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Extended Description:

The OAG, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and under the authority conferred by the Kentucky Constitution and KRS 15.020 et seq., seeks proposals for legal services to establish contracts with legal counsel for the OAG to independently retain legal counsel, on an "as needed, if needed" basis to assist with investigation and legal action against potential parties for violations of the Kentucky Consumer Protection Act, arising out of deceptive acts and misrepresentations made to Kentucky consumers, and for investigation and potential litigation regarding potential violations of state Medicaid, antitrust and/or other state or federal statutes in the conduct of any potential parties doing business within the Commonwealth.

TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$20,000,000.00
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PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR
LEGAL SERVICES-COMPLEX LITIGATION PANEL COUNSEL
BETWEEN
THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
AND

Baron & Budd, A Professional Corporation
3102 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 1100
Dallas, TX 75219

This Personal Service Contract (PSC) is entered into, by and between the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Office of the Attorney General (“the Commonwealth”) and Baron & Budd, A Professional Corporation d/b/a Baron & Budd (“the Contractor”) to establish a contract for Legal Services-Complex Litigation Panel Counsel. The initial PSC is effective from November 15, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Per the solicitation, this Contract may be renewed at the discretion of the agency for as many additional two-year terms as needed for the purpose of and to the extent that said renewals are necessary to permit the Contractor to conclude any work on any cases in progress pursuant to the RFP.

RFP 040 26000000030

INITIAL CONTRACT: PON2 040 2600000875 – 11/15/2025-6/30/2026

The Commonwealth and Contractor agree to the following:

I. Scope of Contract

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Upon assignment by the OAG, and subject to Contractor's rights to decline any such assignment for any reason whatsoever, Contractor shall perform such legal services as requested by the OAG. Legal services will include, but may not be limited to:

Assisting with OAG's investigations and litigation, as referenced above. Said assistance will include but may not be limited to reviewing information and documents regarding potential violations of the Kentucky Consumer Protection Act, Medicaid, antitrust and/or other state, or federal statutes in the conduct of potential parties doing business within the Commonwealth including the management and organization of documents through an approved document management platform. If litigation is recommended, accepted, and commenced as referenced above, the scope of work will also include, but not be limited to: coordinating litigation with other states and the federal government to promote, to the extent beneficial, a unified approach to litigation; taking depositions; defending depositions noticed by the defendants; preparing relevant witnesses for depositions; responding to motions including motions for summary judgment or other pretrial dispositive motions; identification of experts to testify in favor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or other state agencies; preparation of expert witnesses for deposition or trial testimony; assessing the strength of legal arguments propounded by the litigants; preparation of legal arguments on motions; dealing with discovery disputes; representing the Commonwealth of Kentucky in trial or in any settlement negotiations that may occur; representing the Commonwealth of Kentucky in responding to post-trial motions; representing the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the appeal(s) of any judgment or verdict rendered in any such action(s) and, if applicable, the remand from appeal(s).

Preserving and making available to the OAG all pertinent records. When the contract is completed or if the contract is completely or partially terminated for whatever reason, all records relating to the work shall be preserved and made available to the OAG for a period of at least eight (8) years from the date of final statement or until the litigation is completed, whichever occurs last.

Warranting that any representations made by them in the proposed agreement are true and accurate; that the Contractor is in all ways in compliance with state and federal laws which may govern the subject matter of this Agreement; and that the party executing this Agreement on the Contractor's behalf is duly authorized to do so.

Contractor shall not have any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder.

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Contractor and all attorneys working for or at the direction of vendor on this matter shall be in good standing with the Kentucky Bar Association or another bar association in the United States and shall maintain good standing throughout the pendency of performing the services hereunder. Contractor and all people working for or at the direction of vendor on this matter shall conduct themselves with the utmost of professionalism related to this matter through the pendency of performing the services hereunder.

