

## **MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL OR CONSULTING SERVICES**

This Master Service Agreement for Professional or Consulting Services dated as of Contract Start Date, is made between FirstEnergy Service Company ("Agent") acting on behalf of the Purchaser identified in the Statement of Work or in the ship to address on each Purchase Order, with its principal address at 341 White Pond Drive Akron, OH 44320 and Supplier Display Name with its principal address at Supplier Primary Address Street1, Supplier Primary Address City, Supplier Primary Address State Supplier Primary Address Postal Code ("Supplier").

**WHEREAS** the purpose of this Agreement is to establish Master Service Agreement terms and conditions which will apply to Statements of Work, Purchase Orders and Change Orders issued by the Purchaser to procure professional and/or consulting services from Supplier.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants herein contained, the sufficiency of which are acknowledged and agreed to by the parties, and intending to be legally bound, Purchaser and Supplier mutually agree as follows:

### **ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS**

When used in the Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings given below except when expressly indicated otherwise:

- A. "Agent" means FirstEnergy Service Company, its successors and assigns, as the authorized agent for the Purchaser, unless FirstEnergy Service Company is identified as being the Purchaser thereby rendering Article 15 "Authority of Agent" inapplicable.
- B. "Agreement" means the terms and conditions set forth in this document, together with a Statement of Work and/or Purchase Order, including all attachments, exhibits, revisions, addendums, and supplements thereto.
- C. "Data" means material that includes documentation, manuals, maps, plans, schedules, programs, Specifications, software, reports, drawings, designs and other relevant information.
- D. "Purchase Order" is the document describing commercial terms and additional terms unique to the transaction described therein.
- E. "Purchaser" means: the FirstEnergy company designated in the "Ship To" address of each Purchase Order for which the Work shall be performed. If more than one FirstEnergy company is identified as the Purchaser, the liability of each FirstEnergy company named shall be several and not joint and shall be limited to such FirstEnergy company's interest in the Agreement.
- F. "Purchaser's Site" means locations owned or leased by Purchaser, that the Work is intended to benefit, to which the Work is to be delivered, or where the Work is to be performed.
- G. "Specifications" mean the detailed description of the requirements associated with the goods and/or services to be provided by Supplier under the Agreement, including without limitation, drawings, dimensions, components, attachments, technical and non-technical requirements and characteristics, standards, performance requirements, and tolerances. Should any conflict occur between the Specifications and any other provision of the Agreement, the Specifications shall take precedence only when and to the extent that such application does not result in any way in the dilution or diminution of the rights or benefits of the Purchaser under the Agreement.
- H. "Statement of Work" (SOW) means the detailed description of the Work to be performed, the dates and times for completion and delivery of the Work, each party's obligations and other requirements necessary for completion of the Work, and any other terms that apply to that specific SOW.
- I. "Supplier" means the organization, individual or entity which is providing the Work under the Agreement.
- J. "Work" means the deliverables, products, outcomes, results, information, new discoveries, inventions, improvements, technical consulting or other technical services, design services, analytical services, quality assurance, supervision and direction of work, or performance of labor, and all other facilities and services which are necessary for Supplier to complete its obligations under the Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 2 – TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

- A. Offer and Acceptance. Supplier's acknowledgement, commencement of performance, or any conduct which recognizes the existence of a contract pertaining to the subject matter hereof shall constitute acceptance by Supplier of the Agreement and all of its terms and conditions. Acceptance of the Agreement is expressly limited to Supplier's assent to all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement. Additional or different terms provided in Supplier's acceptance of Purchaser's offer which vary in any degree from any of the terms herein or expressly referenced on the face of the Agreement shall be deemed material and are hereby objected to and rejected. If the Agreement shall be deemed an acceptance by Purchaser in response to an offer by Supplier and if any terms herein are additional to or different from any terms of such offer, then the issuance of the Agreement by Purchaser shall constitute an acceptance expressly conditioned upon Supplier's assent to all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement. Additional or different terms in any acknowledgement, invoice, or communication submitted by Supplier, or any attempt by Supplier to vary in any degree any of the terms of the Agreement, unless expressly agreed to by Purchaser in writing, shall be deemed material and are hereby objected to and rejected. Any such terms proposed by Supplier, whether by offer or acceptance, shall be void unless expressly agreed to in writing by Purchaser.
- B. Integration; Modification. The parties intend the Agreement to constitute the complete, exclusive and fully integrated statement of their agreement concerning the subject matter hereof. As such, the Agreement is the sole repository of their agreement, and the parties are not bound by any other agreements of whatsoever kind or nature pertaining to the subject matter hereof. The parties further intend the complete, exclusive and fully integrated statement of their agreement may not be supplemented or interpreted by any evidence of trade usage, course of dealing, or course of performance. No amendment, modification, or rescission of the Agreement shall be enforceable unless the same is in writing and signed by the party against whom the terms of such amendment, modification, or rescission are sought to be enforced.
- C. Non-Exclusivity. The Agreement is not exclusive, and Purchaser may, at its sole discretion, contract with others to perform such Work as is herein contemplated or may perform such Work with its own forces.

- D. Modifications to Work. If Purchaser requires modifications and/or changes to the Work after it has been performed, which modifications and/or changes are through no fault of Supplier, or if Purchaser desires additional Work not covered by the Agreement, Supplier shall only perform such Work as ordered by Purchaser in writing and shall be paid for such Work as agreed to in writing between the parties.
- E. Independent Contractor. Supplier shall be considered an independent contractor in its performance hereunder and responsible for all acts or omissions (negligent or otherwise) of its agents, employees and subcontractors. Supplier alone shall be liable and responsible for the manner and methods by which the Work is performed and for materials, work force and equipment supplied in connection therewith, irrespective of whether or not any changes are made as a result of any comments received from Purchaser. Nothing in the Agreement or in the performance of the Work shall be construed to create a partnership, joint venture or other joint business arrangement between Purchaser and Supplier. Supplier shall be responsible for all contributions for unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, social security, and other employment benefits of its employees.

### **ARTICLE 3 – SHIPMENT, DELIVERY, AND INSPECTION OF WORK**

- A. Title and Risk of Loss. Title and risk of loss of products and materials incorporated into the Work passes to Purchaser upon notification to Supplier by Purchaser of acceptance of the Work. All products and materials brought to Purchaser's Site by Supplier or its subcontractors must be removed by Supplier or subcontractor immediately once no longer needed, or upon Supplier's departure whichever is sooner.
- B. Time is of the Essence. THE OBLIGATION OF SUPPLIER TO MEET THE DELIVERY DATES, SPECIFICATIONS AND QUANTITIES SET FORTH HEREIN IS OF THE ESSENCE OF THE AGREEMENT. By executing the Agreement, Supplier acknowledges the time for completion set forth in the Agreement.
- C. Delivery. Supplier shall notify Purchaser immediately of any delay in delivery or shipment that may affect the completion date of the Work. If Supplier fails to meet the delivery schedule, Purchaser, without limiting its other rights or remedies, may: (1) direct expedited routing and charge to Supplier all additional and incidental costs incurred thereby; or (2) cancel all or part of the Work.
- D. Inspection, Rejection and Revocation. The Work shall be subject to inspection, tests, and count by Purchaser at any time or place at the discretion of Purchaser whether during or after manufacture, delivery, construction, or installation. Nothing herein shall relieve Supplier of the obligation to make full and adequate testing and inspection of any Work. If any of the Work is defective or otherwise not in conformity with the requirements of this Agreement, Purchaser, in addition to its other rights, may reject such Work and: (1) receive full credit from Supplier; or (2) require its correction in accordance with Article 6. Any Work rejected by Purchaser may be returned to Supplier at Supplier's risk and expense and shall not thereafter be tendered for acceptance without Purchaser's written consent.
- E. Records. Supplier shall maintain books, records, documents, and other information sufficient to determine the status of Supplier's performance, testing, and compliance with the requirements of the Agreement.
- F. Work Acceptance. Acceptance of the Work shall be when: (1) Supplier has completed the performance of the Work; (2) all required testing has been successfully completed; (3) the Work complies with applicable law and all of the requirements of this Agreement; (4) Supplier has provided all tools and spare parts, all drawings and specifications, all supplier and/or manufacturer warranties, and all manuals and other documentation related to the Work that are required to be provided by Supplier; (5) Supplier has removed all supplies, waste, materials, rubbish, and temporary facilities from Purchaser's Site; and (6) Supplier has delivered to Purchaser lien and claim waivers as required by Article 10.
- G. Purchaser's Review and Approvals. Purchaser's review or approval of, or right to review, release and/or approve, any Work provided or performed by Supplier under this Agreement (including approval of drawings and Specifications, subcontractors, safety and environmental protection guidelines, quality assurance, quality control, testing and inspection procedures) shall not in any way be deemed to limit or alter Supplier's responsibility to schedule, coordinate, perform, inspect, test, and complete the Work in strict accordance with the requirements of this Agreement, or Supplier's obligations under Article 6.

