



## Contract Management

Date: April 17, 2026  
To: Potential Vendors  
Subject: Request for Quotation (RFQ) #26-0417

The East Hawaii Region, d.b.a. Hilo Benioff Medical Center (HBMC), a division of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, an Agency of the State of Hawaii, is soliciting quotations for:

### 26-0417 HBMC Server Room UPS Replacement Project

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, East Hawaii Region seeks to engage a qualified contractor (the "CONTRACTOR") to procure, furnish, implement, and install a replacement of an Existing Universal Power Supply (UPS) located within the server room of the Hilo Benioff Medical Center (HBMC). CONTRACTOR must maintain strict compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and recognized industry standards.

If your company is interested in providing a quotation, please provide a written quotation and response no later than **2:00pm (HST) Wednesday, May 6, 2026**. If you have any questions, please submit them in writing, by emailed digital file, directed to Frank Schneider, Senior Contracts Manager, [hschneider@hsc.org](mailto:hschneider@hsc.org). Any questions must be presented, in writing, no later than 5:00PM (HST) Monday April 27, 2026. Responses will be provided by Friday May 1, 2026 through a public post on the Open Solicitations webpage under the RFQ, with the following link: <https://www.hbmc.org/procurement/open-solicitations-active/>.

The quotation must address and contain, at a minimum, the following:

- A. CONTRACTOR shall furnish all labor, materials, equipment, and supervisory personnel necessary to perform all required services to support the replacement of the existing Universal Power Supply (UPS). Please refer to Exhibit A, for photographs of the existing unit and space where the existing unit is currently housed.
- B. CONTRACTOR represents and warrants that it possesses the capacity and resources necessary to meet the requirements of the project with all activity necessary to have a replacement Universal Power Supply (UPS) completely viable and running services at the Hilo Benioff Medical Center no later than June 26, 2026.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall be duly licensed and authorized to perform the services set forth herein and shall maintain all requisite certifications applicable to such services. The CONTRACTOR shall, upon request, promptly furnish documentation evidencing such licensure and certifications for review and verification.
- D. CONTRACTOR shall ensure full regulatory compliance.

E. The CONTRACTOR's support of this quote for service shall include, without limitation, the following:

- ❖ System Input Voltage of 208/120V, 3 Phase, 4 wire plus ground;
- ❖ System Output Voltage of 208/120V, 3 Phase, 4 wire plus ground;
- ❖ Fixed Capacity 60kVA UPS System;
- ❖ 208V Native Output Voltage;
- ❖ Single Input Configuration;
- ❖ Monitoring and configuration and environmental sensors through stand-alone Web UI. Supports third-party management systems using SNMP, Modbus or BACnet;
- ❖ SNMP Communication;
- ❖ Seismic anchor kits included;
- ❖ Export packaging included;
- ❖ Online/double conversion. Line interactive will not be considered;
- ❖ 65kAIC Rating - Provides interrupting rating and labeling of 65kA;
- ❖ Continuous Duty Static Bypass Switch;
- ❖ Automatic retransfer - Provides return to inverter power after an overload;
- ❖ DSP based controls - Provides digital control of power conversion and system operation;
- ❖ LCD display - Monitors power conversion, UPS operation and utility conditions. Deviations are logged for troubleshooting;
- ❖ Temperature-Compensated Charging/Battery Load Test;
- ❖ Top-and-bottom-entry cable access;
- ❖ Front only service access;
- ❖ Local Emergency Power Off (EPO);
- ❖ IP 20 enclosure;
- ❖ Casters and leveling feet;
- ❖ UL and cUL Listed to UL Standard 1778 5th Edition;
- ❖ Includes Maintenance Bypass cabinet left mounted (right mounted when facing);
- ❖ Includes battery cabinet right mounted (left when facing) or internal and all included cabling;
- ❖ Include 1 year PM service;
- ❖ Include onsite support during installation.

F. CONTRACTOR to provide options that may include the following:

- ❖ 50kVA unit instead;
- ❖ Exclude batteries (so these would be a HBMC responsibility);
- ❖ Provide plans for the cutover given that the current UPS will be active and in place.

G. CONTRACTOR must be able provide skilled and qualified technicians.

H. CONTRACTOR acknowledges any damage cause to any existing structures or equipment will be their sole responsibility to cure.

I. CONTRACTOR is aware as part of this RFQ that the CONTRACTOR shall be required to identify any and all known sub-contractors that are in plan to use in the performance of the this Service Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall identify the capabilities, experience, and portion of the work to be performed by the sub-contractor(s). The competency of the sub-contractor(s) with respect to skill, responsibility and business standing shall be considered by HMBC when making the award.

J. HBMC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate this Request for Quotation (RFQ) process at any time, should such action be deemed to be in the best interests of the organization.

**1.0 Overview:**

The Hilo Benioff Medical Center (HBMC) campus is located at 1190 Waiuanue Ave., is the largest hospital within the East Hawaii Region of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation with 166 beds and is a Level III Trauma Center which includes the second busiest emergency room in the state of Hawaii and provides 24-hour care to more than 49,000 patients annually, the campus has a separately licensed 68 bed nursing home, and multiple Medical office Buildings in varied states of development.

**1.1 Scope of Service:**

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, East Hawaii Region seeks to engage a qualified contractor (the "CONTRACTOR") to procure, furnish, implement, and install a replacement of an Existing Universal Power Supply (UPS) located within the server room of the Hilo Benioff Medical Center.

**2.0 Schedule:**

The CONTRACTOR shall provide a clear outline or availability to support the needs of the RFQ, please note that this may be subject to change based upon hospital or regional operations and new regulations. Further, it is critical to the success of this RFQ process that the completed process of this UPS replacement be completed no later than June 26, 2026. Provide a schedule in a Gantt Chart or similar format with the implementation of this equipment installation for review with any RFQ submission.