Contractor shall use software compatible with software used by OAG, including Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat Pro, Thomson Reuters HighQ case management necessary to perform the services hereunder. Offeror shall provide to the OAG all documents and records, with no additional cost, in a manner that is accessible to OAG. OAG shall not be required to procure additional software or licenses. Offeror shall consult with OAG prior to delivery of electronic documents to ensure the most efficient manner of transmission.

For each assigned matter, Contractor is to provide detailed information regarding hours worked, services performed, and costs incurred in said litigation upon the OAG's request and at the conclusion of the matter.

The scope of work in connection with litigation may also include undertaking all aspects of conducting complex civil litigation, including but not be limited to:

- 1.-Working with OAG staff to develop and implement appropriate litigation strategy;
- 2.-Coordinating litigation with other states and the federal government to promote, to the extent beneficial, a unified approach to litigation;
- 3.-Planning and conducting depositions;
- 4.-Defending depositions noticed by the defendants;
- 5.-Preparing relevant witnesses for depositions;
- 6.-Responding to motions including dispositive motions or other pretrial motions;
- 7.-Identifying experts to testify on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or any state agencies, boards, or commissions;

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8.-Preparing expert witnesses for deposition or trial testimony;

9.-Assessing the strength of legal arguments propounded by the litigants;

10.-Preparing legal arguments on motions;

11.-Representing the Commonwealth of Kentucky in connection with all aspects of discovery disputes;

12.-Representing the Commonwealth of Kentucky in trial or in any settlement negotiations that may occur;

13.-Representing the Commonwealth of Kentucky in responding to post-trial motions;

14.-Representing the Commonwealth of Kentucky in all aspects of the appeal(s) of any judgment or verdict rendered in any such action(s) and;

15.-Representing the Commonwealth of Kentucky in further proceedings following the remand from appeal(s), if applicable.

II. Contract Components and Order of Precedence

The Commonwealth's acceptance of the Contractor's offer in response to the Solicitation, indicated by the issuance of a Contract Award shall create a valid contract between the Parties consisting of the following:

1. Procurement Statutes, Regulations and Policies
2. Any written Agreement between the Parties.
3. Any Addenda to the Solicitation.
4. The Solicitation and all attachments
5. Any Best and Final Offer.
6. Any clarifications concerning the Contractor's proposal in response to the Solicitation.
7. The Contractor's proposal in response to the Solicitation.

In the event of any conflict between or among the provisions contained in the contract, the order of precedence shall be as enumerated above.

III. Negotiated Items

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Not applicable.

IV. Pricing

The Commonwealth will have no obligation to advance or pay out of pocket any costs or litigation expenses associated with the assigned matter(s). Contractor agrees to advance all litigation costs incurred by its own attorneys and staff, including but not limited to travel, meals, mileage, lodging, and miscellaneous allowable expenses. If there is a recovery of money by the Commonwealth, at the conclusion of each matter,

the Commonwealth will reimburse the Contractor out of the recovery for reasonable expenses incurred directly in the prosecution and pursuit of the Commonwealth's claims, with approval of the OAG. Such reimbursement of costs will occur first from any recovery, and the contingent fee percentage will then be calculated and applied from the remainder of the recovery after the reimbursement of such costs and litigation expenses. A reasonable expense is defined as the cost that reflects the actions of a prudent person in the performance of a necessary service or act that is neither extreme nor excessive. Expenses shall be documented in a format requested by the OAG in order to be eligible for reimbursement, and OAG may limit the reimbursable amount of certain expenses, such as meals, flights or other charges not deemed reasonable. Additionally, Contractor agrees to advance costs of any, and all, expert witnesses, consultants, translation services, etc., as may be necessary in furtherance of Contractor's representation of the Commonwealth pursuant to this PSC. Contractor will consult with the OAG before employing any third-party expert witnesses, consultants, or translators. The OAG shall have the final approval of the retention of any expert witnesses or consultants and any fee arrangements between Contractor and those individuals or entities.