### **ARTICLE 4 – CONTRACT PRICE AND PAYMENT**

- A. Pricing. Pricing stated in the Agreement shall be the maximum Purchaser shall pay Supplier for the Work. Unless otherwise set forth in the Agreement, Purchaser will not be responsible for any additional charges, including boxing, packing, crating, carting, insurance, or shipping. All amounts referenced in the Agreement are in United States dollars. Except to the extent otherwise provided in the Agreement, Supplier shall pay all taxes, duties, levies, and all other fees and charges imposed by any governmental entity with respect to the Agreement and the Work.
- B. Invoicing.
  - 1. Unless otherwise instructed in a Statement of Work, invoices shall be submitted electronically in FirstEnergy Service Company's eProcurement system against the Purchase Order. The elements of all amounts invoiced shall be shown separately, by applicable line items, and shall be classified as Purchaser may require for accounting and payment purposes. Any taxes payable by Purchaser hereunder shall be shown separately on any bids and invoices sent to Purchaser. For Work to be performed on a time and materials basis, each invoice must: (1) detail by activity the man-hours worked by Supplier; (2) detail by activity the labor cost; (3) detail the direct reimbursable costs in connection with the Work; (4) indicate the cumulative cost to date for all activities; (5) indicate the total monthly cost of the Work; and (6) include other information reasonably required by Purchaser. Any disputed invoice or portion thereof need not be paid, but in such case, Purchaser shall promptly notify Supplier of any rejected invoice or portion thereof (with reasons for such rejection). Invoices shall be submitted upon final completion of the Work, not later than the 10th day of each month, or as otherwise mutually agreed on the face of the Agreement. Purchaser may deduct five percent (5%) as a processing fee from Supplier for any invoice issued more than one hundred eighty (180) days after Purchaser's acceptance of the Work.
  - 2. Evaluated Receipt Settlement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when tangible goods are requested and specified on the Purchase Order as an Evaluated Receipt Settlement (ERS), Supplier invoice is not required. The payment will be scheduled and paid based on Purchase Order payment terms.

- C. Payment. Each invoice shall, after approval by Purchaser, be processed for payment in accordance with the terms of payment as set forth on the face of each Purchase Order issued pursuant to the Agreement. Purchaser may retain ten percent (10%) of each payment due, which shall be paid to Supplier when Purchaser has fully accepted the Work and is satisfied that the interests of the Purchaser in the completed Work have been protected. Such payment shall not be unreasonably withheld. Following receipt of a correct invoice or acceptance of the Work, whichever is later, Purchaser shall make payments on the next scheduled payment system run. Purchaser's scheduled payment system runs shall not be longer than on a bi-weekly basis. Payments by Purchaser shall not be deemed evidence of acceptance by Purchaser of the Work. After completion of the Agreement and final acceptance of the Work, any retained monies, except those retained under Article 4(D) hereof, will be paid without interest to Supplier in accordance with the terms of payment designated in the Agreement.
- D. Withholding.
1. If Purchaser has a claim under the Agreement, regardless of when it is discovered, including a claim that: (1) Supplier's invoice is erroneous; or (2) the Work is deficient, defective or incomplete; or (3) Purchaser, another supplier, subcontractor, or other party suffers damage or injury which is attributable to Supplier; or (4) Supplier fails to make a payment as and when due to a subcontractor or supplier for materials, labor or equipment; or (5) Supplier has failed to supply any affidavit, release or waiver of lien Purchaser may require; then Purchaser may withhold payment of, or set-off the amount of its claim, costs or loss against any amount owed to Supplier. If any monies are so withheld, Purchaser shall only pay such amount when, without cost to the Purchaser, the cause of such withholding has been eliminated to Purchaser's satisfaction. If any monies are so withheld, Purchaser shall not be responsible for any interest payment to Supplier.
  2. New Jersey Withholding. If applicable, in accordance with New Jersey law, Purchaser shall withhold a portion of payments owed to Supplier for services to construct, improve, alter, or repair a building, structure, or improvement to real property; unless Supplier provides written documentation that Supplier is an entity registered to do business within the State of New Jersey.
- E. Set-off. Purchaser shall be entitled at all times to set-off any amount owing from Supplier to Purchaser or any affiliate of Purchaser against any amount payable by Purchaser hereunder.
- F. Audit. Purchaser shall (upon reasonable notice) have the right to audit books and records of Supplier for the purpose of confirming the amount due to Supplier or Supplier's performance of its obligations under the Agreement. Supplier, its subcontractors and any other entity Supplier uses to perform its obligations under the Agreement shall preserve all such records for a period of three (3) years after final payment hereunder. Upon request, Supplier shall provide Purchaser with information related to prices of materials, equipment and services sufficient to enable Purchaser to comply with accounting regulations of any governmental or quasi-governmental organization. Supplier shall provide for such right to audit by Purchaser in all contracts with subcontractors and other entities relating to the Agreement.
- G. Self-Employed Status. Supplier is deemed to be a self-employed independent contractor; and accordingly, no sums are contemplated to be withheld from Supplier's compensation to cover the payment of income taxes, FICA (social security), FUTA (unemployment compensation) or other taxes. Supplier agrees to file all required federal, state and local income tax and other tax returns (including, without limitation, all required declarations of estimated tax) covering Supplier's compensation hereunder. Supplier agrees to pay all such taxes and contributions when due; and Supplier hereby indemnifies Purchaser and holds it harmless from and against any and all loss, cost and liability whatsoever incurred by or claimed against Purchaser for any failure of Supplier to comply herewith.

## **ARTICLE 5 – SERVICES AND SUPPLIER'S EMPLOYEES**

- A. Supplier Employees. Supplier will employ experienced, qualified, reliable, and trustworthy persons to perform the Work. At Purchaser's request, the credentials of any of Supplier's employees assigned to perform the Work shall be submitted to Purchaser in advance of such assignment. Individuals employed by or representing Supplier on Purchaser's Site (or who have access to Purchaser's network) shall be subject to Purchaser's continuing approval. During the performance of the Work, Purchaser may object to any Supplier employee who, in Purchaser's opinion, does not meet these criteria or whose performance is unsatisfactory. In such case, Supplier shall, at its expense and risk, immediately replace or remove such individual from the Work. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Supplier shall be responsible for all acts or omissions (negligent or otherwise) of its agents, employees and subcontractors.
- B. Background Checks. Supplier shall make best efforts to ensure that each employee assigned to the Work has had a background check consisting of, at a minimum, an identity verification (e.g. Social Security Number verification in the U.S.) and a seven (7) year criminal check that revealed no evidence of a criminal conviction and does not pose a threat to the security or integrity of Purchaser's Site, customers, information assets, and/or employees. To the extent that Supplier becomes aware of any such potential threat to Purchaser's Site, customers, information assets, and/or employees, Supplier shall immediately remove such employee from the Work. Purchaser, at any time prior to the start of or during the Work, may request Supplier to verify it is in compliance with the background check requirements set forth herein.
- C. Substance Abuse. Supplier agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding drug-free workplace, as well as Purchaser's rules and regulations concerning the same, available upon request. Supplier is responsible for ensuring all Supplier's employees and its subcontractors, while working on Purchaser's Site, will not: (1) be under the influence of drugs or alcohol; or (2) purchase, transfer, use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol; or (3) abuse prescription drugs in any way.
- D. Non-Interference. Supplier shall conduct the Work so as to minimize interference with other activities at Purchaser's Site. If Supplier is working at Purchaser's Site, Supplier shall cooperate fully with Purchaser and other vendors, and shall plan and perform the Work in such a manner so as not to interfere with the activities or operations of Purchaser or other vendors. Purchaser will establish priorities and, at the request of Supplier or other vendors, shall resolve interferences. Supplier shall not permit its employees or the employees of any of its subcontractors to operate the existing Purchaser's Site or any of Purchaser's equipment or facilities or to perform maintenance work on Purchaser's Site or any of Purchaser's other facilities, except as specified under the Agreement. Supplier and its employees, agents, subcontractors and suppliers shall enter and exit Purchaser's Site only by the entrances designated from time to time by Purchaser. Purchaser shall have the right to inspect all individuals, property, and vehicles entering and leaving any of Purchaser's facilities and exercise

such control of individuals, property, and vehicles as Purchaser deems necessary in its sole discretion. Supplier shall comply with all of Purchaser's protection and safety rules for any Purchaser Site at which the Work is performed, and with all instructions and directives from Purchaser's Site manager or their designees.