**3.0 Pricing:**

3.1 CONTRACTOR to provide a fee-schedule with any RFQ submission that is all-inclusive for the services requested. The figure provided must be an all-inclusive figure, including any applicable taxes, in a single Not-To-Exceed (NTE) lump sum fee. Plus optional services you offer and feel are necessary for project completion. **CONTRACTOR to utilize pricing matrix presented in submission of quote for this RFQ.**

VENDOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FACILITY	NTE Lump Sum Fee
1. Hilo Benioff Medical Center campus UPS Replacement in Server Room	\$
2. Optional Fees to support project completion.	\$

3.2 For Work Provided Under MUST ADDRESS SECTION of RFQ and in Section 1.1 Scope of Services.

3.3 Hourly Rate per Service Technician: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / Hour

3.4 No other charges shall be permitted.

3.5 The CONTRACTOR shall invoice Hilo Benioff Medical Center upon successful completion of the work described herein.

#### 4.0 Technical Representative:

HHSC shall provide a Technical Representative. The Technical Representative shall have the right but not the duty to oversee the successful completion of the Agreement requirements, including monitoring, coordinating and assessing the CONTRACTOR'S performance; placing requests for services; and, approving completed work/services with verification of same for CONTRACTOR'S invoices. The Technical Representative will serve as the Agreement Administrator for "technical" matters though the term of the Agreement.

The Technical Representative is: Mark A. Winters, IT Manager  
Hilo Benioff Medical Center  
808-932-3012  
[mwinters@hhsc.org](mailto:mwinters@hhsc.org)

5.0 **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:** Please submit your quote no later than the due date and time stated earlier in this RFQ. Please submit all quotations in writing (digitally) to the following email address and Attention, if your file is greater than 25MB, then utilize the upload Sharefile link provided below in this section.

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation  
East Hawaii Region  
Hilo Benioff Medical Center  
Attn: H. Frank Schneider, Senior Contracts Manager  
[hschneider@hhsc.org](mailto:hschneider@hhsc.org)

**If file greater than 25MB, use link provided to upload document:**

<https://hawaiihealthsystemcorporation.sharefile.com/r-r3dad707948f8429691fe345ff6be5b44>

5.1 Included for your review are the General Conditions, (**Attachment A**), which will be part of any subsequent contract that may be awarded.

5.2 East Hawaii Region will not provide any reimbursement for the cost of developing or presenting quotes in response to this RFQ.

6.0 Quotations received will be reviewed on a "Best Value" and with the contract award being offered to the CONTRACTOR whose quote is deemed to be in the best interest of Hilo Benioff Medical Center. CONTRACTOR selection will be based on the following criteria:

- A. CONTRACTOR firm qualifications and expertise
- B. Qualifications, experience, and location of key technicians
- C. Schedule of work
- D. Price / Fee Response

Please direct all inquiries pertaining to this request for quotation to my attention via e mail at [hschneider@hhsc.org](mailto:hschneider@hhsc.org). Thank you for your consideration for providing the referenced services to Hilo Benioff Medical Center.

Sincerely,

H. Frank Schneider  
Senior Contracts Manager

**HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION GENERAL CONDITIONS**  
(PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES - NON-HEALTHCARE SERVICE PROVIDERS)  
(FOR NON-HRS 103D AGREEMENTS)

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1. **COORDINATION OF SERVICES BY HHSC.** The "head of the purchasing agency" (through the Technical Representative(s) or other designee as specified in the Agreement) shall coordinate the services to be provided by the CONTRACTOR in order to complete the performance required in this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain communication with the head of the purchasing agency through the Technical Representative(s) or other designee at all stages of the CONTRACTOR's work, and submit to the head of the purchasing agency for resolution any questions which may arise as to the performance of this Agreement. "Purchasing agency" as used in these General Conditions means and includes any HHSC region or facility which is authorized to enter into contracts for the procurement of goods and services. The term "HHSC" refers to HHSC and the region or facility entering into this Agreement. The term, "CONTRACTOR" includes all employees, agents, subcontractors, and other entities and persons utilized by the CONTRACTOR to fulfill the obligations of this Agreement. It will be the responsibility of CONTRACTOR to ensure that those other persons and entities follow the terms of this Agreement.

2. **RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES: INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING TAX RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- a. In the performance of services required under this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor, with the authority and responsibility to control and direct the performance and details of the work and services required under this agreement; however, HHSC shall have a general right to inspect work in progress to determine whether, in HHSC's opinion, the services are being performed by the CONTRACTOR in compliance with this Agreement. Unless otherwise provided by special condition, it is understood that HHSC does not agree to use the CONTRACTOR exclusively, and that the CONTRACTOR is free to provide services to other individuals or entities.
- b. The CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR's employees and agents are not by reason of this Agreement, agents or employees of HHSC for any purpose, and the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR's employees and agents shall not be entitled to claim or receive from HHSC any vacation, sick leave, retirement, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, or other benefits provided to HHSC employees.
- c. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the accuracy, completeness, and adequacy of the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement. Furthermore, the CONTRACTOR intentionally, voluntarily, and knowingly assumes the sole and entire liability to the CONTRACTOR's employees and agents, and to any individual not a party to this Agreement, for all loss, damage, or injury caused by the CONTRACTOR, or the CONTRACTOR's employees or agents in the course of their employment.
- d. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for payment of all applicable federal, state, and county taxes and fees which may become due and owing by the CONTRACTOR by reason of this Agreement, including but not limited to (i) income taxes, (ii) employment related fees, assessments, and taxes and (iii) general excise taxes. Unless provided otherwise by agreement between the parties, the CONTRACTOR also is responsible for obtaining all licenses, permits, and certificates that may be required in order to perform this Agreement.
- e. The CONTRACTOR shall obtain a general excise tax license from the Department of Taxation, State of Hawaii, in accordance with Section 237-9, HRS, and shall comply with all requirements thereof.
- f. The CONTRACTOR is responsible for securing all employee-related insurance coverage for the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR's

employees and agents that is or may be required by law, and for payment of all premiums, costs and other liabilities associated with securing the insurance coverage.