Costs and litigation expenses incurred directly in the prosecution and pursuit of the Commonwealth's claims may include any or all of the following:

- 1.-Filing fees paid to a court;
- 2.-Subpoena and witness fees;
- 3.-Deposition transcript expenses;
- 4.-Expert witness fees and expenses;
- 5.-Reasonable travel expenses;
- 6.-Reasonable and necessary expenses paid to document repositories, e-discovery or document vendors, trial consultants, and jury consultants;

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7.-Any other reasonable litigation expenses necessary to the pursuit of the Commonwealth's claims,subject to prior approval under the terms and conditions of the Contract.

The Office of the Attorney General shall not approve of or enter into any settlement unless the terms of such settlement require the total monetary recover be paid directly to the Commonwealth and deposited in the State Treasury in compliance with KRS 48.005(3). Contractor agrees any attorney fees and expense reimbursement owed under this Agreement shall be administered and disbursed by the Office of the Controller after the total monetary recovery has been deposited with the State Treasury.

The Commonwealth's obligation to pay attorneys' fees for the services described in the Contract is contingent upon a recovery by the Commonwealth. If the Commonwealth does not recover money in connection with Contractor's representation of the Commonwealth pursuant to this PSC, the Commonwealth will have no obligation to pay attorneys' fees or costs to the Contractor. If the Commonwealth does recover money, either through a monetary judgment or because of a settlement, Contractor shall be paid a contingency fee from monies collected in the amount provided by KRS 45A.717 as set forth below. However, if the Commonwealth obtains injunctive relief or other non-monetary consideration because of a judgment, the Commonwealth agrees that the Contractor may apply to the applicable court for any award of attorneys' fees if available or permitted by applicable law. If fees are awarded by the court in that event, the Contractor would then be entitled to the full amount of fees awarded by the court.

KRS 45A.717

(3) A contingency fee shall not exceed:

- (a) Twenty percent (20%) of the amount recovered up to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000);
- (b) Fifteen percent (15%) of the amount recovered between ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) and fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000);
- (c) Ten percent (10%) of the amount recovered between fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) and twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000); and
- (d) Five percent (5%) of the amount recovered of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) or more.

(4) A contingency fee shall not exceed twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000), regardless of the number of actions or proceedings or the number of attorneys or law firms involved in the matter,

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and exclusive of any costs and expenses provided for by the contract and actually incurred by the legal services contractor.

(5) A contingency fee shall be payable only from money that is actually received pursuant to a judgment or settlement agreement, and any judgment or settlement funds shall be disbursed in accordance with KRS 48.005.

The Office of the Attorney General has determined that the contingency fee is both cost-effective and in the public interest. Further the Office has determined that sufficient and appropriate legal and financial resources do not exist within the Office to pursue the litigation without outside counsel. The Office anticipates that the amount of time and labor required to perform the requested services exceeds that available. In addition, the novelty, complexity, and difficulty of the assigned matter(s) are such that outside counsel is needed. The skill required to perform the requested services properly is of the highest level, and the geographic area where the legal services are to be provided will likely involve work in major metropolitan areas of the country. The Office has determined that experience in highly complex civil litigation involving multiple defendants is desired for the kind of legal services to be provided.

In the event that any or all of the claims for assigned matter(s) covered under this contract are resolved through individual settlement, multi-state settlement or a bankruptcy proceeding where provisions of the settlement or bankruptcy provide for the direct payment of fees and expenses of the Contractor, the Parties agree the provisions of any such settlement or bankruptcy shall be the exclusive source of payment for the claim(s) under this contract and waives the contingency fee provisions contained herein related to the claim(s).

V. Invoicing

Pursuant to KRS 45A.695, no payment shall be made on any personal service contract unless the individual, firm, partnership, or corporation awarded the personal service contract submits its invoice for payment on a form established by the committee.

