise terminated as set forth herein.
- 2.2 Renewal.** This Agreement is not subject to renewal.

**2.3 Entirety of Agreement.** The terms and conditions of this Agreement along with applicable Department Administrative Rules and any documents expressly incorporated herein shall constitute the entire present agreement between the parties. This Agreement constitutes a total integration of all rights, benefits and obligations of the parties, and there exist no other agreements or understandings, oral or otherwise, that bind any of the parties regarding the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes and revokes any prior Agreement between the parties as to the subject matter of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 3— TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

- 3.1 Availability of Appropriation; Sufficiency of Funds.** Funding for the implementation of this Agreement consists of both Federal and State funds obtained by and payable through the Department. This Agreement is contingent upon and subject to the availability of sufficient funds. The Department may terminate or suspend this Agreement, in whole or in part, without advance notice and without penalty or further payment being required, if (i) sufficient funds for this Agreement have not been appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department by the State or the Federal funding source, (ii) the Governor or the Department reserves funds, or (iii) the Governor or the Department determines that funds will not or may not be available for payment. The Department shall provide notice, in writing, to Contractor of any such funding failure and its election to terminate or suspend this Agreement as soon as practicable. Any suspension or termination pursuant to this Section will be effective upon the date of the written notice unless otherwise indicated.
- 3.2 Termination Without Cause.** Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated at the option of the Department upon thirty (30) days' written notice to Contractor. If the Department elects to terminate, Contractor shall be entitled to payment for satisfactory services rendered under the Agreement up to the time of termination.
- 3.3 Termination For Cause.** In the event of Contractor's or the Department's failure to comply with a term of this Agreement, either party may provide written notice to the other of the breach. If such breach is not cured to the satisfaction of the non-breaching party within sixty (60) days after such written notice, or within such time as reasonably determined by either party and specified in the notice, the non-breaching party may proceed to termination by serving a written notice of termination upon the breaching party, which shall immediately terminate this Agreement.
- 3.4 Notice of Change in Circumstances.** In the event Contractor becomes a party to any litigation, investigation or transaction that may reasonably be considered to have a material impact on Contractor's ability to perform under this Agreement, Contractor will immediately notify the Department in writing.
- 3.5 Nonwaiver.** Failure of either party to insist on performance of any term or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or privilege hereunder shall not be construed as a continuing or future waiver of such term, condition, right or privilege.
- 3.6 Inability to Perform.** Failure by either party to perform its duties and obligations will be excused by unforeseeable circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including acts of nature, acts of the public enemy, riots, labor or material shortages, labor disputes, fire, flood, explosion, legislation, and governmental regulation.
- 3.7 Other Termination Rights.** This Agreement may be terminated upon written notice by either party in the event of the following. The County, the Department and the Office of the Illinois Attorney General will all cooperate with each other to create and implement a plan for transition of child support enforcement services, which plan will address the cost for transition.
- 3.7.1** Failure of either party to maintain the representations, warranties and certifications set forth in this Agreement.
- 3.7.2** Any case or proceeding is commenced by or against Contractor seeking a decree or order with respect to the other party under the United States Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable bankruptcy or other similar law, including, without limitation, laws governing

liquidation and receivership, and such proceeding is not dismissed within ninety (90) days after its commencement.

- 3.7.3 Material misrepresentation or falsification of any information provided by either party in the course of dealings between the parties.
- 3.7.4 Failure of the parties to negotiate an amendment necessary for statutory or regulatory compliance as provided in this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 4— AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT AND NOTICES

- 4.1 **Agreement Management.** The Department shall designate an Agreement Manager who will facilitate communication between Contractor and various administrative units within the Department. All communications from Contractor to the Department pertaining to this Agreement are to be directed to the Agreement Manager at the address and telephone number set forth herein. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Department’s counsel from contacting Contractor or Contractor’s counsel.
- 4.2 **Notices.** All written notices, requests and communications, unless specifically required to be given by a specific method, may be: (i) delivered in person, obtaining a signature indicating successful delivery; (ii) sent by a recognized overnight delivery service, obtaining a signature indicating successful delivery; (iii) sent by certified mail, obtaining a signature indicating successful delivery; or (iv) transmitted by telefacsimile, producing a document indicating the date and time of successful transmission, to the address or telefacsimile number set forth below. All telephonic communications between the parties shall be made to the telephone number(s) set forth below. Either party may at any time give notice in writing to the other party of a change of name, address, or telephone or telefacsimile number.

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Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court  
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Division of Child Support Services  
115 S LaSalle, 18<sup>th</sup> floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Telephone: 312.814.4250  
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## ARTICLE 5— RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### 5.1 Contractor’s Performance of Services and Duties.

- 5.1.1 Contractor shall perform all services and other duties as set forth in this Agreement in accordance with, and subject to, applicable Administrative Rules and Departmental policies including rules and regulations which may be issued or promulgated from time to time during the term of this Agreement. Contractor shall be provided copies of such upon Contractor’s written request.

**5.1.2** Contractor shall ensure that its employees who provide services under this Agreement are skilled in the profession for which they will be employed. In the event that the Department determines that any individual performing services for Contractor hereunder is not providing such skilled services, the Department shall promptly so notify Contractor and Contractor shall replace that individual.

**5.2 Consultation and Performance Reviews.**

**5.2.1** Contractor shall consult with and keep the Department fully informed as to the progress of all matters covered by this Agreement.

