

ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

This ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made as of _____, by and between U.S. COMMUNITIES GOVERNMENT PURCHASING ALLIANCE (“U.S. Communities”) and _____ (“Supplier”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, _____ (“Lead Public Agency”) has entered into a certain Master Agreement dated as of even date herewith, referenced as Agreement No. _____, by and between Lead Public Agency and Supplier (as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof, the “Master Agreement”) for the purchase of _____ (the “Products and Services”);

WHEREAS, the Master Agreement provides that any state, county, city, special district, local government, school district, private K-12 school, technical or vocational school, higher education institution (including community colleges, colleges and universities, both public and private), other government agency or nonprofit organization (each a “Public Agency” and collectively, “Public Agencies”) may purchase Products and Services at the prices indicated in the Master Agreement upon prior registration with U.S. Communities, in which case the Public Agency becomes a “Participating Public Agency”;

WHEREAS, U.S. Communities has the administrative and legal capacity to administer purchases under the Master Agreement to Participating Public Agencies;

WHEREAS, U.S. Communities serves in an administrative capacity for Lead Public Agency and other lead public agencies in connection with other master agreements offered by U.S. Communities;

WHEREAS, Lead Public Agency desires U.S. Communities to proceed with administration of the Master Agreement on the same basis as other master agreements;

WHEREAS, “U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance” is a trade name licensed by U.S. Communities Purchasing & Finance Agency; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Communities and Supplier desire to enter into this Agreement to make available the Master Agreement to Participating Public Agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, U.S. Communities and Supplier hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.1 The Master Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein, and the terms and conditions contained therein shall apply to this Agreement except as expressly changed or modified by this Agreement.

1.2 U.S. Communities shall be afforded all of the rights, privileges and indemnifications afforded to Lead Public Agency under the Master Agreement, and such rights, privileges and indemnifications shall accrue and apply with equal effect to U.S. Communities under this Agreement including, without limitation, Supplier's obligation to provide insurance and indemnifications to Lead Public Agency.

1.3 Supplier shall perform all duties, responsibilities and obligations required under the Master Agreement.

1.4 U.S. Communities shall perform all of its duties, responsibilities and obligations as administrator of purchases under the Master Agreement as set forth herein, and Supplier acknowledges that U.S. Communities shall act in the capacity of administrator of purchases under the Master Agreement.

1.5 With respect to any purchases made by Lead Public Agency or any Participating Public Agency pursuant to the Master Agreement, U.S. Communities (a) shall not be construed as a dealer, re-marketer, representative, partner, or agent of any type of Supplier, Lead Public Agency or such Participating Public Agency, (b) shall not be obligated, liable or responsible (i) for any orders made by Lead Public Agency, any Participating Public Agency or any employee of Lead Public Agency or a Participating Public Agency under the Master Agreement, or (ii) for any payments required to be made with respect to such order, and (c) shall not be obligated, liable or responsible for any failure by a Participating Public Agency to (i) comply with procedures or requirements of applicable law or ordinance, or (ii) obtain the due authorization and approval necessary to purchase under the Master Agreement. U.S. Communities makes no representations or guaranties with respect to any minimum purchases required to be made by Lead Public Agency, any Participating Public Agency, or any employee of Lead Public Agency or a Participating Public Agency under the Master Agreement.

ARTICLE II

TERM OF AGREEMENT

2.1 This Agreement is effective as of _____ and shall terminate upon termination of the Master Agreement or any earlier termination in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, provided, however, that the obligation to pay all amounts owed by Supplier to U.S. Communities through the termination of this Agreement and all indemnifications afforded by Supplier to U.S. Communities shall survive the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE III

REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS

3.1 U.S. Communities views the relationship with Supplier as an opportunity to provide benefits to the Lead Public Agency, Public Agencies and Supplier. The successful foundation of the relationship requires certain representations and covenants from both U.S. Communities and Supplier.