*Invoice form is available on the Legislative Research Commission, Government Contract Review Committee website: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/moreinfo/Contracts/homepage.html>

In addition to the above invoice form, the Contractor should submit invoices upon completion of each deliverable specified in this contract pursuant to the project work plan.

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At the conclusion of all actions and upon award or settlement and appeals of each assigned matter, or upon request by the OAG at any other time, the Contractor shall provide an invoice to the OAG, to include:

- 1.-Travel.
- 2.-Expert witness fees, court reporters and transcript costs, filing fees and;
- 3.-Other approved reasonable costs and expenses for which reimbursement is sought.

Itemized receipts are required based upon all expense types and dollar amounts.

The following are examples of unallowable expenses:

- 1.-First Class travel and seat upgrades;
- 2.-Alcoholic beverages;
- 3.-Gifts;
- 4.-Cancellation fees;
- 5.-Dry cleaning;
- 6.-Spa expenses;
- 7.-Delivery Fees;
- 8.-Room Service Fees; and;
- 9.-Limousines.

KRS 45A.717

(9)(a) 1. In addition to the information required of each contingency fee contract by the Kentucky Model Procurement Code and KRS 45A.695, a contractor awarded a personal service contract for legal services that provides for payment by contingency fee shall maintain detailed current records, including documentation of:

1. Expenses;
2. Disbursements;
3. Charges and credits;
4. Underlying receipts and invoices; and
5. Any other financial transactions that concern the attorney services rendered under the contract.

(b) 1. All records described in this subsection shall become public records subject to KRS 61.870 to 61.884 after a judgment or agreement is entered in the case and all appeals have been exhausted but shall not be public records until that time.

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2. Any information that is subject to an evidentiary privilege and is contained within any record described in this subsection shall not be a public record. The privileged information shall be redacted before any public disclosure of the record.

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Whereas, the first party, the state agency, has concluded that either state personnel are not available to perform said function, or it would not be feasible to utilize state personnel to perform said function; and

Whereas, the second party, the Contractor, is available and qualified to perform such function; and

Whereas, for the abovementioned reasons, the state agency desires to avail itself of the services of the second party;

NOW THEREFORE, the following terms and conditions are applicable to this contract:

1.00 Effective Date

This contract is not effective until the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet or his authorized designee has approved the contract and until the contract has been submitted to the Legislative Research Commission, Government Contract Review Committee ("LRC"). However, in accordance with KRS 45A.700, contracts in aggregate amounts of \$10,000 or less are exempt from review by the committee and need only be filed with the committee within 30 days of their effective date for informational purposes.

KRS 45A.695(7) provides that payments on personal service contracts and memoranda of agreement shall not be authorized for services rendered after government contract review committee disapproval, unless the decision of the committee is overridden by the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet or agency head if the agency has been granted delegation authority by the Secretary.

The Commonwealth will make payment within thirty (30) working days of receipt of contractor's invoice or of acceptance of goods and/or services in accordance with KRS 45.453 and KRS 45.454.

Payments are predicated upon successful completion and acceptance of the described work, services, supplies, or commodities, and delivery of the required documentation. Invoices for payment shall be submitted to the agency contact person or its representative.

2.00 Renewals

Upon expiration of the initial term, the contract may be renewed in accordance with the terms and conditions in the original solicitation. Renewal shall be subject to prior approval from the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet or his authorized designee and the LRC Government Contract Review Committee in accordance with KRS 45A.695 and KRS 45A.705, and contingent upon available funding.

3.00 LRC Policies

Pursuant to KRS 45A.725, LRC has established policies which govern rates payable for certain professional services. These are located on the LRC webpage <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/moreinfo/Contracts/homepage.html> and would impact any contract established under KRS 45A.690 et seq., where applicable.

4.00 Choice of Law and Forum

This contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Any action brought against the Commonwealth on the contract, including but not

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limited to actions either for breach of contract or for enforcement of the contract, shall be brought in Franklin Circuit Court, Franklin County, Kentucky in accordance with KRS 45A.245.