**5.2.2** The Department may conduct a post-performance review of Contractor's performance under the Agreement. Contractor shall cooperate with the Department in this review, which may require Contractor to provide records of Contractor's performance, including expense information.

**5.3 Contractor's Duties.** The Contractor shall

**5.3.1** Provide access and visitation services to non-married parents who were ordered by the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court for mediation services for the resolution of visitation and custody-related disputes including but not limited to the following listed services:

**5.3.1.1** Mediation -The process whereby parents, with the help of a skilled and neutral mediator, can negotiate their differences. Mediation can help parents articulate their positions in a way that helps them reach their own resolution of their differences.

**5.3.1.2** Assessment -A means of examining a parents' needs in areas such as health, education, employment and parenting skills. This may include referral.

**5.3.1.3** Parenting education -This education can help give parents a basic framework for understanding the process and facing the challenges posed as their case moves through the legal system. Parenting education also can help parents understand and prepare for the effects their decisions will have on their lives and the lives of their children.

a. Parenting Plans -Plans means a written description of the parental decision-making, parenting time, and residential arrangements that parents who do not live together agree upon for their children, which may include an assessment and referral.

b. Supervised visitation and neutral drop off sites. A safe environment where an impartial third party controls the visitation activity.

c. Evaluation Services. (In-house or consultant). Evaluation services means a comprehensive psychological evaluation requested by the court.

**5.3.2** Provide the Department with a Monthly Report no later than the fifteenth (15) day of the following month of the activity being reported.

**5.3.2.1** Monthly Reports shall include the following information for referred clients:

a. child support payment history of participants;

b. number of families participating, the number of children, the type of services provided, and the time period of the participants' involvement;

c. demographic information on participating families including wage, educational level and occupation of both parents, and age and sex of each child;

d. number of families who require further enforcement or drop out of the program and at what point of service either of these events occur;

e. number of families moving from supervised to unsupervised visitation; and

f. number of families completing specified services.

- 5.3.2.2** Monthly Reports shall be mailed to:  
Irene Curran, Contract Manager  
Division of Child Support Services  
115 S LaSalle 18<sup>th</sup> floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60603
- 5.3.2.3** Failure to provide Monthly Reports as indicated will result in the withholding of payment (**Section 6.3.3**).
- 5.3.3** Submit an acceptable Final Report to the Department, which shall be due within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the Agreement term, per **Article 2**.
- 5.3.3.1** Final Report shall include the following information:
- a. A program narrative and overview of the access and visitation program implementation for the term of the Agreement, including information reported in **Section 5.3**, above; and
  - b. A statement of services rendered during the term of the Agreement.
- 5.3.3.2** Final Report shall be mailed to:  
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Chicago, Illinois 60603
- 5.3.3.3** Failure to provide a Final Report as indicated will result in the withholding of payment (**Section 6.3.3**).
- 5.3.4. Federal Tax Information.** In performance of this Agreement, the Contractor will not have access to any Federal Tax Information, as defined in IRS Publication 1075.
- 5.4 Department's Duties.** The Department shall pay the Contractor pursuant to **Article 6** of this Agreement for its performance of all duties and obligations hereunder. Unless specifically provided herein, no payment shall be made by the Department for extra charges, supplies or expenses.
- 5.5 Joint Obligations.** Identifying information contained in the databases of both parties which are subject to the confidentiality provisions of federal and state statutes, rules and regulations. When confidential information is exchanged, the following rules shall apply: 1) the confidential nature of the information must be preserved; b) the information furnished must be used only for the purposes for which it was made available; c) assurance must be given that the proper steps shall be taken to safe guard the information; d) access to such information shall be limited to personnel who require the information to perform their duties or for whom access is permitted by statute; e) agree that the data access shall be limited to the minimum extent necessary to accomplish a proper government purpose; and (f) the data shall be transmitted between the Parties in a secure and encrypted format.
- 5.5.1** The parties agree that the duties undertaken in this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with all applicable Federal and State laws, rules, regulations, policy and procedures including, but not limited to the following:
- 5.5.1.1** Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, 42 USC section 651 et seq.
  - 5.5.1.2** Federal regulations promulgated under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act and appearing at Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations.
  - 5.5.1.3** Department rules pertaining to the establishment of parentage and the establishment, modification and enforcement of child support and medical support obligations in IV-D cases, appearing in Title 89 Illinois Administrative Code.
  - 5.5.1.4** The Department's Child Support Enforcement Manual.
  - 5.5.1.5** Title IV-D Action Transmittals issued by the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement.
  - 5.5.1.6** Department letters and memoranda prescribing or interpreting IV-D policy and procedures.