3.2 U.S. Communities' Representations and Covenants.

(a) Marketing. U.S. Communities shall proactively market the Master Agreement to Public Agencies using resources such as a network of major sponsors including the National League of Cities (NLC), National Association of Counties (NACo), United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), and the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) (collectively, the "Founding Co-Sponsors") and individual national, regional and state-level sponsors. In addition, the U.S. Communities staff shall make best efforts to enhance Supplier's marketing efforts through meetings with Public Agencies, participation in key events and tradeshows and other marketing activity such as advertising, articles and promotional campaigns.

(b) Training and Knowledge Management Support. U.S. Communities shall provide support for the education, training and engagement of Supplier's sales force as provided herein. Through its staff (each, a "Program Manager" and collectively, the "Program Managers"), U.S. Communities shall, with scheduling assistance from Supplier, conduct training sessions and conduct calls jointly with Supplier to Public Agencies. U.S. Communities shall also provide Supplier with access to U.S. Communities' private intranet website which provides presentations, documents and information to assist Supplier's sales force in effectively promoting the Master Agreement.

3.3 Supplier's Representations and Covenants. Supplier hereby represents and covenants as follows in order to ensure that Supplier is providing the highest level of public benefit to Participating Public Agencies (such representations and covenants are sometimes referred to as "Supplier's Commitments" and are comprised of the Corporate Commitment, Pricing Commitment, Economy Commitment and Sales Commitment):

(a) Corporate Commitment.

(i) The pricing, terms and conditions of the Master Agreement shall, at all times, be Supplier's primary contractual offering of Products and Services to Public Agencies. All of Supplier's direct and indirect marketing and sales efforts to Public Agencies shall demonstrate that the Master Agreement is Supplier's primary offering and not just one of Supplier's contract options.

(ii) Supplier's sales force (including inside, direct and/or authorized dealers, distributors and representatives) shall always present the Master Agreement when marketing Products or Services to Public Agencies.

(iii) Supplier shall advise all Public Agencies that are existing customers of Supplier as to the pricing and other value offered through the Master Agreement.

(iv) Upon authorization by a Public Agency, Supplier shall transition such Public Agency to the pricing, terms and conditions of the Master Agreement.

(v) Supplier shall ensure that the U.S. Communities program and the Master Agreement are actively supported by Supplier's senior executive management.

(vi) Supplier shall provide a national/senior management level representative with the authority and responsibility to ensure that the Supplier's Commitments are maintained at all times. Supplier shall also designate a lead referral contact person who shall be responsible for receiving communications from U.S. Communities concerning new Participating Public Agency registrations and for ensuring timely follow-up by Supplier's staff to requests for contact from Participating Public Agencies. Supplier shall also provide the personnel necessary to implement and support a supplier-based

internet web page dedicated to Supplier's U.S. Communities program and linked to U.S. Communities' website and shall implement and support such web page.

(vii) Supplier shall demonstrate in its procurement solicitation response and throughout the term of the Master Agreement that national/senior management fully supports the U.S. Communities program and its commitments and requirements. National/Senior management is defined as the executive(s) with companywide authority.

(viii) Where Supplier has an existing contract for Products and Services with a state, Supplier shall notify the state of the Master Agreement and transition the state to the pricing, terms and conditions of the Master Agreement upon the state's request. Regardless of whether the state decides to transition to the Master Agreement, Supplier shall primarily offer the Master Agreement to all Public Agencies located within the state.

(b) **Pricing Commitment.**

(i) Supplier represents to U.S. Communities that the pricing offered under the Master Agreement is the lowest overall available pricing (net to purchaser) on Products and Services that it offers to Public Agencies. Supplier's pricing shall be evaluated on either an overall project basis or the Public Agency's actual usage for more frequently purchased Products and Services.