- E. **Safety and Health.** Supplier shall conduct its operations in a manner to avoid risk of bodily harm to persons or damage to property. Supplier shall take all precautions necessary and shall be solely responsible for the safety of the Work and the safety and adequacy of the manner and methods it employs in performing the Work and shall not require any employee or representative performing hereunder to work in surroundings or under working conditions that are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to safety or health. Supplier shall conduct the Work in conformance with all applicable safety and health laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and all other requirements (including, without limitation, standards under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and Purchaser's safety requirements) when at Purchaser's Site. Supplier shall continuously inspect its work, materials, and equipment to identify any unsafe conditions, and shall promptly take action to correct any condition which presents such a risk. To the extent applicable, Supplier shall comply with all hazard communication standards promulgated by OSHA, 29 CFR 1910.1200, et. seq., the Pennsylvania Right To Know Act and similar hazard communication laws of other states; this includes evaluating and labeling all hazardous chemicals as defined by said standards and maintaining Material Safety Data Sheets on all such hazardous chemicals to ensure that hazard information with regard to chemical hazards produced, imported, or used within the workplace is transmitted to affected employees of Supplier, its subcontractor(s) and Purchaser.
- F. **Testimony.** Supplier agrees that (at the request of Purchaser) the persons performing Work under the Agreement shall be made available as witnesses in any litigation, hearing or proceeding to which Purchaser is or becomes a party, to explain or defend, as appropriate, any aspect of methods used by Supplier, or results or conclusions developed by Supplier in connection with the applicable Work. Purchaser shall pay Supplier at its prevailing rates for all time spent by its personnel in connection with any court, administrative or other legal proceedings arising from or relating to the Work (except in a dispute between the parties), regardless of whether or not Supplier is subpoenaed to appear at such proceedings by Purchaser or any third party. Purchaser shall be entitled to a credit against such fees for any statutory witness fees paid to Supplier by Purchaser or any third party.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - STANDARD OF CARE AND PERFORMANCE**

- A. **Standard of Care.** Supplier warrants the Work: (1) will be conducted in a manner consistent with the highest generally accepted level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by professionals and other persons performing work of a nature similar to the Work; and (2) will be performed safely, lawfully, efficiently and properly, and otherwise in a good and workmanlike manner; and (3) will be in strict conformity with the requirements of the Agreement, including, without limitation, all specific design standards and the Specifications and drawings incorporated into this Agreement; and (4) will be of good workmanship and quality, free from defects (including, without limitation, defects in design, material, workmanship and title); and (5) will be fit for the ordinary purposes for which such Work is used or intended and for any particular purpose by Purchaser of which Supplier is aware. Supplier further warrants that all equipment used in connection with performance of the Work shall be in safe and proper working order. Supplier acknowledges and agrees that Purchaser is relying upon Supplier's professional expertise for the accuracy, competence and completeness of Supplier's Work.
- B. **Performance.** Supplier represents and warrants that it is technically, physically, financially, and legally competent, able to perform, and capable of performing the Work. Supplier represents, warrants and covenants that it has, and will have throughout the term of the Agreement, the requisite personnel, competence, skill and physical resources to perform the Work, and that it has, and shall maintain, the capability, experience, registrations, and permits required to perform the Work.
- C. **Remedies.** Supplier shall cure any breach of the foregoing warranties at no cost to Purchaser and shall reimburse Purchaser for any damages that may be incurred by Purchaser as a result of reliance by Purchaser, its employees, agents, other suppliers or subcontractors on such Work or anticipated performance by Supplier. The costs of transporting, repairing, replacing, removing or installing material to make the Work comply with the above performance standards, warranties and requirements shall be borne by Supplier. If Supplier should fail to cure such breach or if Purchaser determines that Supplier will be unable to cure such breach before the scheduled time of completion, Purchaser may correct such breach itself or through a third party and charge Supplier for the costs incurred therefor.

#### **ARTICLE 7 - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

- A. **Ownership.** All items Supplier is to deliver to Purchaser associated with the Work (including drawings and Specifications, Data, calculations, manuals, reports, documentation, designs, programs, software, and training materials), whether or not patentable, registrable as a copyrightable work, or registrable as a trademark or service mark, shall become the property of Purchaser and Purchaser shall own all intellectual property rights therein (including the rights to any patent, trademark or service mark, trade secret, and copyright). Any works of authorship conceived or recorded by Supplier during the term of the Agreement pertaining in any material respect to the Work shall be done as "work made for hire" as defined and used in the Copyright Act of 1976, 17 USC §1 et seq. Purchaser, as the entity for which the work of authorship is prepared, shall own all right, title and interest in and to such materials, including the entire copyright therein. To the extent that any such material is not deemed to be a "work made for hire", Supplier hereby assigns to Purchaser ownership of all right, title, and interest in and to such materials, including copyright. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall be deemed to convey or grant any ownership of intellectual property rights: (1) owned by Supplier prior to the effective date of this Agreement; or (2) developed by Supplier outside of the scope of work for the Work; provided that Purchaser shall receive with respect to any such rights a nonexclusive, irrevocable, fully paid-up and royalty-free, transferable, sub-licensable license to use, copy, communicate, and prepare modifications to such rights for the purpose of completing, operating, maintaining, repairing, modifying, adding to, improving, and demolishing the Work and related systems and any replacement thereof.
- B. **Infringement.** Supplier warrants that the Work and every part thereof: (1) is and will be original; (2) does not and will not infringe upon or misappropriate any patent, copyright, trademark, or other intellectual property rights of any third party; and (3) has not previously been transferred to a third party or is otherwise encumbered. If the Work or any portion thereof is held to constitute an infringement or misappropriation of the intellectual property rights of a third party, then Article 8(B) shall apply.

- C. Data Furnished by Purchaser. All Data Purchaser furnishes in connection with the Work shall remain Purchaser's exclusive property. Supplier shall not use Purchaser-furnished Data for any purpose other than for the Work. Supplier shall, upon Purchaser's request: (1) sign and deliver a written itemized receipt for all Purchaser-furnished Data and shall be responsible for its safekeeping; and (2) return to Purchaser Purchaser-furnished Data and all copies thereof.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - INDEMNITY**