## ARTICLE 6 — BILLING AND PAYMENT

- 6.1 Amount of Payment.** The maximum amount of the Department’s obligation under this Agreement is **\$50,000**. Contractor’s budget (**Appendix A**) as approved by the Department is set forth in the Appendix and made a part hereof.
- 6.2 Billing.** Contractor shall submit reports to the Department of actual expenditures no later than the 15th day of the month following the month of service. Reports shall detail services performed by date and individual performing the services. Reports shall meet the following requirements:
- 6.2.1** All record keeping shall be in accordance with sound accounting standards.
- 6.2.2** The Contractor shall sign and submit to the Department reports of actual expenditures fifteen (15) calendar days following the month of such expenditures. The monthly reports shall include a signed statement certifying that 100% of the employee expenditures submitted were dedicated to the Access and Visitation Program, pursuant to 2 CFR part 225/A-87. The Department will authorize payment to the Contractor within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of complete, accurate and valid expenditure reports with appropriate documentation. Reports shall be mailed to:
- Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
Division of Finance  
Expenditure Processing and Reconciliation Unit  
201 S. Grand Ave. E. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62763  
[HFS.DOF.BBCM.EPRU@illinois.gov](mailto:HFS.DOF.BBCM.EPRU@illinois.gov)
- 6.2.3** The Contractor agrees to maintain and submit to the Department records, including but not limited to, payroll records, purchase orders, leases, billings, adequate to identify total time expended each month by Contractor staff filling positions indicated in **Appendix A** and the purpose for which any non-personnel funds were expended under this Agreement. For purposes of amounts reimbursable under **Article 6**, only those expenses or portions thereof stated in **Appendix A** are reimbursable. For non-personnel items, the Contractor agrees to provide proofs of payments, in the form of canceled checks, contractor invoices (stating paid in full) or any other proof that payment has been made. The Contractor agrees to provide time sheets for any temporary employees or contractual employees hired by the Contractor to fulfill the duties of this Agreement.
- 6.3. Reimbursement.** The Department shall reimburse Contractor for Contractor’s performance of all duties and obligations hereunder. Unless specifically provided herein, no payment shall be made by the Department for extra charges, supplies or expenses. Reimbursement is subject to the following:
- 6.3.1** The Department shall not be liable to pay Contractor for any supplies provided or services performed, or expenses incurred prior to the term of this Agreement.
- 6.3.2** Reimbursement will be made in the amount expended to date of expenditure report.
- 6.3.3** All reports required under this Agreement must be received by the Department within the time period set forth in this Agreement.
- 6.3.4** The parties will make final determination of the necessary expenditures the Contractor has incurred as a result of this Agreement. Such expenditures, mutually agreed upon and subject to Federal Financial Participation (FFP), shall be determined as of the close of business on the date of termination of this Agreement from expenditure reports submitted by the Contractor. The Department will reimburse the Contractor for any underpayment of such finally determined expenditures and the Contractor shall reimburse the Department for any overpayment.
- 6.3.5** Reimbursements made by the Department pursuant to this Article shall constitute full payment owed to Contractor by the Department under Federal or State law for the duties

performed by Contractor under this Agreement. Contractor shall not seek any additional payment from the Department for the performance of these duties.

- 6.3.6** Contractor shall be solely responsible and liable for all expenditure disallowance resulting from Contractor's actions as set forth in any audit by the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement or by the Department. Contractor shall reimburse the Department for the amount of any such disallowance; provided however, the Department will be required to give Contractor timely notice of any such disallowances and an opportunity to rebut any question of Contractor's liability. Contractor, however, will not be held liable for any disallowance concerning expenditures Contractor undertook at the written request of, or with the written approval of, the Department.
- 6.3.7** All Title IV-D funds held by Contractor (not including reimbursements for expenditures made pursuant to this Agreement previously made by Contractor) shall be deposited in an interest-bearing bank account and any interest earned on this Title IV-D money shall be identified and deducted from actual expenditures reported to the Department each month.
- 6.3.8** If the Department determines that this Agreement is a grant, then the terms of the Grant Funds Recovery Act (30 ILCS 705/1 et seq.) shall apply.
- 6.3.9** Prior written approval from the Department's Agreement Manager must be secured by the Contractor in order to receive reimbursement for the following:
  - 6.3.9.1** The cost of new or additional leases or rental agreements for either real or personal property;
  - 6.3.9.2** The cost of any furniture and equipment of at least \$100.00 in unit cost or, regardless of price, any camera or calculator requires written approval from the Department, prior to purchase, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Department shall provide a written response within ten (10) business days for Electronic Data Processing (EDP) equipment and three (3) business days for all other equipment after receiving said request. Any equipment purchased during the terms of this Agreement, if approved by the Department, having a unit acquisition cost of \$25,000 or less may be claimed in the period acquired. Equipment purchased and approved by the Department under the terms of this Agreement having a unit acquisition cost of more than \$25,000 shall be depreciated in equal amounts over a five-year period, at the discretion of the Department.
- 6.3.10** The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining hardware, software and office equipment, maintenance agreements, excluding software purchased by the Department, and for purchasing supplies, i.e., paper, toner, ink cartridges, cleaning kits, etc.) for all equipment under this or any Agreement between the parties.
- 6.4 Retention of Payments.** In addition to pursuit of actual damages, or termination of this Agreement, if any failure of Contractor to meet any requirement of this Agreement result in the withholding of Federal funds from the State, the Department will withhold and retain an equivalent amount from payment(s) to Contractor until such Federal funds are released to the State, at which time the Department will release to Contractor the equivalent withheld funds.
- 6.5. Computational Error.** The Department reserves the right to correct any mathematical or computational error in payment subtotals or total contractual obligation. The Department will notify Contractor of any such corrections.