3. **PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS.**

- a. The CONTRACTOR shall secure, at the CONTRACTOR's own expense, all personnel required to perform this Agreement.
- b. The CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the CONTRACTOR's employees or agents are experienced and fully qualified to engage in the activities and perform the services required under this Agreement, and that all applicable licensing and operating requirements imposed or required under federal, state or county law, and all applicable accreditation and other standards of quality generally accepted in the field of the activities of such employees and agents are complied with and satisfied. Where the facility is Joint Commission accredited, CONTRACTOR agrees to meet all applicable Joint Commission standards.

4. **CONTRACTOR EXCLUSION FROM FEDERAL PROGRAMS.** CONTRACTOR affirmatively states that it and none of its employees, agents or subcontractors performing services or providing goods pursuant to this Agreement are excluded from participation in federal health care programs, as defined in the Social Security Act (Section 1128 and 1128A), and other federal laws and regulations relating to health care. CONTRACTOR has an affirmative duty to verify the accuracy of this statement at least monthly and to inform HHSC in the event it is discovered that it is no longer true. HHSC reserves the right to verify that the above statements are true and to immediately cancel this Agreement in the event they are not true.

5. **NONDISCRIMINATION.** No person performing work under this Agreement, including any subcontractor, employee, or agent of the CONTRACTOR, shall engage in any discrimination that is prohibited by any applicable federal, state, or county law or regulation.

6. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.** The CONTRACTOR represents that neither the CONTRACTOR, nor any employees or agents of the CONTRACTOR, presently has any interest, and promises that no such interest, direct or indirect, shall be acquired, that would or might conflict in any manner or degree with the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement.

7. **SUBCONTRACTS AND ASSIGNMENTS: CHANGE OF NAME.**

- a. **No assignment without consent.** The CONTRACTOR shall not assign or subcontract any of the CONTRACTOR'S duties, obligations, or interests under this Agreement and no such assignment or subcontract shall be effective unless the CONTRACTOR obtains the prior written consent of HHSC. Additionally, no such assignment or subcontract shall be effective unless the contractors assignee or subcontractor obtains a general excise tax license from the Department of Taxation, State of Hawaii, in accordance with Section 237-9 HRS.
- b. **Recognition of a successor in interest.** When in the best interests of HHSC, a successor in interest may be recognized in an assignment agreement in which HHSC, the CONTRACTOR and the assignee or transferee (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignee") agree that:
  - (1) The Assignee assumes all of the CONTRACTOR'S obligations;
  - (2) The CONTRACTOR remains liable for all obligations under this Agreement but waives all rights under this Agreement as against HHSC; and
  - (3) The CONTRACTOR shall continue to furnish, and the Assignee shall also furnish, all required bonds.
- c. **Change of name.** When the CONTRACTOR asks to change the name under which it holds this Agreement with HHSC, the contract officer of the purchasing agency shall, upon receipt of a

document acceptable or satisfactory to said officer indicating such change of name (for example, an amendment to the CONTRACTOR'S articles of incorporation), enter into an amendment to this Agreement with the CONTRACTOR to effect such a change of name. The amendment to this Agreement changing the CONTRACTOR'S name shall specifically indicate that no other terms or conditions of this Agreement are thereby changed.

**8. INDEMNIFICATION AND DEFENSE.** The CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless HHSC, the contracting facility, and their directors, employees and agents from and against all liability, loss, damage, cost and expense, including all attorneys' fees and costs, and all claims, suits and demands therefor, arising out of or resulting from any acts or omissions of the CONTRACTOR or the CONTRACTOR'S employees, officers, agents or subcontractors under this Agreement. The provisions of this paragraph shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the expiration or early termination of this Agreement for any reason.

**9. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.** When the CONTRACTOR is given notice of delay or nonperformance as specified in paragraph 11 (Termination for Default) and fails to cure in the time specified, it is agreed the CONTRACTOR shall pay to HHSC the amount, if any, set forth in this Agreement per calendar day from the date set for cure until either (i) HHSC reasonably obtains similar goods or services, or both, if the contract is terminated for default, or (ii) until the CONTRACTOR provides the goods or services, or both, if the contract is not terminated for default. To the extent that the CONTRACTOR'S delay or nonperformance is excused under paragraph 11.d (Excuse for Nonperformance or Delayed Performance), liquidated damages shall not be assessable against the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR shall remain liable for damages caused other than by delay. This paragraph is of no force and effect unless the amount of liquidated damages is specified in the Agreement.

**10. SUSPENSION OF AGREEMENT.** HHSC reserves the right at any time and for any reason to suspend this Agreement for any reasonable period, upon written notice to the CONTRACTOR in accordance with the provisions herein.

a. Order to stop performance. The head of the purchasing agency may, by written order to the CONTRACTOR at any time, and without notice to any surety, require the CONTRACTOR to stop all or any part of the performance called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period of time not exceeding sixty (60) days unless the parties agree to a different period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop performance order issued pursuant to this section. Stop performance orders shall include, as appropriate: (1) A clear description of the work to be suspended; (2) Instructions as to the issuance of further orders by CONTRACTOR for material or services; (3) Guidance as to action to be taken on subcontracts; and (4) Other instructions and suggestions to the CONTRACTOR for minimizing costs. Upon receipt of such an order the CONTRACTOR shall forthwith comply with its terms and suspend all performance under this Agreement at the time stated, provided, however, the CONTRACTOR shall take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the performance covered by the order during the period of performance stoppage. Before the stop performance order expires, or within any other period to which the parties shall have agreed, the head of the purchasing agency shall either:

- (1) Cancel the stop performance order; or
- (2) Terminate the performance covered by such order as provided in the termination for default provision or the termination for convenience provision of this Agreement.

b. Cancellation or expiration of the order. If a stop performance order issued under this section is cancelled at any time during the

period specified in the order, or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, the CONTRACTOR shall have the right to resume performance. An appropriate adjustment shall be made in the delivery or performance schedule or contract price, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly, if:

(1) The stop performance order results in an increase in the time required for, or in the CONTRACTOR'S cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement and

(2) The CONTRACTOR asserts a claim for such adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of performance stoppage provided that if the head of the purchasing agency decides that the facts justify such action, any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

c. Termination of stopped performance. If a stop performance order is not cancelled and the performance covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop performance order shall be allowable by adjustment or otherwise.

d. Adjustment of price. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this paragraph shall be determined in accordance with the price adjustment provisions of this Agreement.