- A. Supplier's Indemnity. Supplier shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Purchaser, its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates, and each of their respective agents, officers, employees, successors, assigns, and indemnitees (the "**Indemnified Parties**"), from and against any and all losses, costs, damages, claims, liabilities, fines, penalties, and expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' and other professional fees and expenses, any mediation, arbitration, and court costs, incurred in connection with the investigation, defense, and settlement of any claim asserted against any Indemnified Party or the enforcement of Supplier's obligations under this Article (collectively, "**Losses**")) which any of the Indemnified Parties may suffer or incur, arising out of or related to the Work and/or the actions or omissions of Supplier and/or its subcontractors, including Losses relating to: (1) actual or alleged bodily or mental injury to or death of any person; or (2) damage to or loss of use of property of Purchaser, Supplier, or any third party; or (3) any contractual liability owed by Purchaser to a third party; or (4) any breach of or inaccuracy in the covenants, representations, and warranties made by Supplier under the Agreement; or (5) any violation by Supplier or any subcontractor of any ordinance, regulation, rule, or law of the United States or any political subdivision or duly constituted public authority; or (6) any lien or encumbrance arising out of or in connection with performance of Supplier's obligations under the Agreement; **provided, however**, that Supplier's indemnity obligations under this Article 8(A) shall not apply to any Losses to the extent such Losses are found to have been caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of any of the Indemnified Parties.
- B. Intellectual Property Indemnity. Supplier shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties from and against any and all Losses which any of the Indemnified Parties may suffer or incur arising out of or related to any claim, suit, or proceeding alleging that the Work, the intended use thereof, or any materials and information designed, specified, or used by Supplier or any subcontractor in performing the Work violates, infringes, or misappropriates any patent rights, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, or other intellectual property rights of any third party. If the use of any Work is enjoined or restrained and Supplier fails to remove such injunction or restraining order within a reasonable time, Supplier shall promptly and at Supplier's expense: (1) secure for Purchaser the right to use the Work or any portion thereof which is said to be infringing by procuring for Purchaser a royalty-free license or; (2) replace the Work or such portion thereof with non-infringing Work that meets the requirements of the Agreement; or (3) remove such infringing Work or such portion thereof, as Purchaser may elect, and refund the sums paid therefor by Purchaser, together with any out-of-pocket costs incurred by Purchaser in connection with its purchase and use of the infringing Work, all without damage or injury to Purchaser's other property.
- C. Waiver of Immunities. If an employee of Supplier or its subcontractor, or such employee's heirs, assigns, or anyone otherwise entitled to receive damages by reason of injury or death to such employee, brings an action at law against any Indemnified Party, then Supplier, for itself, its successors, assigns, and subcontractors hereby expressly waives any provision of any workers' compensation act or other similar law whereby Supplier could preclude its joinder by such Indemnified Party as an additional defendant in such actions, or avoid liability for damages, contribution, defense, or indemnity in any such action at law, or otherwise. Supplier's obligation to Purchaser under this Article 8 shall not be limited by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, benefits or compensation payable by or for Supplier under any worker's compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts on account of claims against Purchaser by an employee of Supplier or anyone employed directly or indirectly by Supplier or anyone for whose acts Supplier may be liable.

#### **ARTICLE 9 - INSURANCE**

- A. Supplier's Insurance. Supplier shall secure and maintain in force minimum policies of insurance of the types listed below and shall furnish to Purchaser, prior to providing any portion of the Work and throughout the duration of the Supplier's performance of the Work, certificates of insurance evidencing current coverage listed below (collectively, the "**Policies**").
1. Commercial General Liability (CGL) insurance including products-completed operations, independent contractors, and contractual liability coverages with minimum limits of \$2,000,000 per occurrence, combined single limit for bodily injury (including disease or death), personal injury, and property damage (including loss of use) liability.
  2. Automobile Liability insurance, including non-ownership and hired car endorsement, with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, combined single limit.
  3. Worker's Compensation coverage in the statutory amounts under the worker's compensation act(s) of the location(s) in which the Work is to be performed, for the current period.
  4. Employer's Liability with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 for each accident or illness.
  5. Professional or Errors and Omissions insurance with minimum limits of \$2,000,000 per occurrence.
  6. If the Supplier will have access to the Purchaser's Network/Systems or any of Purchaser's customer data, Supplier is required to provide Cyber Liability Insurance with limits of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence.
- Any of the above per-occurrence limits may be satisfied by a combination of primary and excess liability coverage.
- B. Additional Insured. FirstEnergy Corp. and its subsidiaries and affiliates shall be included by Supplier as an additional insured to the Policies for the portion of any losses resulting from, or related to, the Supplier's sole or concurrent negligence. The Policies shall provide primary and non-contributory coverage in relation to any insurance Purchaser carries for the same losses, and include a separation of insured's provisions. The limits of liability specified for the required insurance coverage herein are the minimum limits of liability that must be carried by Supplier. The limits of insurance required herein will in no way be deemed to limit any liabilities or obligations assumed by Supplier hereunder or under applicable law, except as provided by statute. A copy of the endorsement adding FirstEnergy Corp. and its subsidiaries and its affiliates as an additional insured (blanket endorsement is acceptable) shall be attached to the certificate of insurance providing general liability coverage.

- C. Lapse of Coverage. The Policies shall not be canceled or allowed to lapse, and no change shall be made altering, restricting, or reducing the insurance provided or changing the name of the insured without giving immediate notice in writing by email to insurance.certificates@firstenergycorp.com, with receipt of notice acknowledged. In the event of cancellation or lapse of or prohibited change in any Policy, Purchaser shall have the right to suspend provision of the Work by Supplier until the Policy and certificates in evidence thereof are reinstated or arrangements acceptable to Purchaser are made pending issuance of new Policies and certificates. If any Policy shall be about to lapse or be canceled, Supplier shall, obtain a new Policy with like coverage, and if Supplier fails to do so, Purchaser may terminate the Agreement.
- D. Waiver of Subrogation. Supplier hereby waives (and any of its subcontractors shall waive) any rights of subrogation they or any of their insurers may have against Purchaser, and each non-affiliated company disclosed in the Agreement, their respective agents or employees.

#### **ARTICLE 10 – ENCUMBRANCES**

Supplier shall neither file (nor cause or permit to be filed) any lien or encumbrance with respect to the Work and hereby waives any right to file (or cause to be filed) such lien or encumbrance. Supplier, in each of its subcontracts and agreements with suppliers related to the Work, shall require all subcontractors and suppliers to expressly waive their rights to file liens and shall provide Purchaser with copies of such waivers.

#### **ARTICLE 11 – TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION**

- A. Events of Default; Termination for Cause. If Supplier: (1) fails to comply with applicable laws and ordinances; or (2) assigns or subcontracts its obligations under the Agreement or any part hereof without Purchaser's prior written consent; or (3) otherwise fails or refuses to perform its obligations under the Agreement in any respect; or (4) fails to provide Purchaser, upon request with adequate assurance of future performance of the Agreement; or (5) becomes insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or admits in writing its inability to pay debts as they mature or if a trustee or receiver of Supplier or of any substantial part of Supplier's assets is appointed by any court or proceedings instituted under any provisions of the Federal Bankruptcy Code or any state insolvency law by or against Supplier are acquiesced in or are not dismissed within thirty (30) days or result in an adjudication in bankruptcy or insolvency; or (6) unnecessarily delays the Work or any part thereof; or (7) fails to perform the Work in accordance with the acceptable practices and customary diligence of the profession or industry of which Supplier is a member or in a timely way; or (8) engages in conduct that violates FirstEnergy's Supplier Code of Conduct (defined below), including but not limited to Supplier's obligation to promptly notify Purchaser of any potential compliance or ethics concerns; then Purchaser may terminate the Agreement immediately or cancel any remaining portion of the Work (and Purchaser's corresponding obligations) and/or pursue any further remedies available at law or in equity. Notice of termination shall be in writing and shall be effective upon receipt thereof. Upon a final determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that a termination pursuant to this Article 11(A) was improper, the termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience pursuant to Article 11(B).
- B. Termination or Suspension for Convenience. Purchaser may, at any time without cause and for its own convenience, terminate or suspend the Agreement, or from time to time, cancel any portion of the Work (and Purchaser's corresponding obligations) by giving Supplier written notice. Upon receiving a notice of termination, suspension or cancellation and (except as otherwise directed by Purchaser) Supplier shall: (1) stop all efforts under the Agreement related to the affected Work; and (2) place no further orders or subcontracts related to the affected Work; and (3) take all actions necessary (or as directed by Purchaser) to protect and preserve the Work; and (4) Supplier shall return all equipment, supplies, identification cards, etc. to Purchaser (collectively "**Cessation Actions**"). Purchaser shall pay Supplier its actual, necessary, reasonable, and verifiable expenses as a direct consequence of such termination, suspension, or cancellation. Supplier shall furnish all necessary documentation to substantiate such expenses to Purchaser's satisfaction. Purchaser shall be entitled to the Work for which Purchaser has paid or, at Purchaser's option, Supplier shall attempt to liquidate the same, and Purchaser shall be entitled to the benefits of any value received. Supplier shall make every reasonable effort to mitigate costs. Purchaser shall not be liable for lost profit, anticipated profit or unabsorbed indirect costs or overhead on the terminated or cancelled Work. Purchaser's liability for termination expenses shall not exceed, in any event, the unpaid balance of the contract price. The compensation described in this Article 11(B) shall be Supplier's sole and exclusive compensation and remedy if the Agreement is terminated, suspended or cancelled for convenience.
- C. Return of Pre-Paid Funds. Upon termination of the Agreement under this Article 11 for cause or convenience, Supplier shall return all pre-paid funds received from Purchaser to which Supplier is not entitled.