- 6.6. Travel.** Payment for approved travel expenses will be made by the Department in accordance with the Department's Employee Travel regulations. Requests for travel expenses must be approved prior to the travel dates to be eligible for reimbursement.
- 6.7. State Fiscal Year.**
- 6.7.1** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, all invoices for supplies ordered or services performed, and expenses incurred by Contractor prior to July 1 of each year must be presented to the Department no later than August 5 of each year in order to ensure payment under this Agreement. Failure by Contractor to present such invoices prior to August 5 may require Contractor to seek payment of such invoices through the Illinois Court of Claims and the Illinois General Assembly.
- 6.7.2** All payments shall be made to conform to State fiscal year requirements regardless of what might or might not be stated elsewhere in this Agreement or any order placed pursuant to the Agreement. Contracts that extend beyond the end of the State's fiscal year (July 1 - June 30), or the payments thereon, may have to be prorated to ensure funds of the appropriate fiscal year are utilized for payment.
- 6.7.3** It is recognized by the parties that payments at the beginning of the State's fiscal year (July and August payments) are often delayed because of the appropriation process. Such delayed payments shall not be considered late for any purpose, nor shall they constitute a breach.

## **ARTICLE 7 — GENERAL TERMS**

- 7.1 Amendments.** This Agreement may be amended or modified by the mutual consent of the parties at any time during its term. Amendments to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by the parties. No change, in addition to, or waiver of any term or condition of this Agreement shall be binding on the Department unless approved in writing by an authorized representative of the Department.
- 7.2 Amendments Necessary for Statutory or Regulatory Compliance.** Contractor shall, upon request by the Department and receipt of a proposed amendment to this Agreement, negotiate in good faith with the Department to amend the Agreement if and when required, in the opinion of the Department, to comply with Federal or State laws or regulations. If the parties are unable to agree upon an amendment within sixty (60) days, or such shorter time required by Federal or State law or regulation, the Department may terminate this Agreement.
- 7.3 Assignment and Subcontracting.** After notice to Contractor, the Department may transfer this Agreement or payment responsibility to another State agency or assign this Agreement to a third party for financing purposes. Assignment, subcontracting, or transfer of all or part of the interests of Contractor in the work covered by this Agreement is prohibited without prior written consent of the Department. In the event the Department gives consent to Contractor to assign, subcontract or transfer all or part of the interests of Contractor in the work covered by this Agreement, the following provisions shall apply:
- 7.3.1** The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall apply to and bind the party or parties to whom such work is subcontracted, assigned, or transferred as fully and completely as Contractor is hereby bound and obligated.
- 7.3.2** Any proposed assignee, subcontractor or transferee must meet the same requirements applicable to Contractor, including, but not limited to, certifications and disclosures.
- 7.3.3** Contractor shall list the names and addresses of all subcontractors in an addendum to this Agreement, together with the anticipated amount of money that each subcontractor is expected to receive pursuant to this Agreement.
- 7.4 Audits and Records.**
- 7.4.1 Right of Audit.** This Agreement, and all books, records, and supporting documents related thereto, shall be available for review or audit by the Department, the Office of Inspector General for the Department, the United States Department of Health and Human Services,

the Illinois Auditor General and other State and Federal agencies with monitoring authority related to the subject matter of this Agreement (“Authorized Persons”), and Contractor agrees to cooperate fully with any such review or audit. Upon reasonable notice by any Authorized Person, Contractor shall provide, in Illinois, or any other location designated by the Authorized Person, during normal business hours, full and complete access to the relevant portions of Contractor’s books and billing records as they relate to payments under this Agreement. If the audit findings indicate overpayment(s) to Contractor, the Department shall adjust future or final payments otherwise due Contractor. If no payments are due and owing Contractor, or if the overpayments(s) exceed the amount otherwise due Contractor, Contractor shall immediately refund all amounts which may be due to the Department.

**7.4.2 Audits.** Grantee shall be subject to the audit requirements contained in the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 USC 7501-7507) and Subpart F of 2 CFR Part 200, and the audit rules and policies set forth by the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget. See 30 ILCS 708/65(c); 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.90.

**7.4.3 Audit Requirements.**

**7.4.3.1** This Paragraph applies to Grantees that are not “for-profit” entities.

**7.4.3.2 Single and Program-Specific Audits.** If, during its fiscal year, Grantee expends \$1,000,000 or more in Federal Awards (direct federal and federal pass-through awards combined), Grantee must have a single audit or program-specific audit conducted for that year as required by 2 CFR 200.501 and other applicable sections of Subpart F of 2 CFR Part 200. The audit report packet must be completed as described in 2 CFR 200.512 (single audit) or 2 CFR 200.507 (program-specific audit), 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.90(h)(1) and the current GATA audit manual and submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse, as required by 2 CFR 200.512. The results of peer and external quality control reviews, management letters, AU-C 265 communications and the Consolidated Year-End Financial Report(s) must be submitted to the Grantee Portal. The due date of all required submissions set forth in this paragraph is the earlier of (i) 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor’s report(s) or (ii) nine (9) months after the end of the Grantee’s audit period.

**7.4.3.3 Financial Statement Audit.** If, during its fiscal year, Grantee expends less than \$1,000,000 in Federal Awards, Grantee is subject to the following audit requirements:

- a.** If, during its fiscal year, Grantee expends \$750,000 or more in Federal and State Awards, singularly or in any combination, from all sources, Grantee must have a financial statement audit conducted in accordance with the Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS). Grantee may be subject to additional requirements based on the Grantee’s risk profile.
- b.** If, during its fiscal year, Grantee expends less than \$750,000 in Federal and State Awards, singularly or in any combination, from all sources, but expends \$500,000 or more in Federal and State Awards, singularly or in any combination, from all sources, Grantee must have a financial statement audit conducted in accordance with the Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS).
- c.** If Grantee is a Local Education Agency (as defined in 34 CFR 77.1), Grantee shall have a financial statement audit conducted in accordance with GAGAS, as required by 23 Ill. Admin. Code 100.110, regardless of the dollar amount of expenditures of Federal and State Awards.
- d.** If Grantee does not meet the requirements in subsections 7.4.3(b) and 7.4.3(c)(i-iii) but is required to have a financial statement audit conducted based on other regulatory requirements, Grantee must submit those audits for review.