**11. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT.**

a. Default. If the CONTRACTOR refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement, or any extension thereof, or otherwise fails to timely satisfy the Agreement provisions, or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, the head of the purchasing agency may notify the CONTRACTOR in writing of the delay or non-performance and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by the head of the purchasing agency, such officer may terminate the CONTRACTOR'S right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform. In the event of termination in whole or in part the head of the purchasing agency may procure similar goods or services in a manner and upon the terms deemed appropriate. The CONTRACTOR shall continue performance of the Agreement to the extent it is not terminated and shall be liable for excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods and services.

b. CONTRACTOR'S duties. Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions from the head of the purchasing agency, the CONTRACTOR shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of the CONTRACTOR in which the State of Hawaii or HHSC has an interest.

c. Compensation. Payment for completed goods and services delivered and accepted by HHSC shall be at the price set forth in the Agreement. Payment for the protection and preservation of property shall be in an amount agreed upon by the CONTRACTOR and the head of the purchasing agency. If the parties fail to agree, the head of the purchasing agency shall set an amount. HHSC may withhold from amounts due the CONTRACTOR such sums as the head of the purchasing agency deems to be necessary to protect HHSC against loss because of outstanding liens or claims and to reimburse HHSC for the excess costs expected to be incurred by HHSC in procuring similar goods and services.

d. Excuse for nonperformance or delayed performance. The CONTRACTOR shall not be in default by reason of any failure in performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms,

including any failure by the CONTRACTOR to make progress in the prosecution of the performance hereunder which endangers such performance, if the CONTRACTOR has notified the Agency procurement officer within fifteen (15) days after the cause of the delay and failure arises out of causes such as: acts of God; acts of a Public enemy; acts of the State of Hawaii and any other governmental body in its sovereign or contractual capacity; fires; floods; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes or other labor disputes; freight embargoes; or unusually severe weather. If the failure to perform is caused by the failure of a subcontractor to perform or to make progress, and if such failure arises out of causes similar to those set forth above, the CONTRACTOR shall not be deemed to be in default, unless the goods and services to be furnished by the subcontractor were reasonably obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the CONTRACTOR to meet the requirements of the Agreement. Upon request of the CONTRACTOR, the head of the purchasing agency shall ascertain the facts and extent of such failure, and, if such officer determines that any failure to perform was occasioned by any one or more of the excusable causes, and that, but for the excusable cause, the CONTRACTOR'S progress and performance would have met the terms of the Agreement, the delivery schedule shall be revised accordingly, subject to the rights of HHSC under this Agreement. As used in this paragraph the term "subcontractor" means subcontractor at any tier.

- e. Erroneous termination for default. If, after notice of termination of the CONTRACTOR'S right to proceed under this paragraph, it is determined for any reason that the CONTRACTOR was not in default under this paragraph, or that the delay was excusable under the provisions of subparagraph 11.d, "Excuse for nonperformance or delayed performance," the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to paragraph 12.
- f. Additional rights and remedies. The rights and remedies provided in this paragraph are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

## **12. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE BY HHSC.**

- a. Termination for convenience of goods and services agreements. The head of the purchasing agency may, when the interests of HHSC so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of HHSC. HHSC shall give written notice of the termination to the CONTRACTOR specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when such termination becomes effective. HHSC shall exercise its rights under this paragraph in good faith and only when circumstances subsequent to the signing of this Agreement are changed to the extent that continuation of the Agreement is not in the best interest of HHSC. Such termination shall not be arbitrary or capricious.
- b. CONTRACTOR'S obligations. The CONTRACTOR shall mitigate the cost of termination and incur no further obligations in connection with the terminated performance. The CONTRACTOR will stop performance to the extent specified on the date(s) set in the notice of termination. The CONTRACTOR shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts as they relate to the terminated performance. The CONTRACTOR shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders connected with the terminated performance. The head of the purchasing agency may direct the CONTRACTOR to assign the CONTRACTOR'S right, title, and interest under terminated orders or subcontracts to HHSC. The CONTRACTOR must still complete the performance not terminated by the notice of termination and may incur obligations as necessary to do so.
- c. Right to goods and work product. The head of the purchasing agency may require the CONTRACTOR to transfer title and deliver

to HHSC in the manner and to the extent directed by the head of the purchasing agency:

- (1) Any completed goods or work product; and
  - (2) The partially completed goods and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (hereinafter called "manufacturing material") as the CONTRACTOR has specifically produced or specially acquired for the performance of the terminated part of this Agreement; and
  - (3) The CONTRACTOR shall, upon direction of the head of the purchasing agency, protect and preserve property in the possession of the CONTRACTOR in which HHSC has an interest. If the head of the purchasing agency does not exercise this right, the CONTRACTOR shall use best efforts to sell such goods and manufacturing materials. Use of this paragraph in no way implies that HHSC has breached the Agreement by exercise of the termination for convenience provision.
- d. Compensation. The CONTRACTOR may submit a termination claim specifying the unavoidable costs incurred because of the termination for convenience. This claim is in addition to any claim for payment for goods or services already performed prior to the termination. The head of the purchasing agency shall review the termination claim and respond to the CONTRACTOR with written objections or full payment within 60 days, provided that the claim is substantiated with invoice documentation. The amount paid for a termination claim shall be determined by the head of the purchasing agency but in no event shall exceed the amount remaining on the contract.