#### **ARTICLE 12– CHANGES TO SCOPE OF WORK**

Purchaser may at any time, by written notice, make changes altering, adding to, or reducing the scope of the Work, or changing the Statement of Work, Specifications, packing and shipping instructions, time and/or place of delivery, quantities, sequencing, or accelerating the Work under the Agreement ("Change Order"). Supplier's performance of additional Work as related to the changes shall in no way be a basis of claims involving loss of efficiency on any Work performed or to be performed under the Agreement. Performance of additional Work shall not be a basis for schedule extensions unless such extensions are agreed upon at the time of award of the additional Work. Such changes shall be initiated by written order of Purchaser and Supplier shall submit the proposed cost or credit to Purchaser for any changes in the Work within fifteen (15) business days after receipt of the written order for Purchaser's approval. No change to the cost or schedule of the Work shall be binding upon Purchaser without Purchaser's written approval. Supplier shall be paid for any additional Work by an amount to be determined, at Purchaser's option, by (a) unit prices, (b) lump sums, or (c) other methods of reimbursement, in each case as designated in the Agreement, or as subsequently agreed upon in writing.

#### **ARTICLE 13 – COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND PERMITS**

- A. During the performance of the Agreement, Supplier shall strictly comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules or regulations and executive orders applicable to the Work.
- B. Without limiting the foregoing, and unless exempted under the rules, regulations and relevant orders (41 CFR Chapter 60) of the U.S. Secretary of Labor, in connection with the Work, Supplier agrees as follows:

1. Supplier shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age or disability. Supplier shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age or disability. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Supplier shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the U.S. Department of Labor setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
2. Supplier shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on its behalf, that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age or disability.
3. Supplier shall send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, advising the labor union or workers' representative of Supplier's commitments under the following provisions, as amended from time to time:
  - a. Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 (Equal Opportunity);
  - b. Executive Order 11701 (Employment of Veterans);
  - c. Executive Order 11758 (Employment of the Handicapped);
  - d. Executive Order 11141 (Employment Discrimination Because of Age);
  - e. Executive Order 11625 and Public Law 95-507 (Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises); and
  - f. Executive Order 13496 (Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act) and shall post copies thereof in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
4. Supplier and its subcontractors shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-300.5(a), which prohibits discrimination against qualified protected veterans and requires affirmative action by covered prime contractors and subcontractors to employ and advance in employment qualified protected veterans.
5. Supplier and its subcontractors shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-741.5(a), which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals on the basis of disability and requires affirmative action by covered prime contractors and subcontractors to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.
- C. If this Agreement is a subcontract under a government contract or a federally-funded project, Supplier shall comply with subcontractor flow-down requirements under the Federal Acquisition Regulations (48 CFR Chapter 1), as amended from time to time, which are specified in supplemental terms to this Agreement.
- D. If applicable, Supplier shall comply with the Department of Commerce Export Administration Regulations ("EAR") in 15 CFR Chapter VII, subchapter C, including 15 CFR Section 734.2 which prohibits the export or release of controlled technology and/or software to foreign nationals within the United States who are not lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence. Supplier shall confirm that these regulations either do not apply to Supplier's activities under the terms of the Agreement or that Supplier has procedures to ensure compliance. If Supplier is directly or indirectly employing a foreign national not currently lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence to perform Work under the Agreement, Supplier warrants to Purchaser that such employment does not violate the foregoing regulations.
- E. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA"). The following provisions shall apply to Supplier (unless it is a foreign concern) if it performs or obtains any of the Work in a foreign country:
  1. All payments to Supplier shall be by check or bank transfer only. No payment shall be in cash or by bearer instrument and no payment shall be made to any corporation or person other than Supplier. All payments due hereunder shall be made to Supplier at its principal place of business in the United States, even if Supplier performs or obtains the Work in a foreign country.
  2. Supplier represents that it is familiar with the FCPA and its purposes; and that, in particular, it is familiar with the prohibition against paying or giving of anything of value, either directly or indirectly, by an American company to an official of a foreign government for the purpose of influencing an act or decision in his official capacity, or inducing him to use his influence with that government, to assist a company in obtaining or retaining business for or with, or directing business to, any person.
  3. Supplier represents that none of its partners, purchasers, principals, and staff members are officials, officers, or representatives of any government or political party or candidates for political office. Supplier shall not use any part of its compensation for any purpose and shall take no action that would constitute a violation of any law of the United States (including the FCPA) or of any jurisdiction where it performs services or manufactures or sells goods. Purchaser represents that it does not desire and will not knowingly request any Work by Supplier that would or might constitute any such violation.
  4. Purchaser may terminate the Agreement for default at any time, without any liability or obligation, if it believes, in good faith, that Supplier has violated this Article. Any action by Supplier which would or might constitute a violation of the FCPA, or a request for such action from Supplier's representative, shall result in immediate termination of the Agreement for default. Should Supplier ever receive, directly or indirectly, from any Purchaser representative a request that Supplier believes will or might violate the FCPA, Supplier shall immediately notify Purchaser's general counsel.
  5. Purchaser may disclose the existence and terms of the Agreement, including the compensation provisions, at any time, for any reason and to whomever Purchaser's general counsel determines has a legitimate need to know the same including, without limitation, the United States government, the government of any country where the Work is performed or obtained, and any regulatory agency with jurisdiction over Purchaser.
- F. Government Authorizations. Unless the Agreement otherwise provides, Supplier shall, at its own expense, obtain from appropriate governmental authorities all permits, inspections and licenses which are required for the Work and comply with all rules and regulations of insurance companies that have insured Supplier in any way related to the Work.
- G. Any costs, fines, penalties, awards, damages, or other liabilities associated with any violations of this Article shall be borne and paid by Supplier.