- e. Grantee must submit its financial statement audit report packet, as set forth in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.90(h)(2) and the current GATA audit manual, to the Grantee Portal within the earlier of (i) 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report(s) or (ii) 6 months after the end of the Grantee's audit period.

**7.4.4 Performance of Audits.** For those organizations required to submit an independent audit report, the audit is to be conducted by the Illinois Auditor General, or a Certified Public Accountant or Certified Public Accounting Firm licensed in the state of Illinois or in accordance with Section 5.2 of the Illinois Public Accounting Act (225 ILCS 450/5.2). For all audits required to be performed subject to Generally Accepted Government Auditing standards or Generally Accepted Auditing standards, Grantee shall request and maintain on file a copy of the auditor's most recent peer review report and acceptance letter. Grantee shall follow procedures prescribed by Grantor for the preparation and submission of audit reports and any related documents.

**7.4.5 Delinquent Reports.** Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, when such reports or statements required under this section are prepared by the Illinois Auditor General, if they are not available by the above-specified due date, they will be provided to Grantor within thirty (30) days of becoming available. Otherwise, Grantee should refer to the State of Illinois Grantee Compliance Enforcement System for the policy and consequences for late reporting. 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.80.

**7.4.6 Retention of Records.** Contractor shall maintain all business, professional, and other records in accordance with State law 45 CFR Part 74, 45 CFR Part 160 and 45 CFR Part 164 **subparts A and E**, the specific terms and conditions of this Agreement, and pursuant to generally accepted accounting practice. Contractor shall maintain such books and records for a period of six (6) years from the later of the date of final payment under the Agreement or completion of the Agreement, adequate books, records, and supporting documents to verify the amounts, recipients, and uses of all disbursements of funds passing in conjunction with this Agreement. If an audit, litigation, or other action involving the records is begun before the end of the six-year period, the records must be retained until all issues arising out of the action are resolved. Failure to maintain the books, records, and supporting documents required by this Article shall establish a presumption in favor of the Department for the recovery of any funds paid by the Department under the Agreement for which adequate books, records, and other documents are not available to support the purported disbursement.

**7.5 Background Checks.** The Department reserves the right to conduct background checks of Contractor's officers, employees or agents who would directly supervise the Agreement or physically perform the Agreement requirements at Department facilities to determine their suitability for performing this Agreement. If the Department finds such officer, employee or agent to be unsuitable, the Department reserves the right to require Contractor to provide a suitable replacement immediately.

**7.6 Choice of Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. Any claim against the Department arising out of this Agreement must be filed exclusively with the Illinois Court of Claims (705 ILCS 505/1) or, if jurisdiction is not accepted by that court, with the appropriate State or Federal court located in Sangamon County, Illinois. The State shall not enter into binding arbitration to resolve any Agreement dispute. The State of Illinois does not waive sovereign immunity by entering into this Agreement.

**7.7 Confidentiality.**

**7.7.1 Proprietary Information.** Performance of the Agreement may require Contractor to have access to and use of documents and data which may be confidential or considered proprietary to the State or to a State County, or which may otherwise be of such a nature that its dissemination or use, other than in performance of the Agreement, would be adverse to the

interest of the State or others. Any documents or data obtained by Contractor from the Department in connection with carrying out the services under this Agreement shall be kept confidential and not provided to any third party unless disclosure is approved in writing by the Department. Each party shall protect the confidentiality of information provided by the other party, or to which the receiving party obtains access by virtue of its performance under this Agreement, that either has been reasonably identified as confidential by the disclosing party or by its nature warrants confidential treatment. The receiving party shall use such information only for the purpose of this Agreement and shall not disclose it to anyone except those of its employees who need to know the information. These nondisclosure obligations shall not apply to information that is or becomes public through no breach of this Agreement that is received from a third party free to disclose it that is independently developed by the receiving party, or that is required by law to be disclosed. Confidential information shall be returned to the disclosing party upon request.

**7.7.2 Confidentiality of Program Recipient Identification.** Personally identifiable information maintained by both Parties is subject to the confidentiality provisions of Federal and State statutes, rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, Title XIX of the *Social Security Act (42 USC 1396 et seq.)*. When personally identifiable information is exchanged or shared by Contractor and HFS, the following rules shall apply: (i) the confidential nature of the information must be preserved; (ii) the information furnished must be used only for the purposes for which it was made available; (iii) assurance must be given that the proper steps shall be taken to safeguard the information; and (iv) access to such information shall be limited to personnel who require the information to perform their duties or for whom access is permitted by statute or regulation. The release of personally identifiable information, data or records by either Party and/or their respective staff to any unauthorized person may subject HFS or Contractor and their respective staff to criminal and/or civil penalties as imposed by law.

**7.8 Disputes Between Contractor and Other Parties.** Any dispute between Contractor and any subcontractor or other party, shall be solely between such party or subcontractor and Contractor, and the Department shall be held harmless by Contractor.