(ii) **Contracts Offering Lower Prices.** If a pre-existing contract and/or a Public Agency's unique buying pattern provide one or more Public Agencies a lower price than that offered under the Master Agreement, Supplier shall match that lower pricing under the Master Agreement and inform the eligible Public Agencies that the lower pricing is available under the Master Agreement. If an eligible Public Agency requests to be transitioned to the Master Agreement, Supplier shall do so and report the Public Agency's purchases made under the Master Agreement going forward. The price match only applies to the eligible Public Agencies. Below are three examples of Supplier's obligation to match the pricing under Supplier's contracts offering lower prices.

(A) Supplier holds a state contract with lower pricing that is available to all Public Agencies within the state. Supplier would be required to match the lower state pricing under the Master Agreement and make it available to all Public Agencies within the state.

(B) Supplier holds a regional cooperative contract with lower pricing that is available only to the ten cooperative members. Supplier would be required to match the lower cooperative pricing under the Master Agreement and make it available to the ten cooperative members.

(C) Supplier holds a contract with an individual Public Agency. The Public Agency contract does not contain any cooperative language and therefore other Public Agencies are not eligible to utilize the contract. Supplier would be required to match the lower pricing under the Master Agreement and make it available only to the individual Public Agency.

(iii) **Deviating Buying Patterns.** Occasionally U.S. Communities and Supplier may interact with a Public Agency that has a buying pattern or terms and conditions that considerably deviate from the normal Public Agency buying pattern and terms and conditions, and causes Supplier's pricing under the Master Agreement to be higher than an alternative contract held by Supplier. This could be created by a unique end-user preference or requirements. In the event that this situation occurs, Supplier may address the issue by lowering the price under the Master Agreement on the item(s)

causing the large deviation for that Public Agency. Supplier would not be required to lower the price for other Public Agencies.

(iv) Supplier's Options in Responding to a Third Party Procurement Solicitation. While it is the objective of U.S. Communities to encourage Public Agencies to piggyback on to the Master Agreement rather than issue their own procurement solicitations, U.S. Communities recognizes that for various reasons some Public Agencies will issue their own solicitations. The following options are available to Supplier when responding to a Public Agency solicitation:

(A) Supplier may opt not to respond to the procurement solicitation. Supplier may make the Master Agreement available to the Public Agency as a comparison to its solicitation responses.

(B) Supplier may respond with the pricing, terms and conditions of the Master Agreement. If Supplier is awarded the contract, the sales would be reported as sales under the Master Agreement.

(C) If competitive conditions require pricing lower than the standard Master Agreement pricing, Supplier may submit lower pricing through the Master Agreement. If Supplier is awarded the contract, the sales would be reported as sales under the Master Agreement. Supplier would not be required to extend the lower price to other Public Agencies.

(D) Supplier may respond to the procurement solicitation with pricing that is higher (net to buyer) than the pricing offered under the Master Agreement. If awarded a contract, Supplier shall still be bound by all obligations set forth in this Section 3.3, including, without limitation, the requirement to continue to advise the awarding Public Agency of the pricing, terms and conditions of the Master Agreement.

(E) Supplier may respond to the procurement solicitation with pricing that is higher (net to buyer) than the pricing offered under the Master Agreement and if an alternative response is permitted, Supplier may offer the pricing under the Master Agreement as an alternative for consideration.

(c) Economy Commitment. Supplier shall demonstrate the benefits, including the pricing advantage, of the Master Agreement over alternative options, including competitive solicitation pricing and shall proactively offer the terms and pricing under the Master Agreement to Public Agencies as a more effective alternative to the cost and time associated with such alternate bids and solicitations.

(d) Sales Commitment. Supplier shall market the Master Agreement through Supplier's sales force or dealer network that is properly trained, engaged and committed to offering the Master Agreement as Supplier's primary offering to Public Agencies. Supplier's sales force compensation and incentives shall be greater than or equal to the compensation and incentives earned under other contracts to Public Agencies.