- H. **Information Assets Access.** If Supplier's employees are given access to Purchaser's information and control systems, Supplier and such employees shall agree to and comply with FirstEnergy's Information Assets Access Agreement (located at: <https://www.firstenergycorp.com/supplychain.html>) governing Supplier's and such employees' use of such systems.
- I. **Information Security.** If applicable to its performance of the Work, Supplier shall be subject to the following:
1. **Supplier Requirements:** Without limiting Supplier's confidentiality obligations under the Agreement, Supplier shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining an information security program (including any relevant subcontractors) that is designed to: (i) ensure the security and confidentiality of Purchaser's Data; and (ii) protect against any threats or hazards to the security or integrity of Purchaser's Data; and (iii) protect against unauthorized access to or use of Purchaser's Data; and (iv) ensure the proper deletion of Purchaser's Data; and (v) ensure that all Supplier's subcontractors, if any, comply with the foregoing. If Supplier's information security system is breached, Supplier must timely notify Purchaser of such breach via e-mail and phone call. The minimum information security requirements are incorporated into this Agreement as "FirstEnergy Security Requirements for External System & Service Providers" (located at: <https://www.firstenergycorp.com/supplychain.html>) and are a material obligation of Supplier in its performance of the Work.
  2. **Right to Audit.** Supplier's information security program will be subject to periodic review, as requested by Purchaser. Supplier shall notify Purchaser of any modification to the information security program (including modifications made by subcontractors) for Purchaser's review and implement any safeguards required by Purchaser.
  3. **Third-Party Audit.** No less than annually, Supplier shall conduct an independent third-party audit of its information security program and provide such audit results to Purchaser. Supplier shall implement any required safeguards as identified by such information security program audit.
- J. **Codes of Conduct.** Supplier shall comply with all requirements of **FirstEnergy's Supplier Code of Conduct: The Power of Collaboration** (located at: <https://www.firstenergycorp.com/supplychain.html>) which is incorporated herein by reference, and any governmental regulatory codes of conduct applicable to the Work.
- K. **NERC CIP Requirements.** The following obligations shall apply to each Supplier employee who is authorized as part of the Work to have either electronic or unescorted physical access to Bulk Electric Systems ("BES") Cyber Systems (which Purchaser shall from time to time identify for Supplier) ("**CIP Employee**"). Upon request from Purchaser, at any time prior to the start of or during the Work, Supplier shall:
- (a) provide direct evidence (i.e. the actual search criteria and results) verifying that no CIP Employee possesses a criminal conviction; and
  - (b) certify that each CIP Employee has completed the training necessary to achieve the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("**NERC**") Critical Infrastructure Protection ("**CIP**") certification. (If required, Purchaser shall provide and pay for the training to achieve NERC CIP certification).
- Pursuant to a NERC CIP compliant documented personnel risk assessment and training program, Supplier shall provide such evidence and certification confirming that each CIP Employee:
- (y) has either: (i) within the past seven (7) years, submitted to a background check consisting of at a minimum an identity verification (e.g. Security Number verification in the U.S.) and a seven (7) year criminal check that revealed no evidence of a criminal conviction; or (ii) has been subject to a similar seven-year cycle recheck; and
  - (z) has received the Purchaser-sponsored Security Awareness training or will receive such training prior to accessing BES Cyber Systems.
- Supplier shall inform Purchaser immediately, but no later than four (4) hours after actual knowledge, via email and phone call, if Supplier's employee having authorized electronic or authorized unescorted physical access to BES Cyber Systems is terminated or when the access rights of a Supplier's employee to BES Cyber Systems needs to be changed or revoked. Supplier agrees to adhere to current and future NERC CIP compliance regulations applicable to the Work and as required by Purchaser.
- L. **Gifts and Gratuities/Conflicts of Interest.** Purchaser's employees are subject to conflicts of interest and gifts and gratuities policies, which generally prohibit such employees and/or their family members from giving or receiving gifts, favors, services, or privileges (including travel and entertainment, and discounts that would not be available to the general public) from existing or potential customers, suppliers, or contractors that: (1) have more than a nominal value; or (2) exceed the level of standard business courtesies; or (3) the acceptance of cash, gift certificates, or loans in any amount. The conflicts of interest policy generally prohibits Purchaser's employees and/or their family members from serving as an officer, director, employee, supplier, agent of, or owning any beneficial interest in, an organization having a business relationship with Purchaser as a supplier or contractor, if the employee is in a position to influence decisions concerning the relationship. The entire text of these policies may be found within FirstEnergy's Supply Chain Section at <https://www.firstenergycorp.com/supplychain.html>. Supplier and prospective suppliers to Purchaser are expected to be aware of these policies in their dealings with Purchaser's employees and their family members. *Any suspected or actual violations of these policies should be reported; and, may be reported anonymously and confidentially by a customer, supplier, contractor, or employee by calling FirstEnergy's Employee Concerns Line (1-800-683-3625), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*
- M. **Conflict Minerals.** For purposes of this Agreement, "**Conflict Minerals**" means any cassiterite, columbite-tantalite, gold, wolframite, or the derivatives tantalum, tin, or tungsten and any other mineral or its derivatives determined by the U.S. Secretary of State pursuant to Section 13p of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to be financing conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo ("**DRC**") or any country that shares an internationally recognized border with the DRC (collectively, and together with the DRC, the "**Conflict Region**"). With respect to any deliverable Purchaser reasonably determines has been or will be "contracted to be manufactured" or incorporated into a product "manufactured" by Purchaser, in each case, as contemplated by Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "**Act**"), and could contain Conflict Minerals:
1. Supplier shall disclose to Purchaser, in writing, whether such Work does contain Conflict Minerals and, if so, the type(s) of Conflict Mineral(s) the Work contains;
  2. Supplier hereby represents to Purchaser that any such Conflict Minerals did not originate in the Conflict Region or, in the alternative, such Work is "DRC conflict free" as defined in the Act and the implementing regulations; and



3. Supplier shall comply with, and support Purchaser's efforts to comply with, the Act and its implementing regulations (including, without limitation, the Act's due diligence and reporting requirements), regardless of whether Supplier is a covered issuer under the Act, and comply with Purchaser's Conflict Minerals Policy.

Purchaser may terminate this Agreement for default at any time, without any liability or obligation, if it believes, in good faith, that Supplier has violated this Article 13(M).

- N. Identity Theft. Supplier agrees to perform all duties contemplated herein consistent with reasonable policies, procedures and related controls that are designed to detect, prevent and mitigate the risk of identity theft, and to take appropriate steps to prevent, or mitigate the same if any such events occur. The need for this contractual provision is based on the Identity Theft Red Flags Rule promulgated under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003, which provides in pertinent part at 16 CFR Part 681 Attachment A VI (C): A financial institution or creditor should take steps to ensure that the activity of the service provider is conducted in accordance with reasonable policies and procedures designed to detect, prevent and mitigate the risk of identity theft.
- O. Prevailing Wage. Supplier shall be responsible for determining whether any federal, state, county or municipal prevailing wage law applies to this Agreement, and if one does apply, then Supplier shall comply with the law, as amended, and shall be responsible for all computations related thereto. Further, Supplier will indemnify Purchaser for any claims arising from Supplier's failure to comply with this obligation.

#### **ARTICLE 14 – LIMITATION OF LIABILITY/DAMAGES**

Except as otherwise expressly provided under this Agreement, under no circumstances shall Purchaser, its parent, subsidiaries, and affiliates, be liable for any incidental, indirect, special, punitive or consequential damages (including anticipated profits or revenues).

#### **ARTICLE 15 – AUTHORITY OF AGENT**

- A. Authority of Agent. Agent is wholly authorized to perform any action, as agent and representative of Purchaser, included in, related to, or necessary to carry out the provisions of this Agreement, including any Purchase Order, Statement of Work, or Change Order issued hereunder.
- B. Liability of Agent. Notwithstanding the Agent's authority described herein, the Agent is not, nor shall it be construed to be, a party to the Agreement or to any Purchase Order, Statement of Work, or Change Order governed thereby. Under no circumstances shall Agent be liable for any obligations of Purchaser hereunder or for any incidental, indirect, special, punitive, or consequential damages (including anticipated profits or revenues) for any controversy or dispute arising out of, related to, or touching in any way this Agreement or any agreement related hereto.

#### **ARTICLE 16 - PROHIBITION OF PUBLICITY**

Supplier shall not refer to the Agreement or reference Purchaser, its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates, directly or indirectly, in its advertising or promotional materials, or in any form of so called "social media" without Purchaser's prior express written consent.

#### **ARTICLE 17 - CONFIDENTIALITY**

- A. Supplier acknowledges that in the course of performing under the Agreement it may have access to and/or be in possession of Purchaser's Confidential Information. "**Confidential Information**" shall include scientific and technical information, formulas, devices, concepts, inventions, designs, drawings, methods, techniques, computer software, screens, user interfaces, system designs and documentation, marketing and commercial strategies, information concerning Purchaser's or any of its affiliates' employees, customers, or suppliers, processes, data concepts, know-how, and unique combinations of separate items that individually may or may not be confidential, which information is not generally known to the public and either derives economic value (actual or potential) from not being generally known or has a character such that Purchaser or any of its affiliates has an interest in maintaining its secrecy. Supplier shall hold in confidence, in the same manner as it holds its own Confidential Information, all Purchaser's Confidential Information to which it may have access pursuant to the Agreement. Supplier shall not use Purchaser's Confidential Information for any purpose other than performance of the Work. Access to Purchaser's Confidential Information shall be restricted to Supplier's employees with a need to know such information in connection with the Work and as set forth in the Information Assets Access Agreement. Supplier shall return Data and Confidential Information to Purchaser upon completion of performance of the Agreement.
- B. Supplier shall not use or disclose Confidential Information for any reason or purpose without the prior written consent of the Purchaser. Supplier may use Confidential Information for the sole purpose of the performance of the Agreement for the benefit of the Purchaser. Supplier will take all precautions and actions to prevent sale, transfer, sublicense, use or disclosure of Confidential Information to any third party.
- C. The restrictions set forth in this Article shall not apply to information that: (1) is or has become generally known to, or readily ascertainable by, the public without fault or omission of the Supplier or its employees, subcontractors, or agents; or (2) was already known to Supplier prior to the first disclosure of such information to Supplier by Purchaser; or (3) was received by Supplier without restrictions as to its use from a third party who is lawfully in possession and not restricted as to the use thereof; or (4) is required to be disclosed by law or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction; or (5) was independently developed by Supplier through persons who have not had, either directly or indirectly, access to or knowledge of similar information provided by Purchaser.
- D. If Supplier is requested or required (by interrogatories, governmental request for information, request for production of documents, subpoena, Civil Investigative Demand or similar process, or otherwise required by applicable law) to disclose any Confidential Information of Purchaser, Supplier shall provide Purchaser with prompt notice of such request(s) so Purchaser may seek an appropriate protective order and Supplier shall use appropriate efforts to limit the disclosure and maintain confidentiality to the maximum extent possible.
- E. If Supplier breaches or threatens to breach this Article, the parties acknowledge that there may exist no adequate remedy at law, and hereby agree that Purchaser shall have the right to seek temporary and permanent injunctive relief to restrain a violation of this Article, without the necessity of posting a bond. Purchaser's right to injunctive relief shall be cumulative and in addition to its right to seek and obtain other remedies, including monetary damages.