5.00 Cancellation

The Commonwealth shall have the right to terminate and cancel this contract at any time not to exceed thirty (30) days' written notice served on the Contractor by registered or certified mail.

6.00 Funding Out Provision

The state agency may terminate this contract if funds are not appropriated to the contracting agency or are not otherwise available for the purpose of making payments without incurring any obligation for payment after the date of termination, regardless of the terms of the contract. The state agency shall provide the Contractor thirty (30) calendar days' written notice of termination of the contract due to lack of available funding.

7.00 Reduction in Contract Worker Hours

The Kentucky General Assembly may allow for a reduction in contract worker hours in conjunction with a budget balancing measure for some professional and non-professional service contracts.

If under such authority the agency is required by Executive Order or otherwise to reduce contract hours, the agreement will be reduced by the amount specified in that document. If the contract funding is reduced, then the scope of work related to the contract may also be reduced commensurate with the reduction in funding. This reduction of the scope shall be agreeable to both parties and shall not be considered a breach of contract.

8.00 Authorized to do Business in Kentucky

The Contractor affirms that it is properly authorized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to conduct business in this state and will remain in good standing to do business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the duration of any contract awarded.

The Contractor shall maintain certification of authority to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky during the term of this contract. Such registration is obtained from the Secretary of State, who will also provide the certification thereof.

Registration with the Secretary of State by a Foreign Entity

Pursuant to KRS 45A.480(1)(b), an agency, department, office, or political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall not award a state contract to a person that is a foreign entity required by KRS 14A.9-010: to obtain a certificate of authority to transact business in the Commonwealth ("certificate") from the Secretary of State under KRS 14A.9-030:

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=40424> **therefore, foreign entities should submit a copy of their certificate with their solicitation response.**

If the foreign entity is not required to obtain a certificate as provided in KRS 14A.9-010: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=44318>, the foreign entity should identify the applicable exception in its solicitation response. Foreign entity is defined within KRS 14A.1-070: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=50474>

Businesses can register with the Secretary of State at:
<https://www.sos.ky.gov/bus/business-filings/Pages/default.aspx>

9.00 Invoices for fees

The Contractor shall maintain supporting documents to substantiate invoices and shall furnish same if required by state government. The invoice must conform to the method described in Section V of this contract.

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Pursuant to KRS 45A.695, no payment shall be made on any personal service contract unless the individual, firm, partnership, or corporation awarded the personal service contract submits its invoice for payment on a form established by the committee.

*Invoice form is available on the Legislative Research Commission, Government Contract Review Committee website: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/moreinfo/Contracts/homepage.html>

10.00 Travel expenses, if authorized

The Contractor shall be paid for no travel expenses unless and except as specifically authorized by the specifications of this contract or authorized in advance and in writing by the Commonwealth. The Contractor shall maintain supporting documents that substantiate every claim for expenses and shall furnish same if requested by the Commonwealth.

11.00 Other expenses, if authorized herein

The Contractor shall be reimbursed for no other expenses of any kind, unless and except as specifically authorized within the specifications of this contract or authorized in advance and in writing by the Commonwealth.

If the reimbursement of such expenses is authorized, the reimbursement shall be only on an out-of-pocket basis. Request for payment of same shall be processed upon receipt from the Contractor of valid, itemized statements submitted periodically for payment at the time any fees are due. The Contractor shall maintain supporting documents that substantiate every claim for expenses and shall furnish same if requested by the Commonwealth.

12.00 Purchasing and specifications

The Contractor certifies that he/she will not attempt in any manner to influence any specifications to be restrictive in any way or respect nor will he/she attempt in any way to influence any purchasing of services, commodities or equipment by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. For the purpose of this paragraph and the following paragraph that pertains to conflict-of interest laws and principles, "he/she" is construed to mean "they" if more than one person is involved and if a firm, partnership, corporation, or other organization is involved, then "he/she" is construed to mean any person with an interest therein.