(i) Supplier Sales. Supplier shall be responsible for proactive sales of Supplier's Products and Services to Public Agencies and the timely follow-up to sales leads identified by U.S. Communities. Use of product catalogs, targeted advertising, direct mail, online marketing and other sales initiatives are encouraged. All of Supplier's sales materials targeted towards Public Agencies shall include the U.S. Communities logo. U.S. Communities hereby grants to Supplier, during the term of this Agreement, a non-exclusive, revocable, non-transferable, license to use the U.S. Communities name, trademark, and logo solely to perform its obligations under this Agreement, and for no other purpose.

Any goodwill, rights, or benefits derived from Supplier's use of the U.S. Communities name, trademark, or logo shall inure to the benefit of U.S. Communities. U.S. Communities shall provide Supplier with its logo and the standards to be employed in the use of the logo. During the term of the Agreement, the Supplier shall provide U.S. Communities with its logo and the standards to be employed in the use of the logo for purposes of reproducing and using Supplier's name and logo in connection with the advertising, marketing and promotion of the Master Agreement to Public Agencies. Supplier shall assist U.S. Communities by providing camera-ready logos and by participating in related trade shows and conferences. At a minimum, Supplier's sales initiatives shall communicate that (i) the Master Agreement was competitively solicited by the Lead Public Agency, (ii) the Master Agreement provides the Supplier's best overall pricing and value to eligible agencies, (iii) there is no cost to Participating Public Agencies, and (iv) the Master Agreement is a non-exclusive contract.

(ii) Branding and Logo Compliance. Supplier shall be responsible for complying with the U.S. Communities branding and logo standards and guidelines. Prior to use by Supplier, all U.S. Communities related marketing material must be submitted to U.S. Communities for review and approval.

(iii) Sales Force Training. Supplier shall train its national sales force on the Master Agreement and U.S. Communities program. U.S. Communities shall be available to train on a national, regional or local level and generally assist with the education of sales personnel.

(iv) Participating Public Agency Access. Supplier shall establish the following communication links to facilitate customer access and communication:

(A) A dedicated U.S. Communities internet web-based homepage that is accessible from Supplier's homepage or main menu navigation containing:

- (1) U.S. Communities standard logo with Founding Co-Sponsors logos;
- (2) Copy of original procurement solicitation;
- (3) Copy of Master Agreement including any amendments;
- (4) Summary of Products and Services pricing;
- (5) Electronic link to U.S. Communities' online registration page; and
- (6) Other promotional material as requested by U.S. Communities.

(B) A dedicated toll-free national hotline for inquiries regarding U.S. Communities.

(C) A dedicated email address for general inquiries in the following format: uscommunities@(name of supplier).com.

(v) Electronic Registration. Supplier shall be responsible for ensuring that each Public Agency has completed U.S. Communities' online registration process prior to processing the Public Agency's first sales order.

(vi) Supplier's Performance Review. Upon request by U.S. Communities, Supplier shall participate in a performance review meeting with U.S. Communities to evaluate Supplier's performance of the covenants set forth in this Agreement.

(vii) Supplier Content. Supplier may, from time to time, provide certain graphics, media, and other content to U.S. Communities (collectively "Supplier Content") for use on U.S. Communities websites and for general marketing and publicity purposes. During the term of the Agreement, Supplier hereby grants to U.S. Communities and its affiliates a non-exclusive, worldwide, free, transferrable, license to reproduce, modify, distribute, publically perform, publically display, and use Supplier Content in connection with U.S. Communities websites and for general marketing and publicity purposes, with the right to sublicense each and every such right. Supplier warrants that: (a) Supplier is the owner of or otherwise has the unrestricted right to grant the rights in and to Supplier Content as contemplated hereunder; and (b) the use of Supplier Content and any other materials or services provided to U.S. Communities as contemplated hereunder will not violate, infringe, or misappropriate the intellectual property rights or other rights of any third party

3.4 Breach of Supplier's Representations and Covenants. The representations and covenants set forth in this Agreement are the foundation of the relationship between U.S. Communities and Supplier. If Supplier is found to be in violation of, or non-compliance with, one or more of the representations and covenants set forth in this Agreement, Supplier shall have ninety (90) days from the notice of default to cure such violation or non-compliance and, if Supplier fails to cure such violation or non-compliance within such notice period, it shall be deemed a cause for immediate termination of the Master Agreement at Lead Public Agency's sole discretion or this Agreement at U.S. Communities' sole discretion.