- F. Supplier shall incorporate the above provisions in all agreements with its subcontractors, agents, and assigns.

#### **ARTICLE 18 – PERSONAL INFORMATION (PI)**

- A. "Personal Information" (PI) means any information that identifies, relates to, describes, is reasonably capable of being associated with a particular individual or household, that is processed by Supplier pursuant to this Agreement, and that is deemed "personal data," "personal information," or the like under the Data Protection Laws.
- B. "Data Protection Laws" means all applicable international, federal, state, national, provincial, and local laws, rules, regulations, directives, requirements, codes and industry standards and guidelines, relating to the privacy, confidentiality, integrity, protection, or security of PI.
- C. "Process" (and its derivatives) means an operation or set of operations performed, whether by manually or automated means, on information, such as the collection, use, storage, disclosure, analysis, deletion, or modification of information.
- D. "Sub-Processor" means any entity engaged by or on behalf of Supplier to Process PI, including any Supplier affiliate or any subcontractor or other entity to whom Supplier or another Sub-Processor engages to provide a function, activity or service that may involve the Processing of PI.
- E. Any PI disclosed to Supplier or with which Supplier otherwise comes in contact while, as applicable, providing the Work will be deemed to be Confidential Information, regardless of whether it is labeled or designated as such. Supplier shall not: (i) use PI for any purpose other than as reasonably necessary to fulfill the terms of the Agreement; or (ii) make PI available to any employees, agents, subcontractors, or other party representatives except those with a need to know and that are subject to a duty of confidentiality with respect to the PI.
- F. Supplier shall establish, implement, and maintain appropriate administrative, technical, and physical data security measures to ensure the security and confidentiality of all PI in its and its subcontractors' possession, including protecting against any threats or hazards to the security or integrity of the PI that Supplier should reasonably be able to anticipate, and against unauthorized access to or use of the PI.
- G. When Supplier is acting solely as a Processor (as that term is defined by applicable Data Protection laws) with respect to PI, Supplier shall Process PI only on behalf of and in accordance with the instructions of Supplier and Annex 1 of this Agreement, and only as necessary to perform the Work as specified in Annex 1 of this Agreement; unless Supplier is otherwise prohibited by applicable law, in which case Supplier shall inform Purchaser of such legal prohibition before Processing the PI (unless informing Purchaser is prohibited by law on important grounds of public interest).
- H. Supplier shall immediately inform Purchaser in writing of any requests from individuals with respect to PI, including without limitation, any request to exercise rights under Data Protection Laws. ("Requests"). Supplier shall direct the requesting individual to submit the request directly to Purchaser by contacting Purchaser as described in Purchaser's then-current privacy notice (<https://www.firstenergycorp.com/corporate/privacy-notice.html>). Supplier shall cooperate with and provide assistance to Purchaser, at no cost, in a manner that allows Purchaser to timely comply with its obligation to respond to Requests. Supplier shall assist Purchaser in fulfilling Purchaser's obligation to respond to Requests, including, where applicable, by: (i) ceasing to Process an individual's PI at the request of Purchaser; (ii) updating an individual's PI at the request of Purchaser; and (iii) providing responses to the Requests in a portable and, to the extent technically feasible, readily useable format that allows the individual to transmit the information to another entity without hindrance. Supplier shall respond to such Requests only as specifically directed by Purchaser and in accordance with Purchaser's written instructions and this Agreement.
- I. Promptly upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement, or such earlier time as Purchaser requests, unless prohibited by applicable law, Supplier shall securely delete, destroy or otherwise render permanently unreadable or undecipherable all PI in Supplier's and its subcontractor's possession, custody or control. Upon Purchaser's request, Supplier shall securely provide Purchaser or its designee a copy of all PI prior to deletion or destruction of the PI. Promptly following any deletion or destruction taken to comply with this provision, Supplier shall provide to Purchaser a written confirmation that such action occurred in accordance with this provision and in a manner consistent with industry best practices.
- J. FirstEnergy gives a general authorization to Supplier to use the Sub-Processors listed in Annex 1 to Process PI on Purchaser's behalf, provided that Supplier shall: (i) enter into a written agreement with each Sub-Processor that imposes obligations on the Sub-Processor that are similar in all material respects to those imposed on Supplier under this Article 18 and requires the Sub-Processor to provide at least the same level of protection as is required by this Article 18; (ii) only retain Sub-Processors that are capable of appropriately protecting the privacy, confidentiality, and security of the PI; (iii) exercise the necessary and appropriate supervision over Sub-Processors to maintain appropriate privacy, confidentiality, and security of PI; (iv) remain liable to Purchaser for the performance of its Sub-Processors obligations, and any of its Sub-Processors' acts or omissions; and (v) inform Purchaser without undue delay, but in any event at least fifteen (15) business days prior to the addition or replacement of a Sub-Processor so as to give Purchaser a reasonable opportunity to object to the change before PI is accessed by the new Sub-Processor. In the event that the parties cannot reach a mutually acceptable solution, Supplier shall, at its option, (x) refrain from allowing the Sub-Processor to Process PI, or (y) allow Purchaser to terminate, without fault or penalty, this Agreement.
- K. Notwithstanding any other provisions hereof, Supplier shall notify Purchaser within one (1) business day of becoming aware of any Breach of Security. "Breach of Security" shall mean unauthorized access to, acquisition of, or disclosure of, PI or any individual's information which was held in the custody or control of Supplier or its subcontractors of any tier, agents or other representatives, or a reasonable belief by either party or its subcontractor of any tier, agent or representative that such unauthorized access, acquisition or disclosure has occurred. Supplier's notice shall include the following: (i) date and time that Supplier discovered the Breach of Security and the date and time when the breach actually occurred, if discoverable; (ii) a detailed description of the Breach of Security; (iii) a list of the systems and data at risk, including a list of affected individuals; and (iv) a description of actions taken after the Breach of Security was discovered. Thereafter, Supplier shall provide Purchaser with periodic updates describing the investigation into the Breach of Security and all corrective or remedial actions taken or to be taken by Supplier (or any applicable subcontractor).
- L. To the extent that Supplier has PI in their possession, Supplier shall implement a comprehensive written information security program containing organizational, administrative, physical, and technical security measures that satisfies all relevant state and federal laws and regulations. Supplier shall allow Purchaser to review Supplier's comprehensive written information security program as well as any audit reports, summaries of test results, or other documents related to security measures taken by Supplier, and, as deemed necessary by Purchaser, inspect the implementation of associated administrative, physical and technical security measures, as the case may be, to assess whether Supplier's written information security program complies with information security requirements set forth by regulations. Such inspections will not include: (i) access by Purchaser to Confidential Information of Supplier's other customers; or (ii) direct access to any Supplier systems.
- M. Purchaser may, in its sole discretion, take any and all actions necessary or reasonable to respond to a Breach of Security involving PI, including but not limited to conducting an investigation into the cause of the Breach of Security involving PI and notifying affected persons

or government agencies accordingly. Supplier shall provide the Purchaser with all information reasonably necessary to: (i) aid Purchaser's compliance with all federal and state data breach notification laws and any other laws or regulations that may be applicable to a Breach of Security involving PI; and (ii) facilitate Purchaser's determination of whether the breach was effectively mitigated. Supplier shall bear all costs and expenses incurred by Purchaser related to the Breach of Security of PI and compliance with law. Alternatively, Supplier may take action to remedy the Breach of Security involving PI at Supplier's sole expense. This may include, for example, sending notice to all individuals affected by the Breach of Security of PI. For the sake of clarity, Purchaser shall make the final decision how and whether to notify third parties of any such Breach of Security, including individuals, law enforcement or governmental authorities, and/or the general public of such Breach of Security. Unless required to do so by applicable law, Supplier agrees that it will not inform any third party of any Breach of Security incident to the extent that it may be associated with or linked to Purchaser without first obtaining Purchaser's prior written consent, other than to inform a complainant that the matter has been forwarded to Purchaser's legal counsel.