13.00 Conflict-of-interest laws and principles

The Contractor certifies that he/she is legally entitled to enter into this contract with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and by holding and performing this contract, he/she will not be violating either any conflict of interest statute (KRS 45A.330-45A.340, 45A.990, 164.390), or KRS 11A.040 of the executive branch code of ethics, relating to the employment of former public servants.

14.00 Campaign finance

The Contractor certifies that neither he/she nor any member of his/her immediate family having an interest of 10% or more in any business entity involved in the performance of this contract, has contributed more than the amount specified in KRS 121.056(2), to the campaign of the gubernatorial candidate elected at the election last preceding the date of this contract. The Contractor further swears under the penalty of perjury, as provided by KRS 523.020, that neither he/she nor the company which he/she represents, has knowingly violated any provisions of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth, and that the award of a contract to him/her or the company which he/she represents will not violate any provisions of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth.

15.00 Access to Records

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The state agency certifies that it is in compliance with the provisions of KRS 45A.150, "Access to contractor's books, documents, papers, records, or other evidence directly pertinent to the contract." The Contractor, as defined in KRS 45A.030, agrees that the contracting agency, the Finance and Administration Cabinet, the Auditor of Public Accounts, and the Legislative Research Commission, or their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers, records, or other evidence, which are directly pertinent to this agreement for the purpose of financial audit or program review. The Contractor also recognizes that any books, documents, papers, records, or other evidence, received during a financial audit or program review shall be subject to the Kentucky Open Records Act, KRS 61.870 to 61.884. Records and other prequalification information confidentially disclosed as part of the bid process shall not be deemed as directly pertinent to the agreement and shall be exempt from disclosure as provided in KRS 61.878(1)(c).

16.00 Protest

Pursuant to KRS 45A.285, the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, or his designee, shall have authority to determine protests and other controversies of actual or prospective vendors in connection with the solicitation or selection for award of a contract.

Any actual or prospective vendor, who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or selection for award of a contract, may file protest with the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet. A protest or notice of other controversy must be filed promptly and, in any event, within two (2) calendar weeks after such aggrieved person knows or should have known of the facts giving rise thereto. All protests or notices of other controversies must be in writing and shall be addressed to:

Holly M. Johnson, Secretary

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Finance and Administration Cabinet
Office of the Secretary
200 Mero Street, 5th Floor
Frankfort, KY 40622

The Secretary of Finance and Administration Cabinet shall promptly issue a decision in writing.

A copy of that decision shall be mailed or otherwise furnished to the aggrieved party and shall state the reasons for the action taken.

The decision by the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet shall be final and conclusive.

17.00 Social Security

The parties are cognizant that the state is not liable for social security contributions, pursuant to 42

U.S. Code, section 418, relative to the compensation of the second party for this contract.

Any exceptions to this stipulation require an attachment or exhibit that explicitly addresses, and provides a basis for, payment of second party's social security contributions by the state, pursuant to 42 U.S. Code, section 418.

18.00 Violation of tax and employment laws

KRS 45A.485 requires the Contractor and all subcontractors performing work under the contract to reveal to the Commonwealth any final determination of a violation by the Contractor within the previous five (5) year period of the provisions of KRS chapters 136, 139, 141, 337, 338, 341, and 342. These statutes relate to corporate and utility tax, sales and use tax, income tax, wages and hours laws, occupational safety and health laws, unemployment insurance laws, and workers

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compensation insurance laws, respectively. Disclosure of any violations is required prior to the award of any state contract and throughout the duration the contract.

Failure to disclose violations, shall be grounds for the Commonwealth's disqualification of a contractor or subcontractor from eligibility for future state contracts for a period of two (2) years.

To comply with KRS 45A.485, the Contractor and all subcontractors performing work under this contract shall report any such final determination(s) of any violation(s) within the previous five (5) years to the Commonwealth by providing a list of the following information regarding any violation(s): (1) specific KRS violated, (2) date of any final determination of a violation, and (3) state agency which issued the final determination.