3.5 Indemnity. Supplier hereby agrees to indemnify and defend U.S. Communities, and its parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, shareholders, member, manager, officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives from and against any and all claims, costs, proceedings, demands, losses, damages, and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and legal costs) of any kind or nature, arising from or relating to, any actual or alleged breach of any of Supplier's representations, warranties, or covenants in this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

PRICING AUDITS

4.1 Supplier shall, at Supplier's sole expense, maintain an accounting of all purchases made by Lead Public Agency and Participating Public Agencies under the Master Agreement. U.S. Communities and Lead Public Agency each reserve the right to audit the accounting for a period of three (3) years from the time such purchases are made. This audit right shall survive termination of this Agreement for a period of one (1) year from the effective date of termination. U.S. Communities shall have the authority to conduct random audits of Supplier's pricing that is offered to Participating Public Agencies at U.S. Communities' sole cost and expense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that U.S. Communities is made aware of any pricing being offered to three (3) or more Participating Public Agencies that is materially inconsistent with the pricing under the Master Agreement, U.S. Communities shall have the ability to conduct a reasonable audit of Supplier's pricing at Supplier's sole cost and expense during regular business hours upon reasonable notice. U.S. Communities may conduct the audit internally or may engage a third-party auditing firm on a non-contingent basis. Supplier shall solely be responsible for the cost of the audit. In the event of an audit, the requested materials shall be provided in the format and at the location where kept in the ordinary course of business by Supplier.

ARTICLE V

FEES & REPORTING

5.1 Administrative Fees. Supplier shall pay to U.S. Communities a monthly administrative fee based upon the total sales price of all purchases shipped and billed pursuant to the Master Agreement, excluding taxes, in the amount of two percent (2%) of aggregate purchases made during each calendar month (individually and collectively, "Administrative Fees"). Supplier's annual sales shall be measured on a calendar year basis. All Administrative Fees shall be payable in U.S. Dollars and shall be made by wire to U.S. Communities, or its designee or trustee as may be directed in writing by U.S. Communities. Administrative Fees shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the end of each calendar month for purchases shipped and billed during such calendar month. U.S. Communities agrees to pay to Lead Public Agency five percent (5%) of all Administrative Fees received from Supplier to help offset Lead Public Agency's costs incurred in connection with managing the Master Agreement nationally.

5.2 Sales Reports. Within thirty (30) days of the end of each calendar month, Supplier shall deliver to U.S. Communities an electronic accounting report, in the format prescribed by Exhibit B, attached hereto, summarizing all purchases made under the Master Agreement during such calendar month ("Sales Report"). All purchases indicated in the Sales Report shall be denominated in U.S. Dollars. All purchases shipped and billed pursuant to the Master Agreement for the applicable calendar month shall be included in the Sales Report. Submitted reports shall be verified by U.S. Communities against its registration database. Any data that is inconsistent with the registration database shall be changed prior to processing. U.S. Communities reserves the right upon reasonable advance notice to Supplier to change the prescribed report format to accommodate the distribution of the Administrative Fees to its program sponsors and state associations.

5.3 Exception Reporting/Sales Reports Audits. U.S. Communities or its designee may, at its sole discretion, compare Supplier's Sales Reports with Participating Public Agency records or other sales analysis performed by Participating Public Agencies, sponsors, advisory board members or U.S. Communities staff. If there is a material discrepancy between the Sales Report and such records or sales analysis as determined by U.S. Communities, U.S. Communities shall notify Supplier in writing and Supplier shall have thirty (30) days from the date of such notice to resolve the discrepancy to U.S. Communities' reasonable satisfaction. Upon resolution of the discrepancy, Supplier shall remit payment to U.S. Communities' trustee within fifteen (15) calendar days. Any questions regarding an exception report should be directed to U.S. Communities in writing to reporting@uscommunities.org. If Supplier does not resolve the discrepancy to U.S. Communities' reasonable satisfaction within thirty (30) days, U.S. Communities shall have the right to engage outside services to conduct an independent audit of Supplier's reports. Supplier shall solely be responsible for the cost of the audit.