## **13. CHANGE ORDERS TO GOODS AND SERVICES AGREEMENTS.** A change order is a written order signed by the head of the purchasing agency, directing the CONTRACTOR to make changes which the below "change clause" authorizes the head of the purchasing agency to order without the consent of the CONTRACTOR.

- a. Change clause. By written order, at any time, and without notice to any surety, the head of the purchasing agency may, unilaterally, order:
  - (1) Changes in the work within the scope of the Agreement; and
  - (2) Changes in the time of performance of the Agreement that do not alter the scope of the work of the Agreement.
- b. Adjustment of price or time for performance. If any change order increases or decreases the CONTRACTOR'S cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this Agreement, an adjustment shall be made and the Agreement modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in Agreement price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined, where applicable, as negotiated. Failure of the parties to agree to an adjustment shall not excuse the CONTRACTOR from proceeding with the Agreement as changed, provided that the head of the purchasing agency promptly and duly makes the provisional adjustments in payment or time for the direct costs of the work as HHSC deems reasonable. The right of the CONTRACTOR to dispute the Agreement price or time required for performance or both shall not be waived by its performing the work, provided however, that it follows the written notice requirements for disputes and claims established in the Agreement or in these rules.
- c. Time period of claim. Within ten (10) days after receipt of a written change order, unless the period is extended by the head of the purchasing agency in writing, the CONTRACTOR shall respond with a claim for an adjustment. The requirement for a timely written response cannot be waived and shall be a condition precedent to the assertion of a claim.

- d. Claim barred after final payment. No claim by the CONTRACTOR for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if written response is not given prior to final payment under this Agreement.
- e. Claims not barred. In the absence of a change order, nothing in the clause shall be deemed to restrict the CONTRACTOR'S right to pursue a claim under the Agreement or for breach of contract.

**14. MODIFICATIONS OF AGREEMENT.**

- a. In writing. Any modification, alteration, amendment, change or extension of any term, provision or condition of this Agreement shall be made by written amendment to this Agreement signed by the CONTRACTOR and HHSC. Change orders shall be made in accordance with paragraph 13 herein. Notice to any surety is not required.
- b. No oral modification. No oral modification, alteration, amendment, change or extension of any term, provision or condition of this Agreement shall be permitted or acknowledged.
- c. Adjustment of price or time for performance. If any modification increases or decreases the CONTRACTOR'S cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this Agreement, an adjustment shall be made and this Agreement modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined, where applicable, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or as negotiated.
- d. Claim barred after final payment. No claim by the CONTRACTOR for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if written modification of the Agreement and the claims are not made prior to final payment under this Agreement.
- e. Claims not barred. In the absence of a written modification to the Agreement, nothing in this clause shall be deemed to restrict the CONTRACTOR'S right to pursue a claim under this Agreement or for breach of contract.

**15. VARIATION IN QUANTITY FOR DEFINITE QUANTITY AGREEMENTS.**

Upon the agreement of HHSC and the CONTRACTOR, the quantity of goods or services, or both, if a definite quantity is specified in the Agreement, may be increased by a maximum of ten per cent (10%); provided the unit prices will remain the same except for any price adjustments otherwise applicable; and the head of the purchasing agency makes a written determination that such an increase will either be more economical than awarding another Agreement or that it would not be practical to award another agreement.

**16. CLAIMS BASED ON THE HEAD OF THE PURCHASING AGENCY'S ACTIONS OR OMISSIONS.**

- a. Change in scope. If any action or omission on the part of the head of the purchasing agency (which term includes the designee of such officer) requiring performance changes within the scope of the Agreement constitutes the basis for a claim by the CONTRACTOR for additional compensation, damages or an extension of time for completion, the CONTRACTOR shall continue with performance of the Agreement in compliance with the directions or orders of proper officials, but by so doing, the CONTRACTOR shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, damages or extension of time for completion, provided:

- (1) Written notice required. The CONTRACTOR shall give written notice to the head of the purchasing agency:
  - (A) Prior to the commencement of the performance involved, if at that time the CONTRACTOR knows of the occurrence of such action or omission; or
  - (B) Written thirty (30) days after the CONTRACTOR knows of the occurrence of such action or omission, if the CONTRACTOR did not have such knowledge prior to the commencement of the performance; or

- (C) Within such further time as may be allowed by the head of the purchasing agency in writing.

- (2) Notice content. This notice shall state that the CONTRACTOR regards the act or omission as a reason which may entitle the CONTRACTOR to additional compensation, damages or an extension of time. The head of the purchasing agency, upon receipt of such a notice, may rescind such action, remedy such omission or take such other steps as may be deemed advisable.
- (3) Basis must be explained. The notice required by this paragraph must describe as clearly as practicable at the time the reasons why the CONTRACTOR believes that additional compensation, damages or an extension of time may be remedies to which the CONTRACTOR is entitled; and
- (4) Claim must be justified. The CONTRACTOR must maintain and, upon request, make available to the head of the purchasing agency within a reasonable time, detailed records to the extent practicable, and other documentation and evidence satisfactory to HHSC, justifying the claimed additional costs or an extension of time in connection with such changes.
- b. CONTRACTOR not excused. Nothing herein contained, however shall excuse the CONTRACTOR from compliance with any rules or laws precluding collusion or bad faith in causing the issuance of or performing change orders which are clearly not within the scope of the Agreement.