A list of any disclosures made prior to award of a contract shall be attached to the contract. The Contractor affirms that it has not violated any of the provisions of the above statutes within the previous five (5) year period, aside from violations explicitly disclosed and attached to this contract. Contractor further affirms that it will (1) communicate the above KRS 45A.485 disclosure requirements to any subcontractors and (2) disclose any subcontractor violations it becomes aware of to the Commonwealth.

19.00 Nondiscrimination

The Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1978 (the "Act"), KRS 45.560 to 45.640, applies to all State government contracts or subcontracts in an amount exceeding \$500,000. The contractor shall comply with all terms and conditions of the Act.

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

- (a) The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age forty (40) and over, disability, veteran status, or national origin or.
- (b) The Contractor shall take affirmative action in regard to employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, so as to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, age forty (40) and over, disability, veteran status, and national origin.
- (c) The Contractor shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age forty (40) and over, disability, veteran status, or national origin.
- (d) The Contractor shall post notices in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.

The Contractor shall send a notice to each labor union or representative of workers with which he/she has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this nondiscrimination clause.

The Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract shall constitute a material breach of the contract.

Each Contractor shall, for the length of the contract or at the point at which the contract is covered by this Act and until its conclusion, furnish such information as required by the Act and any rules,

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regulations and orders issued pursuant thereto and permit access to all books and records pertaining to his employment practices and work sites by the contracting agency and the Cabinet to ascertain compliance with the Act.

This section applies to agreements disbursing federal funds, in whole or part, only when the terms for receiving those funds mandate its inclusion.

20.00 Bidder, Offeror, or Contractor Mandatory Representations Compliance with Commonwealth Law

The contractor represents that, pursuant to [KRS 45A.485](#), they and any subcontractor performing work under the contract will be in continuous compliance with the KRS chapters listed below and have revealed to the Commonwealth any violation determinations within the previous five (5) years:

[KRS Chapter 136](#) (CORPORATION AND UTILITY TAXES)

[KRS Chapter 139](#) (SALES AND USE TAXES)

[KRS Chapter 141](#) (INCOME TAXES)

[KRS Chapter 337](#) (WAGES AND HOURS)

[KRS Chapter 338](#) (OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH OF EMPLOYEES)

[KRS Chapter 341](#) (UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION)

[KRS Chapter 342](#) (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Boycott Provisions

The contractor represents that, pursuant to [KRS 45A.607](#), they are not currently engaged in, and will not for the duration of the contract engage in, the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which Kentucky can enjoy open trade. **Note:** The term Boycott does not include actions taken for bona fide business or economic reasons, or actions specifically required by federal or state law.

Lobbying Prohibitions

The contractor represents that they, and any subcontractor performing work under the contract, have not violated the agency restrictions contained in [KRS 11A.236](#) during the previous ten (10) years, and pledges to abide by the restrictions set forth in such statute for the duration of the contract awarded.

The contractor further represents that, pursuant to [KRS 45A.328](#), they have not procured an original, subsequent, or similar contract while employing an executive agency lobbyist who was convicted of a crime related to the original, subsequent, or similar contract within five (5) years of the conviction of the lobbyist.

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Approvals

This contract is subject to the terms and conditions stated herein. By affixing signatures below, the parties verify that they are authorized to enter into this contract and that they accept and consent to be bound by the terms and conditions stated herein. In addition, the parties agree that (i) electronic approvals may serve as electronic signatures, and (ii) this contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute a duplicate original, but all counterparts together shall constitute a single contract.

1st Party:

Stacy Woodrum
Signature

Stacy Woodrum
Printed Name

Office of Management & Budget
Title

NOVember 4, 2025
Date

2nd Party:


Signature

Russell W. Budd
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Date

Approved as to form and legality:

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