5.4 Online Reporting. Within forty-five (45) days of the end of each calendar month, U.S. Communities shall provide online reporting to Supplier containing Supplier's sales reporting for such calendar month. Supplier shall have access to various reports through the U.S. Communities intranet website. Such reports are useful in resolving reporting issues and enabling Supplier to better manage its Master Agreement.

5.5 Usage Reporting. Within thirty (30) days of the end of each contract year, Supplier shall deliver to U.S. Communities an electronic usage report of all sales under the Master Agreement, including:

- (i) Supplier's Product Number
- (ii) Product Description

- (iii) Manufacturer Name
- (iv) Manufacturer Number
- (v) Unit of Measure
- (vi) U.S. Communities Price
- (vii) Number of times ordered
- (viii) Units sold
- (ix) Sales by Manufacturer

5.6 Supplier's Failure to Provide Reports or Pay Administrative Fees. Failure to provide a Sales Report or pay Administrative Fees within the time and in the manner specified herein shall be regarded as a material breach under this Agreement and if not cured within thirty (30) days of written notice to Supplier, shall be deemed a cause for termination of the Master Agreement at Lead Public Agency's sole discretion or this Agreement at U.S. Communities' sole discretion. All Administrative Fees not paid within thirty (30) days of the end of the previous calendar month shall bear interest at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month until paid in full.

ARTICLE VI

MISCELLANEOUS

6.1 Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or in writing, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no other agreement, statement, or promise relating to the subject matter of this Agreement which is not contained herein shall be valid or binding.

6.2 Assignment.

(a) Supplier. Neither this Agreement nor any rights or obligations hereunder shall be assignable by Supplier without prior written consent of U.S. Communities, and any assignment without such consent shall be void.

(b) U.S. Communities. This Agreement and any rights or obligations hereunder may be assigned by U.S. Communities in U.S. Communities' sole discretion, to an existing or newly established legal entity that has the authority and capacity to perform U.S. Communities' obligations hereunder.

6.3 Notices. All reports, notices or other communications given hereunder shall be delivered by first-class mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery requiring signature on receipt to the addresses as set forth below. U.S. Communities may, by written notice delivered to Supplier, designate any different address to which subsequent reports, notices or other communications shall be sent.

U.S. Communities:	U.S. Communities 9711 Washingtonian Blvd. Suite 100 Gaithersburg, MD 20878-7381 Attn: Program Manager Administration
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Supplier:	_____ _____ _____ _____ Attn: U.S. Communities Program Manager
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6.4 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to be, or shall in fact be, illegal, inoperative or unenforceable, the same shall not affect any other provision or provisions herein contained or render the same invalid, inoperative or unenforceable to any extent whatever.

6.5 Waiver. Any failure of a party to enforce, for any period of time, any of the provisions under this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of such provisions or of the right of said party thereafter to enforce each and every provision under this Agreement.

6.6 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

6.7 Modifications. This Agreement may not be effectively amended, changed, modified, altered or terminated without the prior written consent of the parties hereto.