**17. COSTS AND EXPENSES.** Any reimbursement due the CONTRACTOR for per diem and transportation expenses under this Agreement shall be subject to the following guidelines, unless otherwise stated in the Agreement:

- a. Reimbursement for air transportation shall be for actual cost or coach class airfare, whichever is less.
- b. Reimbursement for ground transportation costs shall not exceed the actual cost of renting an intermediate-sized vehicle.
- c. Unless prior written approval of the head of the purchasing agency is obtained, reimbursement for subsistence allowance (i.e., hotel and meals) shall be \$145 per day, which consists of \$85 for hotel and \$60 for food, computed on quarter days. No other travel or living expense (e.g., tips, entertainment, alcohol, etc.) shall be reimbursed by HHSC, other than those items listed in subparagraphs a and b, above. Invoices shall document the days of travel by including the name of the traveler, itinerary, airfare receipt, hotel receipt, and ground transportation receipts. All travel must be pre-approved by the HHSC technical representative.
- c. CONTRACTORS with an office located on the same island as the site of the services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement are not entitled to per diem or transportation expense reimbursement unless explicitly specified in the Agreement.

**18. PAYMENT PROCEDURES.**

- a. Original invoices required. All payments under this Agreement shall be made only upon submission by the CONTRACTOR of original invoices specifying the amount due and certifying that services requested under the Agreement have been performed by the CONTRACTOR according to the Agreement.
- b. Payment only for work under contract. HHSC is not responsible to pay for work performed by CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors that is not in this Agreement and any amendments or change orders thereto. All CONTRACTORS must follow paragraph 14, Modifications of Agreement or paragraph 13, Change Orders to Goods and Services Agreements and must have proper

authorization before performing work outside the original Agreement.

**19. PROMPT PAYMENT OF SUBCONTRACTORS.**

a. Generally. Any money paid to a CONTRACTOR shall be disbursed to subcontractors within ten days after receipt of the money in accordance with the terms of the subcontract; provided that the subcontractor has met all the terms and conditions of the subcontract and there are no bona fide disputes regarding payment.

b. Final payment. Upon final payment to the CONTRACTOR, full payment to the subcontractor, including retainage, shall be made within ten days after receipt of the money; provided that there are no bona fide disputes over the subcontractor's performance under the subcontract.

c. Penalty. The procurement officer or the CONTRACTOR, as applicable, will be subject to a penalty of one and one-half per cent per month upon outstanding amounts due that were not timely paid by the responsible party under the following conditions. Where a subcontractor has provided evidence to the CONTRACTOR of satisfactorily completing all work under their subcontract and has provided a properly documented final payment request as described in paragraph (d), and:

(1) Has provided to the CONTRACTOR an acceptable performance and payment bond for the project executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State, as provided in Section 103-32.1, HRS; or

(2) The following has occurred:

(A) A period of ninety days after the day on which the last of the labor was done or performed and the last of the material was furnished or supplied has elapsed without written notice of a claim given to CONTRACTOR and the surety, as provided for in Section 103D-324, HRS (reference of HRS 103D-324 provision does not intend to imply that this contract is governed by that chapter or the implementing rules and regulations); and

(B) The subcontractor has provided to the CONTRACTOR, an acceptable release of retainage bond, executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State, in an amount of not more than two times the amount being retained or withheld by the CONTRACTOR; any other bond acceptable to the CONTRACTOR; or any other form of mutually acceptable collateral, then, all sums retained or withheld from a subcontractor and otherwise due to the subcontractor for satisfactory performance under the subcontract shall be paid by the procurement officer to the CONTRACTOR and subsequently, upon receipt from the procurement officer, by the CONTRACTOR to the subcontractor within the applicable time periods specified in paragraph (b) and Section 103-10, HRS. The penalty may be withheld from future payment due to the CONTRACTOR, if the CONTRACTOR was the responsible party. If a CONTRACTOR has violated paragraph (2) three or more times within two years of the first violation, the contractor shall be referred by the procurement officer to the contractors license board for action under Section 444-17(14), HRS.

d. A properly documented final payment request from a subcontractor, as required by paragraph (c), shall include:

(1) Substantiation of the amounts requested;

(2) A certification by the subcontractor, to the best of the subcontractor's knowledge and belief, that:

(A) The amounts requested are only for performance in accordance with the specifications, terms, and conditions of the subcontract;

(B) The subcontractor has made payments due to its subcontractors and suppliers from previous payments received under the subcontract and will make timely payments from the proceeds of the payment covered by the certification, in accordance with their subcontract agreements and the requirements of this section; and

(C) The payment request does not include any amount that the subcontractor intends to withhold or retain from a subcontractor or supplier in accordance with the terms and conditions of their subcontract; and

(3) The submission of documentation confirming that all other terms and conditions required under the subcontract agreement have been fully satisfied.

The procurement officer shall return any final payment request that is defective to the CONTRACTOR within seven days after receipt, with a statement identifying the defect.

d. This section shall not be construed to impair the right of a CONTRACTOR or a subcontractor at any tier to negotiate and to include in their respective subcontracts provisions that provide for additional terms and conditions that are requested to be met before the subcontractor shall be entitled to receive final payment under paragraph (c); provided that any such payments withheld shall be withheld by the procurement officer.

**20. CONFIDENTIALITY OF MATERIAL.**

a. All material given to or made available to the CONTRACTOR by virtue of this Agreement, which is identified as proprietary or confidential information, will be safeguarded by the CONTRACTOR and shall not be disclosed to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of HHSC. It is acknowledged and agreed that all of the trade secrets, business plans, marketing plans, know how, data, contracts, including this Agreement, documents, scientific and medical concepts, billing records, personnel records, medical records of any kind, and referral sources for existing or future services, products, operations, management, business, pricing, financial status, valuations, goals, strategies, objectives and agreements of HHSC and any of its facilities, affiliates or subsidiaries, and all patient information in any form, whether written, verbal or electronic are confidential ("Confidential Information"); provided, however, that Confidential Information, with the exception of patient information, shall not include information that is in the public domain.

b. All information, data, or other material provided by the CONTRACTOR to the HHSC is subject to the Uniform Information Practices Act, chapter 92F, HRS, as modified by chapter 323F HRS.