**7.9 Fraud and Abuse.** Contractor shall report in writing to the Department's Office of Inspector General (OIG) any suspected fraud, abuse or misconduct associated with any service or function provided for under this Agreement by any parties directly or indirectly affiliated with this Agreement including but not limited to, Contractor's staff, Contractor's subcontractors, Department employees or Department's contractor. Contractor shall make this report within three days of first suspecting fraud, abuse or misconduct. Contractor shall not conduct any investigation of the suspected fraud, abuse or misconduct without the express concurrence of the OIG; the foregoing notwithstanding, the Contractor may conduct and continue investigations necessary to determine whether reporting is required under this paragraph. Contractor must report to OIG as described in the first sentence above. Contractor shall cooperate with all investigations of suspected fraud, abuse or misconduct reported pursuant to this paragraph. The Contractor shall require adherence with these requirements in any contracts it enters into with Subcontractors. Nothing in this paragraph precludes the Contractor or subcontractors from establishing measures to maintain quality of services and control costs that are consistent with their usual business practices, conducting themselves in accordance with their respective legal or contractual obligations or taking internal personnel-related actions.

**7.10 Gifts.** Contractor and Contractor's principals, employees and subcontractors are prohibited from giving gifts to Department employees, and from giving gifts to, or accepting gifts from, any person who has a contemporaneous Agreement with the Department involving duties or obligations related to this Agreement.

**7.11 Indemnification.**

**7.11.1** Contractor assumes all risk of loss and shall indemnify and hold the State, its officers, agents and employees harmless from and against any and all liabilities, demands, claims, suits,

losses, damages, causes of action, fines or judgments, including costs, attorneys' and witnesses' fees, and expenses incident thereto, for any and all injuries to persons (including death), and any or all loss of, damage to, or destruction of property (including property of the State), resulting from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of Contractor or any employee, agent, or representative of Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors. Contractor shall do nothing to prejudice the State's right to recover against third parties for any loss, destruction of, or damage to State property, and shall upon request and at the State's expense, furnish to the State all reasonable assistance and cooperation, including assistance in the prosecution of suit and the execution of instruments of assignment in favor of the State in obtaining recovery.

**7.11.2** Neither party shall be liable for incidental, special or consequential damages.

**7.11.3** Contractor further agrees to assume all risk of loss and to indemnify and hold the Department and its officers, agents, and employees harmless from and against any and all liabilities, demands, claims, suits, losses, damages, causes of action, fines or judgments including costs, attorneys' and witnesses' fees, and expenses incident thereto, for Contractor's failure to pay any subcontractor, either timely or at all, regardless of the reason.

**7.12 Media Relations and Public Information.** Subject to any disclosure obligations of Contractor under applicable law, rule, or regulation, news releases pertaining to this Agreement or the services or project to which it relates shall only be made with prior approval by, and in coordination with, the Department. Contractor shall not disseminate any publication, presentation, technical paper, or other information related to Contractor's duties and obligations under this Agreement unless such dissemination has been previously approved in writing by the Department.

**7.13 Multiple Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which shall be considered to be one and the same document, binding on all parties hereto, notwithstanding that all parties are not signatories to the same counterpart.

**7.14 Nondiscrimination.** In compliance with the State and Federal Constitutions, the Illinois Human Rights Act, the U. S. Civil Rights Act, and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, the Department does not unlawfully discriminate in employment, Agreements, or any other activity. Contractor and Contractor's principals, employees and subcontractors shall abide by all Federal and State laws, regulations and orders which prohibit discrimination because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, or physical or mental disability, including but, not limited to, the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Illinois Human Rights Act, and Executive Orders 11246 and 11375. Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that no unlawful discrimination is committed in any manner, including, but not limited to, in the delivery of services under this Agreement.

**7.15 Non-solicitation of Employees.** Contractor shall give notice to the Department's Ethics Officer, or such other person as the Department may designate, if Contractor solicits or intends to solicit for employment any Department employee during any part of the term of this Agreement and for one (1) year after its termination or expiration. This notice shall be given in writing at the earliest possible time. Contractor shall not employ any person or persons employed by the Department at any time during the term of this Agreement for any work required by the terms of this agreement.

**7.16 Purchase of Equipment.**

**7.16.1** Contractor shall not purchase equipment with funds received under this Agreement without having obtained the Department's prior approval. For purposes of this Article, "equipment" shall include any product, tangible and non-tangible, used solely in Contractor's performance under this Agreement and having a useful life of two years or more and an acquisition cost of at least \$100. Contractor acknowledges that the Department is under no obligation to give consent and that the Department may, if it gives consent, subject that consent to such additional terms and conditions as the Department may require.