6.8 Governing Law; Arbitration. This Agreement will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California without regard to any conflict of laws principles. Any dispute, claim, or controversy arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the breach, termination, enforcement, interpretation or validity thereof, including the determination of the scope or applicability of this dispute resolution clause, shall be determined by arbitration in Walnut Creek, California, before one (1) arbitrator. The arbitration shall be administered by JAMS pursuant to its Comprehensive Arbitration Rules and Procedures. Judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. This clause shall not preclude parties from seeking provisional remedies in aid of arbitration from a court of appropriate jurisdiction. The prevailing party will be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and arbitration costs from the other party. The arbitration award shall be final and binding. Each party commits that prior to commencement of arbitration proceedings, the parties shall submit the dispute to JAMS for mediation. The parties will cooperate with JAMS and with one another in selecting a mediator from JAMS panel of neutrals, and in promptly scheduling the mediation proceedings. The parties covenant that they will participate in the mediation in good faith, and that they will share equally in its costs. The mediation will be conducted by each party designating a duly authorized officer or other representative to represent the party with the authority to bind the party, and that the parties agree to exchange informally such information as is reasonably necessary and relevant to the issues being mediated. All offers, promises, conduct, and statements, whether oral or written, made in the course of the mediation by any of the parties, their agents, employees, experts, and attorneys, and by the mediator or any JAMS employees, are confidential, privileged, and inadmissible for any purpose, including impeachment, in any arbitration or other proceeding involving the parties, provided that evidence that is otherwise admissible or discoverable shall not be rendered inadmissible or non-discoverable as a result of its use in the mediation. If the dispute is not resolved within thirty (30) days from the date of the submission of the dispute to mediation (or such later date as the parties may mutually agree in writing), the administration of the arbitration shall proceed. The mediation may continue, if the parties so agree, after the appointment of the arbitrator. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the mediator shall be disqualified from serving as arbitrator in the case. The pendency of a mediation shall not preclude a party from seeking provisional remedies in aid of the arbitration from a court of appropriate jurisdiction, and the parties agree not to defend against any application for provisional relief on the ground that a mediation is pending.

6.9 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon U.S. Communities, Supplier and any successor and assign thereto; subject, however, to the limitations contained herein.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, U.S. Communities has caused this Agreement to be executed in its name and Supplier has caused this Agreement to be executed in its name, all as of the date first written above.

U.S. Communities:

U.S. COMMUNITIES GOVERNMENT PURCHASING ALLIANCE

By _____

Name: Kevin Juhring

Title: President

Supplier:

By _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

EXHIBIT A

MASTER AGREEMENT

(City of Kansas City, MO Master Agreement to be attached at time of award.)

EXHIBIT B

SALES REPORT FORMAT

Appendix B - US (Data Format)													
Sales Report Template													
TIN	Supplier ID	Account No.	Agency Name	Dept Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Agency Type	Year	Qtr	Month	Amount
956000735	178	89518997	CITY OF LA/MGMT EMPL SVCS	Purchasing	555 RAMIREZ ST STE 312	LOS ANGELES	CA	90012	20	2015	3	1	1525.50
956000222	178	34868035	LOS ANGELES COUNTY	Facilities	350 S FIGUEROA ST STE 700	LOS ANGELES	CA	90071	30	2015	3	1	1603.64
956000735	178	89496461	CITY OF LA/ENVIRON AFFAIR	Purchasing	555 RAMIREZ ST STE 312	LOS ANGELES	CA	90012	20	2015	3	1	1625.05
956000735	178	89374835	CITY OF LA/COMMUNITY DEV	Purchasing	555 RAMIREZ ST STE 312	LOS ANGELES	CA	90012	20	2015	3	1	45090.79
066002010	178	328NA0001053	GROTON TOWN OF PUBLIC WORKS	Water	123 A St	GROTON	CT	06340	20	2015	3	1	318.00
066001854	178	328NA0001051	GROTON CITY OF	Administration	123 A St	GROTON	CT	06340	20	2015	3	1	212.00