**21. CORPORATE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM.** A description of the Corporate Compliance Program of HHSC, including orientation materials, is posted on the HHSC internet site ([www.hhsc.org](http://www.hhsc.org)). The CONTRACTOR, by signing this contract, acknowledges that it has read said description, and that the CONTRACTOR knows of the fact and substance of the Corporate Compliance Program, which governs operations at all facilities of the HHSC. The CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors performing any services at any of the HHSC facilities shall be fully subject to the Corporate Compliance Program, as may be amended from time to time, as well as all federal program requirements and applicable policies and procedures of HHSC and its facilities. The Corporate

Compliance Program requires periodic training, including an orientation program, of all people who provide financial, business office, personnel, coding, medical records information systems and clinical services in the facility. The CONTRACTOR agrees to cause its employees, agents and contractors who provide financial, business office, personnel, coding, medical records information systems and/or clinical services at any of the HHSC facilities to review the posted orientation materials and participate in any compliance training programs HHSC may require.

**22. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM.** By signing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that CONTRACTOR may be a Business Associate of HHSC within the meaning of the federal privacy and security laws as stated in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A, C, and E. CONTRACTOR further acknowledges that CONTRACTOR has read the Business Associate Addendum, which is posted on the HHSC internet site ([www.hhsc.org/BAA](http://www.hhsc.org/BAA)). If CONTRACTOR is a Business Associate as defined in the above laws, said Business Associate Addendum is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement as if fully repeated herein. By signing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR agrees to fully comply with, and be bound by, all terms set forth in the Business Associate Addendum, as it may be amended from time to time.

**23. PUBLICITY.** The CONTRACTOR shall not refer to the HHSC or any office, agency, or officer thereof, or any HHSC employee, including the head of the purchasing agency, the Agency procurement officer, the HHSC Board of Directors, or to the services or goods, or both, provided under this Agreement, in any of the CONTRACTOR's brochures, advertisements, or other publicity of the CONTRACTOR without the explicit written consent of HHSC. All media contacts with the CONTRACTOR about the subject matter of this Agreement shall be referred to the head of the purchasing agency.

**24. OWNERSHIP RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT.** HHSC shall have complete ownership of all material, both finished and unfinished, which is developed, prepared, assembled or conceived by the CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement and all such material shall be considered "works for hire." All such materials shall be delivered to HHSC upon expiration or termination of this Agreement. HHSC, in its sole discretion, shall have the exclusive right to copyright any product, concept, or material developed, prepared, assembled or conceived by the CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement.

**25. INSURANCE.** During the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall maintain at all times or cause to be maintained general and professional liability insurance coverage for CONTRACTOR and its employees rendering services to HHSC under this Agreement. The insurance policies shall be issued by a company or companies authorized to do business in Hawaii and approved by HHSC, with combined single limits of not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000) in the aggregate, or such greater amount as may be required from time to time by HHSC. HHSC shall receive not less than thirty (30) days notice prior to any cancellation or material change or reduction in coverage. No such material change or reduction may be made without approval from HHSC. HHSC shall be listed as an additional insured on all policies. Prior to the commencement of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall provide HHSC with a certificate of insurance. Thereafter, prior to the expiration of each policy period, the CONTRACTOR shall provide HHSC with certificates of insurance evidencing the foregoing coverage and provisions. HHSC reserves the right to request a certified copy of the policies. CONTRACTOR shall also carry workers' compensation insurance for CONTRACTOR'S employees in the amounts required by applicable law. Failure to maintain the necessary insurance in accordance with the provisions set forth herein shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and HHSC shall

thereafter have the option of pursuing remedies for such breach and/or immediate termination of this Agreement.

**26. LIENS AND WARRANTIES.**

a. Liens. All products provided under this Agreement shall be free of all liens and encumbrances.

b. Warranties for products and services. In the event this Agreement is for the provision of products (goods or equipment), CONTRACTOR warrants that it has all rights, title and interest in and to all products sold, leased or licensed to HHSC. CONTRACTOR also warrants that the products shall substantially conform to all descriptions, specifications, statements of work and representations set forth in the Agreement, schedules, publications of CONTRACTOR and/or any order(s), and will be free from defects in materials, performance, workmanship and design. CONTRACTOR further warrants that it will perform any services required with promptness, diligence and in accordance with prevailing standards in the industry to the reasonable satisfaction of HHSC. The Warranty period shall commence after Acceptance, as defined in this Agreement. Any specific warranty periods shall be as set forth in the proposals, schedules, orders or Special Conditions pertaining to this Agreement but in any event such warranty period shall not be less than one (1) year.

**27. ACCESS TO BOOKS AND RECORDS AND AUDIT BY HHSC.** If the value or cost of Services rendered to HHSC pursuant to this Agreement is Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) more over a twelve-month period, CONTRACTOR agrees as follows:

a. Until the expiration of four (4) years after the furnishing of such services, CONTRACTOR shall, upon written request, make available to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the "Secretary"), the Secretary's duly-authorized representative, the Comptroller General, or the Comptroller General's duly- authorized representative, such books, documents, and records as may be necessary to certify the nature and extent of the cost of such Services; and

b. If any such Services are performed by way of subcontract with another organization and the value or cost of such subcontracted Services is Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or more over a twelve month period such subcontract shall contain and CONTRACTOR shall enforce a clause to the same effect as paragraph 26.a, above.

c. The availability of CONTRACTORS' books, documents and records shall be subject to all applicable legal requirements, including such criteria and procedures for obtaining access that may be promulgated by the Secretary. The provisions of paragraph 26.a and 26.b shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement regardless of the cause of such termination.

d. HHSC may, at reasonable times and places, audit the books and records of the CONTRACTOR, prospective contractor, subcontractor or prospective subcontractor which are related to this Agreement. HHSC may utilize third-party agents to conduct an audit and/or analysis of CONTRACTOR'S records related to quotes, proposals, orders, invoices, sales reports, expenses charged to HHSC, sales reports, and discounts related to this Agreement and or proposed amendment to this Agreement. Any such agents will be bound by the same confidentiality clauses as stated in this Agreement.