- 7.16.2** Contractor shall review, verify, sign and note any discrepancies on inventory lists submitted by the Department's Electronic Data Processing (EDP) and Non-EDP equipment. The Contractor shall submit inventory reports no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt to the Department as per instructions provided with these reports.
- 7.17 Rules of Construction.** Unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise specified, the following rules of construction apply to this Agreement:
- 7.17.1** Provisions apply to successive events and transactions;
- 7.17.2** "Or" is not exclusive;
- 7.17.3** References to statutes and rules include subsequent amendments and successors thereto;
- 7.17.4** The various headings of this Agreement are provided for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement or any provision hereof;
- 7.17.5** If any payment or delivery hereunder shall be due on any day which is not a business day, such payment or delivery shall be made on the next succeeding business day;
- 7.17.6** "Days" shall mean calendar days; "business day" shall mean a weekday (Monday through Friday), excluding State holidays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. Central Time and 5:00 p.m. Central Time;
- 7.17.7** Use of the male gender (e.g., "he", "him," "his") shall be construed to include the female gender (e.g., "she", "her"), and vice versa; and
- 7.17.8** Words in the plural which should be singular by context shall be so read, and vice versa.
- 7.17.9** References to "Department," "Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services" or "HFS" shall include any successor agency or office charged with administering Contractor under the Illinois Public Aid Code (305 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq.).
- 7.18 Severability.** In the event that any provision, term or condition of this Agreement is declared void, unenforceable, or against public policy, then said provision, term or condition shall be construed as though it did not exist and shall not affect the remaining provisions, terms, or conditions of this Agreement, and this Agreement shall be interpreted as far as possible to give effect to the parties' intent.
- 7.19 Sexual Harassment.** Contractor shall have written sexual harassment policies which shall comply with the requirements of 775 ILCS 5/2-105.
- 7.20 Survival of Obligations.** Those obligations under this Agreement which by their nature are intended to continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 8 - CERTIFICATIONS

By signing this Agreement, Contractor makes the following certifications and warranties. This Agreement may be terminated immediately or upon notice by the Department in its sole discretion upon Contractor's failure to maintain these certifications and warranties.

### 8.1 General Warranties of Contractor.

- 8.1.1** The services and deliverables products herein required to be performed or provided will be completed in a good and professional manner.
- 8.1.2** The person executing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor is duly authorized to execute the Agreement and bind Contractor to all terms and conditions hereunder.
- 8.1.3** For a period of ninety (90) days after completion of all services and deliverable products provided for under this Agreement and any subsequent related Agreement, and acceptance of the same by the Department, any defects or problems found in the work performed or submitted by Contractor will be expeditiously corrected by Contractor without additional charge to the Department.

- 8.1.4** Violation of any of these warranties by Contractor shall subject this Agreement to automatic termination.
- 8.2 Bribery.** Contractor is not barred from being awarded an Agreement or subcontract under Section 50-5 of the Illinois Procurement Code, 30 ILCS 500/1-1 et seq.
- 8.3 Child Support.** Contractor shall ensure that its employees who provide services to the Department under this Agreement are in compliance with child support payments pursuant to a court or administrative order of this or any other State. Contractor will not be considered out of compliance with the requirements of this Article if, upon request by the Department, Contractor provides:
- 8.3.1** Proof of payment of past due amounts in full;
- 8.3.2** Proof that the alleged obligation of past due amounts is being contested through appropriate court or administrative proceedings and Contractor provides proof of the pendency of such proceedings; or
- 8.3.3** Proof of entry into payment arrangements acceptable to the appropriate State agency.
- 8.4 Conflict of Interest.** Contractor is not prohibited from contracting with the Department on any of the bases provided in 30 ILCS 500/50-13. Contractor and Contractor's principals, employees and subcontractors neither have nor shall acquire any interest, public or private, direct or indirect, which may conflict in any manner with performance under this Agreement, and Contractor shall not employ any person having such an interest in connection with Contractor's performance under the Agreement. Contractor shall be under a continuing obligation to disclose any conflicts to the Department, which shall, in its sole good faith discretion, determine whether such conflict is cause for the non-execution or termination of the Agreement.
- 8.5 Excluded Individuals/Entities.** Contractor shall screen all current and prospective employees, contractors and subcontractors prior to engaging their services under this Agreement and at least annually thereafter, by:
- 8.5.1** Requiring that current or prospective employees, contractors or sub-contractors to disclose whether they are Excluded Individuals/Entities; and
- 8.5.2** Reviewing the list of sanctioned persons maintained by the Department's Office of Inspector General (OIG) (available at <http://www.state.il.us/agency/oig>), and the Excluded Parties List System maintained by the U.S. General Services Administration (available at <http://epls.arnet.gov/>).
- 8.5.3** For purposes under this section, "Excluded Individual/Entity" shall mean a person or entity which:
- 8.5.3.1** Under Section 1128 of the Social Security Act, is or has been terminated, barred, suspended or otherwise excluded from participation in, or as the result of a settlement agreement has voluntarily withdrawn from participation in, any program under federal law, including any program under Titles IV, XVIII, XIX, XX or XXI of the Social Security Act;
- 8.5.3.2** Has not been reinstated in the program after a period of exclusion, suspension, debarment, or ineligibility; or
- 8.5.3.3** Has been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of items or services to a federal, state or local government entity within the last ten (10) years.
- 8.5.4** Contractor shall terminate its relations with any employee, contractor or sub-contractor immediately upon learning that such employee, contractor or sub-contractor meets the definition of an Excluded Individual/Entity and shall notify the OIG of the termination.
- 8.6 Federal Taxpayer Identification Number and Legal Status Disclosure.** Contractor has completed **Attachment A** and certifies, under penalties of perjury, that the information contained thereon is correct.
- 8.7 Legal Ability To Contract:** Contractor certifies it is under no legal prohibition on contracting with the State of Illinois, has no known conflicts of interest and further specifically certifies that:

- 8.7.1** Contractor, its employees and subcontractors will comply with applicable provisions of the U.S. Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) and applicable rules in performance under this Agreement.
- 8.7.2** Contractor will, pursuant to the Drug Free Workplace Act, provide a drug free workplace, and if an individual shall not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance in the performance of the Contract. This certification applies to contracts of \$5000 or more with: individuals; and to entities with twenty-five (25) or more employees (30 ILCS 580).
- 8.7.3** Neither Contractor nor any substantially owned affiliate is participating or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979 or the applicable regulations of the U.S. Department of Commerce. This certification applies to contracts that exceed \$10,000 (30 ILCS 582).
- 8.7.4** Contractor complies with the Illinois Department of Human Rights Act and rules applicable to public contracts, including equal employment opportunity, refraining from unlawful discrimination, and having written sexual harassment policies (775 ILCS 5/2-105).
- 8.7.5** Contractor does not pay dues to, or reimburse or subsidize payments by its employees for, any dues or fees to any “discriminatory club” (775 ILCS 25/2).
- 8.7.6** Contractor complies with the State Prohibition of Goods from Forced Labor Act, and certifies that no foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State under the contract have been or will be produced in whole or in part by forced labor, convict labor, or indentured labor under penal sanction (PA 93-0307).
- 8.7.7** Contractor certifies that no foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State under the contract have been produced in whole or in part by the labor of any child under the age of 12 (PA 94-0264).
- 8.7.8** Contractor certifies that it is not in violation of Section 50-14.5 of the Illinois Procurement Code that states, “Owners of residential buildings who have committed a willful or knowing violation of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act (410 ILCS 45) are prohibited from doing business with the State of Illinois or any State agency until the violation is mitigated.”
- 8.7.9** Contractor warrants and certifies that it and, to the best of its knowledge, its subcontractors have and will comply with Executive Order No. 1 (2007). The Order generally prohibits vendors and subcontractors from hiring the then-serving Governor’s family members to lobby procurement activities of the State, or any other unit of government in Illinois including local governments, if that procurement may result in a contract valued at over \$25,000. This prohibition also applies to hiring for that same purpose any former State employee who had procurement authority at any time during the one-year period preceding the procurement lobbying activity (EO No. 1 (2007)).
- 8.8 Licenses and Certificates.** Contractor and Contractor’s principals, employees, and subcontractors possess all certificates or licenses, including professional, necessary to perform the duties and obligations under this Agreement; any certificates or licenses are currently in good standing with the certifying or licensing entity or entities; any certificates or licenses will continue to be maintained in good standing. Contractor may meet the license requirement through use of a subcontractor; provided however, Contractor's use of a subcontractor in that circumstance does not relieve Contractor of any obligations under the Agreement.
- 8.9 New Hire Reporting and Electronic Funds Transfer of Child Support Payments.** Contractor certifies that it shall comply with the requirements of 820 ILCS 405/1801.1 and 750 ILCS 28.35.
- 8.10 Non solicitation of Agreement.** Contractor has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of

this warranty, the Department shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from compensation otherwise due Contractor such commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.

**8.11 Prevailing Wage.** Contractor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 USC 276a, and the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/0.01, et seq., as applicable.

**8.12 Revolving Door.** Contractor is not in violation of section 50-30 of the Illinois Procurement Code, 30 ILCS 500/50-30.

**In Witness Whereof**, the parties have hereunto caused this Agreement to be executed on the dates shown, by their duly authorized representatives.

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE  
AND FAMILY SERVICES

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT COURT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth M. Whitehorn, Director

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sandy Hart, Chairman Lake County Board

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX A**

**NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT BUDGET**

**JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027**

Individual Line-Item Amounts Are Estimated

	<b>SFY 27 Budget</b>
<b>Personnel Services</b>	
Part-Time Employees Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$0
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$0
<b>Non-Personnel Services</b>	
Contractual Services	\$50,000
Travel	\$0
SUBTOTAL NON-PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$50,000
PERSONNEL SERVICES SUBTOTAL	\$0
NON PERSONNEL SERVICES SUBTOTAL	\$50,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

**Attachment A**

**Taxpayer Identification Certification**

- A. Contractor certifies that:
1. The number shown on this form is Contractor’s correct taxpayer identification number (or Contractor is waiting for a number to be issued to Contractor); **and**
  2. Contractor is not subject to backup withholding because:
    - (a) Contractor is exempt from backup withholding, or
    - (b) Contractor has not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that Contractor is subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or
    - (c) The IRS has notified Contractor that Contractor is no longer subject to backup withholding, **and**
  3. Contractor is a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

B. Contractor’s Name: **Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court**

C. Contractor’s Taxpayer Identification Number:

Social Security Number (SSN): \_\_\_\_\_

**or**

Employer Identification Number (EIN): **36-6006600**

*(If Contractor is an individual, enter Contractor’s name and SSN as it appears on Contractor’s Social Security Card. If Contractor is completing this certification for a sole proprietorship, enter the owner’s name followed by the name of the business and the owner’s SSN or EIN. For all other entities, enter the name of the entity as used to apply for the entity’s EIN and the EIN.)*

D. Contractor’s Legal Status (*check one*):

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governmental               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor  | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonresident alien                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership/Legal Corporation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Estate or trust                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax-exempt   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy (Non-Corp.)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation providing or billing medical or health care services     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy/Funeral Home/Cemetery (Corp) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation NOT providing or billing medical or health care services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                                |

THE UNDERSIGNED AFFIRMS, UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, THAT HE OR SHE IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THIS CERTIFICATION ON BEHALF OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sandy Hart, Chairman Lake County Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date