- N. Supplier agrees to defend, indemnify and save the Indemnified Parties harmless from and against any and all Losses incurred as a result of any claim or action brought by any third party related to a Breach of Security to the extent directly and proximately caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of Supplier while engaged in the performance of Work under this Agreement; provided, however, that if there also is fault on the part of an Indemnified Party hereunder or any entity or individual acting on an Indemnified Party's behalf, the foregoing indemnification shall be on a comparative fault basis.
- O. Upon Purchaser's request, Supplier shall, at Supplier's expense: (i) make available to Purchaser all information necessary to demonstrate compliance with the obligations set forth in this Agreement; and (ii) allow for and contribute to audits, including inspections, conducted by Purchaser or another auditor designated by Purchaser. As an alternative to (ii), Supplier may, with Purchaser's prior written consent, arrange for a qualified and independent auditor to conduct, at least once every twelve (12) months and at Supplier's expense, an audit of Supplier's policies, and technical and organizational measures in support of Supplier's obligations under this Agreement using an appropriate and accepted control standard or framework, and audit procedure for the audits as applicable. Supplier shall provide a report of the audit to Purchaser upon request.

#### **ARTICLE 19 - FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither party shall be liable to the other for failure to perform or for delay in performance due to unforeseen causes beyond its reasonable control, and such causes are without the failure or negligence of the affected party. Such unforeseen causes include, but are not limited to, acts of God, fire, flood, epidemic, pandemic, strike, work stoppage or other labor difficulty, acts of governmental authority, federal, state, or local laws, orders or regulations, embargo, war, terrorist act, riot, civil commotion and/or insurrection, or by any other event or circumstance of whatsoever kind or nature not within the control of the affected party which, by exercise of reasonable diligence such party is unable to prevent, whether or not similar or dissimilar to any of the foregoing class of events or circumstances ("**Force Majeure Event**"). For the avoidance of doubt, economic hardship of an affected party shall not be considered a Force Majeure Event.

In the event of a Force Majeure Event, the time for performance by the affected party shall be extended by a period of time equal to the time lost by reason thereof. The affected party will: (a) promptly notify the non-affected party in writing of any causes or circumstances claimed to constitute a Force Majeure Event, the obligations which will be affected by such Force Majeure Event, the measures taken or to be taken to minimize the impact thereof, the schedule upon which such measures will be implemented, the anticipated duration of the failure to perform or delay, and documented evidence supporting the claim; and (b) use reasonable commercial efforts to mitigate the effect of such failure to perform or delay and to remedy the impact on the Work. The non-affected party will review the claim and advise the affected party in writing of the decision regarding the claim for extension of time for performance of the Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 20 – MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **A. Assignment and Subcontractors.**

- 1. Supplier may not assign any rights or claims, or delegate any duties under the Agreement, in whole or in part, without Purchaser's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. In the event of any assignment, subcontracting or delegation permitted hereunder, Supplier shall continue to be liable for the performance of its obligations hereunder.
- 2. If Supplier proposes to subcontract any portion of the Work, it shall submit to Purchaser the name of each proposed subcontractor(s) prior to engaging such subcontractor(s), with the proposed portion of the Work and such information about the subcontractor(s) as Purchaser may request. Purchaser may reject any and all subcontractors at its absolute discretion. Supplier shall not be relieved of any responsibility or obligations under the Agreement by subcontracting any portion of the Work, whether or not such proposed subcontract is approved by Purchaser.
- 3. This Agreement is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties and their permitted successors and assigns.

##### **B. Non-Waiver.** The delay or failure of either party to assert or enforce the strict performance of any of the terms of the Agreement or to exercise any rights hereunder, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment to any extent of its rights to assert or rely upon such terms or rights at any later time or on any future occasion.

##### **C. Severability.** If any portion of the Agreement is held invalid, the parties agree that such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Agreement, and the parties further agree to substitute for the invalid provision, a valid provision that most closely approximates the economic effect and intent of the invalid provision.

##### **D. Cumulative Rights.** Purchaser's rights and remedies set forth in the Agreement are cumulative and not exclusive, are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided at law, in equity, or under the Agreement, and may be pursued separately or concurrently as Purchaser determines.

##### **E. Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue.** All matters of dispute between the parties, whether regarding, arising from or relating to the Agreement, or arising from alleged extra-contractual facts prior to, during, or subsequent to, formation of the Agreement including, without limitation, fraud, misrepresentation, negligence or any other alleged tort or violation of contract shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio for both substantive and procedural matters (without giving effect to conflict of laws principles) regardless of the theory upon which such matter is asserted. The parties expressly exclude the applicability of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. Any legal suit, action, or proceeding regarding, arising from or relating to the Agreement,

may be (and, if against Purchaser, must exclusively be) instituted in a state or federal court in Summit County, Ohio. Supplier waives any objection it may have now or hereafter regarding the jurisdiction or venue of any such suit, action or proceeding and hereby irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of any such court in any such suit, action or proceeding.

- F. Interpretation. The following principles of interpretation shall apply to the Agreement: (1) paragraph headings and captions are inserted for convenience only and shall not constitute a part of the Agreement and shall not be considered in construing intent, meaning, content or construction; (2) neither Purchaser nor Supplier shall be considered to be the party responsible for drafting any particular provision of the Agreement; (3) the words "hereof," "herein," "hereunder," and words of similar import shall refer to the Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision hereof; (4) the word "including" means "including, but not limited to" and shall be interpreted as broadly as possible; (5) words in the singular include the plural and vice versa; (6) all references to "days" shall be calendar days (and not merely business days, unless the Agreement so states); (7) any provision hereof that is prohibited or unenforceable shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction and the prohibited or unenforceable provision shall be reformed or modified to reflect the parties' intent to the maximum extent permitted by applicable legal requirements; and (8) if any conflict arises between a term defined in this document and a term (defined or otherwise) contained in another document comprising a part of the Agreement, the conflict shall be resolved in favor of the more specific defined term unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
- G. Execution and Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement. Delivery of a copy of this Agreement by facsimile transmission, by electronic mail in "portable document format" ("pdf") form, or by any other electronic means intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, shall have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing the original signature.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Purchaser and Supplier hereto have executed this Agreement, by their duly authorized agents.

AGENT FOR PURCHASER  
FirstEnergy Service Company

SUPPLIER  
Supplier Display Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNEX 1: SCOPE OF THE DATA PROCESSING**  
**[FOR EXAMPLE PURPOSES ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE COMPLETED BELOW]**

This Annex forms part of the Agreement between Purchaser and Supplier.

**Subject matter and duration of the Processing of PI**

Supplier Processes PI on behalf of Purchaser for the purpose of **[provide a short description of the Services provided by Supplier]** under the Agreement.

The duration of the Processing is equal to the duration of the Agreement, or until otherwise instructed by Purchaser.

**The categories of data subjects to whom the PI relates**

The Processing of PI concerns the following categories of individuals:

**[insert description (examples: utility customers, FE employees)]**

**The types of PI to be Processed**

The Processing concerns the following categories of PI:

**[insert description (examples: name, address, ssn, email)]**

**The nature and purpose of the processing of PI**

Supplier shall Process PI for the following purposes, in accordance with the Agreement:

**[insert description of processing purposes]**

The Processing concerns the following categories of data processing activities:

**[amend the following as appropriate:]** [Collection, recording, organization, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction.]

**Sub-Processors**

Supplier uses the following Sub-Processors:

**[insert entity name, location of Sub-Processor, description of the processing.]**