SALES REPORT DATA FORMAT					
Column Name	Required	Data Type	Length	Example	Comment
TIN	Optional	Text	9	956000735	No Dash, Do not omit leading zero.
Supplier ID	Yes	Number	3	111	See Supplier ID Table Below
Account No.	Yes	Text	25 max		Depends on supplier account no.
Agency Name	Yes	Text	255 max		Los Angeles County
Dept Name	Optional	Text	255 max		Purchasing Dept
Address	Yes	Text	255 max		
City	Yes	Text	255 max	Los Angeles	Must be a valid City name
State	Yes	Text	2	CA	
Zip	Yes	Text	5	90071	No Dash, Do not omit leading zero, Valid zip code
Agency Type	Yes	Number	2	30	See Agency Type Table Below
Year	Yes	Number	4	2010	
Qtr	Yes	Number	1	4	
Month	Yes	Number	2	12	
Amount	Yes	Number	variable	45090.79	Two digit decimal point, no \$ sign or commas

Agency Type Table	
Agency Type ID	Agency Type Description
10	K-12
11	Community College
12	College and University
20	City
21	City Special District
22	Consolidated City/County
30	County
31	County Special District
40	Federal
41	Crown Corporations
50	Housing Authority
80	State Agency
81	Independent Special District
82	Non-Profit
84	Other

MASTER INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

This Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (“Agreement”) is made between certain government agencies that execute a Lead Public Agency Certificate (collectively, “Lead Public Agencies”) to be appended and made a part hereof and other government agencies (“Participating Public Agencies”) that agree to the terms and conditions hereof through the U.S. Communities registration process and made a part hereof.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, after a competitive solicitation and selection process by Lead Public Agencies, in compliance with their own policies, procedures, rules and regulations, a number of suppliers (each, a “Contract Supplier”) have entered into Master Agreements with Lead Public Agencies to provide a variety of goods, products and services based on national and international volumes (herein “Products and Services”);

WHEREAS, Master Agreements are made available by Lead Public Agencies through U.S. Communities and provide that Participating Public Agencies may purchase Products and Services on the same terms, conditions and pricing as the Lead Public Agency, subject to any applicable local purchasing ordinances and the laws of the State of purchase;

WHEREAS, the parties desire to comply with the requirements and formalities of any intergovernmental cooperative act, if applicable, to the laws of the State of purchase;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to conserve resources and reduce procurement cost;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of the procurement of necessary Products and Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, and of the mutual benefits to result, the parties agree as follows:

1. That each party will facilitate the cooperative procurement of Products and Services.
2. That the procurement of Products and Services subject to this Agreement shall be conducted in accordance with and subject to the relevant statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations that govern each party’s procurement practices.
3. That the cooperative use of solicitations obtained by a party to this Agreement shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the solicitation, except as modification of those terms and conditions is otherwise allowed or required by applicable law.
4. That the Lead Public Agencies will make available, upon reasonable request and subject to convenience, information which may assist in improving the effectiveness, efficiency and economy of Participating Public Agencies’ procurement of Products and Services.
5. That the Participating Public Agency will make timely payments to the Contract Supplier for Products and Services received in accordance with the terms and conditions of the procurement. Payment, inspections and acceptance of Products and Services ordered by the Participating Public Agency shall be the exclusive obligation of such Participating Public Agency. Disputes between the Participating Public Agency and Contract Supplier are to be resolved in accord with the law and venue rules of the State of purchase.

6. The Participating Public Agency shall not use this Agreement as a method for obtaining additional concessions or reduced prices for similar products or services.
7. The Participating Public Agency is solely responsible for ordering, accepting, and paying and any other action, inaction or decision regarding the Products and Services obtained under this Agreement. A Lead Public Agency shall not be liable in any manner for any action or inaction or decisions taken by a Participating Public Agency. The Participating Public Agency shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, hold the Lead Public Agency harmless from any liability that may arise from action or inaction of the Participating Public Agency.
8. The exercise of any rights or remedies by the Participating Public Agency shall be the exclusive obligation of such Participating Public Agency.
9. This Agreement shall remain in effect until termination by a party giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to U.S. Communities at 2999 Oak Road, Suite 710, Walnut Creek, CA 94597.
10. This Agreement shall become effective after execution of the Lead Public Agency Certificate or Participating Public Agency registration, as applicable.