**28. ANTITRUST CLAIMS.** The HHSC and the CONTRACTOR recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by the purchaser. Therefore, the CONTRACTOR hereby assigns to HHSC any and all claims for overcharges as to goods and materials purchased in connection with this Agreement, except as to overcharges which result from violations

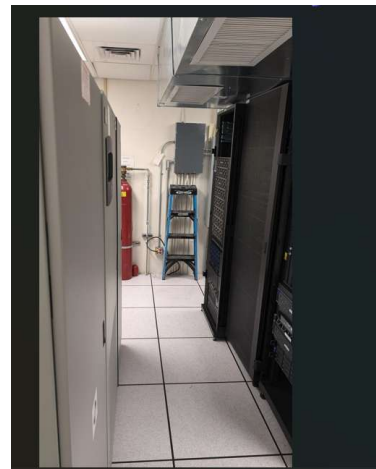
commencing after the price is established under this Agreement and which are not passed on to the HHSC under an escalation clause.

- 29. DISCOUNT AND REBATE.** CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges its obligations to comply with any and all requirements imposed upon it as a seller under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1320a-7b(b)(3)(A) and 42 C.F.R. Sec. 1001.952(h) Discounts.
- 30. GOVERNING LAW.** The validity of this Agreement and any of its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the parties to this Agreement, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Hawaii. Any action at law or in equity to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement shall be brought in a State court of competent jurisdiction in Hawaii.
- 31. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.** The CONTRACTOR shall comply with all federal, State, and county laws, ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations, as the same may be amended from time to time, that in any way affect the CONTRACTOR'S performance of this Agreement. Other laws which may be applicable to contractors include, but are not limited to: HRS Chapters 383, 386, 387, and 393. It shall be the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR to determine applicability and comply with the law.
- 32. ACCESS TO HHSC NETWORK AND SYSTEMS.** CONTRACTOR may be given access to some of the HHSC computer network and systems in order to fulfill the terms of the Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to follow and to require all agents, employees and subcontractors to also follow the Information Technology and Confidentiality policies summarized and posted on the HHSC Procurement internet site ([www.hhsc.org/GC](http://www.hhsc.org/GC)) and to comply with such other instructions as provided by HHSC in the use of HHSC computer systems. CONTRACTOR shall not use the HHSC systems or data for any purpose other than to fulfill its duties under this Agreement.
- 33. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.** CONTRACTOR acknowledges that it is unlawful under Section 11-355, Hawaii Revised Statutes, unless specifically permitted under that law, for CONTRACTOR at any time between the execution of this Agreement through the completion of the Agreement to: (a) directly or indirectly make any contribution or to promise expressly or impliedly to make any contribution to any political party, committee or candidate or to any person for any political purpose or use; or (b) knowingly solicit any such contribution from any person for any purpose during any period.
- 34. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement sets forth all of the agreements, conditions, understandings, promises, warranties, and representations between the HHSC and the CONTRACTOR relative to this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, conditions, understandings, promises, warranties, and representations, which shall have no further force or effect. There are no agreements, conditions, understandings, promises, warranties, or representations, oral or written, express or implied, between the HHSC and the CONTRACTOR other than as set forth or as referred to herein.
- 35. COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts with the same effect as if all of the parties had signed the same document. Such executions may be transmitted to the parties by facsimile or electronically and such facsimile or electronic execution and transmission shall have the full force and effect of an original signature. All fully executed counterparts, whether original executions or facsimile/electronic executions or a combination thereof, shall be construed together and shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
- 36. SEVERABILITY.** In the event that any provision of this Agreement is declared invalid or unenforceable by a court, such invalidity or non-enforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms of this Agreement.
- 37. WAIVER.** The failure of HHSC to insist upon strict compliance with any term, provision, or condition of this Agreement shall not constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver or relinquishment of HHSC's right to enforce the same in accordance with this Agreement. The fact that HHSC specifically refers to one provision of the law, and does not include other provisions shall not constitute a waiver or relinquishment of HHSC's rights or the CONTRACTOR's obligations under the law.
- 38. ACCEPTANCE OF GOODS AND SERVICES.** HHSC shall accept goods and services or give CONTRACTOR notice of rejection within a reasonable time, notwithstanding any payment, prior test, or inspection. No inspection, test, delay or failure to inspect or test, or failure to discover any defect or other nonconformance with the specifications, shall relieve CONTRACTOR of any obligations under this Agreement or impair any rights or remedies of HHSC.
- 39. OBSOLETE PARTS/LONG TERM PARTS AVAILABILITY (Goods and Equipment Agreements Only).** CONTRACTOR shall timely report on the status of end of life (EOL) hardware that has been procured for the purchased or leased product. EOL hardware includes the following: electronic components/piece parts and mechanical hardware. CONTRACTOR shall provide advanced notification in writing to the Technical Representative of any changes to tooling, facilities, materials, availability of parts, or processes that could affect the contracted product. This includes but is not limited to fabrication, assembly, handling, inspection, acceptance, testing, facility relocation, or introduction of a new manufacturer. CONTRACTOR shall notify the HHSC Technical Representative of any pending or contemplated future action to discontinue articles purchased or replacement parts for the articles purchased pursuant to this Agreement and shall work with HHSC to determine the need to stockpile any parts for the likely life of the product and offer those parts to HHSC prior to the actual discontinuance. CONTRACTOR shall extend opportunities to HHSC to place last time buys of such articles with deliveries not to exceed twelve months after the last time buy date.
- 40. DISPUTES.** Prior to resorting to any remedies allowed by law, disputes between the CONTRACTOR and HHSC arising out of this Agreement shall first be addressed in a telephonic or in-person meeting between the HHSC Technical Representative or designee and the CONTRACTOR'S representative. If the issue is not resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the Parties, a HHSC Regional CFO shall hold a telephonic or in-person meeting with the manager of the CONTRACTOR'S representative. Both Parties shall discuss and attempt to resolve the issues in good faith.

## END OF GENERAL CONDITIONS

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