

# CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

## Aspire Program Application Support (Reference 2026-RFP-276)

AGREEMENT made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by and between the NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (the “Authority or NJEDA”), having its address at 36 West State Street, P.O. Box 990, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0990, and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Vendor”), having its address at \_\_\_\_\_.

The Authority and the Vendor agree as follows:

1. **The Work.** The Vendor shall perform or shall provide the services as specifically detailed in the Vendor’s Proposal, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 and the Authority’s Request for Proposal (“RFP”), dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, which are attached hereto and made a part of this Contract.

2. **Time.** The Vendor shall render the services described in the Vendor’s Proposal and RFP as required by the Authority and generally pursuant to the Fee Schedule included therein.

The initial term of this Contract is for two (2) years with a one-year (1) extension option, to be exercised at the sole discretion of the Authority, at the same prices, terms and conditions. Pricing shall remain firm throughout the term of the contract and any extensions thereto.

In the event that a new Contract has not been awarded prior to the Contract expiration date, the Authority reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to extend the Agreement on a month-to-month basis beyond the expiration, until a replacement Contract is awarded, but in no event beyond 365 days. It shall be incumbent upon the Contractor to continue the Contract under the same terms and conditions until a new Contract is fully executed.

Pricing will be consistent with the pricing from the RFP Fee Schedule of the executed Contract Agreement during any extension on a month-to-month basis, beyond expiration or termination.

**A. Contract Transition.** It shall be incumbent upon the Awarded Vendor to continue the Contract under the same terms and conditions until a new Contract can be completely operational. At no time shall this transition period extend more than 180 days beyond the expiration date of this Agreement.

3. **Contract Price.** The Authority shall pay the Vendor for the performance of the Work based on the Prices, as stated in the Fee Schedule set forth in the Vendor's Proposal. The Authority may require services in addition to those agreed to in the RFP and the Proposal. Compensation to the Vendor for additional services shall be in accordance with the Fee Schedule, as set forth in Vendor's Proposal; or if not specified in Vendor's Fee Schedule, then reasonable and customary amounts as negotiated by the Authority. Negotiated rates are only applicable for additional work (Section 5.14 of the RFP).

4. **Ownership and Use of Documents.** All data, technical information, materials gathered, originated, developed, prepared, used or obtained in the performance of the contract, including, but not limited to, all reports, surveys, plans, charts, literature, brochures, mailings, recordings (video and / or audio), pictures, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, software computer programs and accompanying documentation and print-outs, notes and memoranda, written procedures and documents, regardless of the state of completion, which are prepared for or are a result of the services required under this contract shall be and remain the property of the Authority and shall be delivered to the Authority upon thirty (30) days' notice by the Authority. Regarding software computer programs and / or source codes developed for the Authority, the work shall be considered "work for hire," that is, the Authority, not the Vendor or subcontractor, shall have full and complete ownership of all software computer programs and/ or source codes developed. To the extent that any of such materials may not, by operation of the law, be a work made for hire in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Vendor or subcontractor(s) hereby assigns to the Authority all right, title and interest in and to any such material, and the Authority shall have the right to obtain and hold in its own name and copyrights, registrations and any other proprietary rights that may be available.

In the event the Vendor's Proposal identifies bringing pre-existing intellectual property into a work-for-hire, the background intellectual property ("Background Intellectual Property") owned by the Vendor on the date of the contract, as well as any modifications or adaptations thereto, remain the property of the Vendor. This contract, grants to the Authority, a non-exclusive, perpetual royalty-free license to use any of the Vendor's Background IP delivered to the Authority for the purposes contemplated by the contract and any extensions thereto.

5. **Manner of Payment.** As specified in the RFP and the Fee Schedule, the Vendor shall submit to the Authority an original invoice and any other documentation, as may be required by the Authority to process payment. The Authority will make payment to the Vendor, following receipt

of and approval of the documentation as per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-19.1 et seq. No project multipliers shall be used in billings submitted under this Contract, as set forth in the Proposal. The Vendor must submit an electronic invoice to [apinvoices@njeda.gov](mailto:apinvoices@njeda.gov) at the Authority, as detailed as specified in Section 5.17 of the RFP.

6. **Indemnification.** The Vendor shall defend, indemnify, protect and hold harmless the State of New Jersey and the Authority, and its officers, agents, servants and employees from and against any and all suits, claims, demands, losses or damages of any kind arising out of or claimed to arise out of any act, error, or omission on the part of the Vendor, its officers, agents, servants, employees and subcontractors in the performance of services under this Contract. The Vendor shall, at its own expense, appear, defend and pay all charges for attorneys and all costs and other expenses arising from such suit or claim or incurred in connection therewith. If any judgment shall be rendered against the State of New Jersey and the Authority or its officers, agents, servants, and employees for which indemnification is provided under this Section 6, the Vendor shall, at its own expense, satisfy and discharge the same.

The Vendor shall be liable to the Authority for any reasonable costs incurred by the Authority to correct, modify, or redesign any technical information, reports, findings, analyses, surveys or drawings generated or produced by Vendor or any Work performed by the Vendor or its subcontractor(s) that is found to be defective or not in accordance with the provisions of the Contract as a result of any negligent act, error, or omission on the part of the Vendor, its officers, agents, servants, employees and subcontractors. The Vendor shall be given a reasonable opportunity to correct any deficiency.

The indemnification obligation set forth in Section 6 is not limited in any way by the insurance coverage required pursuant to Section 7 of this Contract and shall survive the terms of this contract.

**Insurance.** The Vendor shall secure and maintain in force for the term of the contract insurance as provided herein. All required insurance shall be provided by insurance companies with an A-VIII or better rating by A.M. Best & Company. All policies must be endorsed to provide 30 days' written notice of cancellation (10 days' notice for non-payment cancellation) or material change to the NJEDA at the address shown below. If the Vendor's insurer cannot provide 30 days written notice, then it will become the obligation of the Vendor to provide the same within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of notification from the insurance company. The Vendor shall provide the NJEDA with current certificates of insurance for all coverages and renewals thereof. Renewal certificates shall be

provided within 30 days of the expiration of the insurance. The Vendor shall not begin to provide services or goods to the NJEDA until evidence of the required insurance is provided. The certificates of insurance shall indicate the contract number or purchase order number and title of the contract in the Description of Operations box and shall list the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, P.O. Box 990, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 in the Certificate Holder box. The certificates and any notice of cancelation shall be emailed to the NJEDA at [EDAProcurementQA@njeda.gov](mailto:EDAProcurementQA@njeda.gov). The types and minimum amounts of insurance required are as follows:

**A. Commercial General Liability Insurance.**

Commercial General Liability Insurance or its equivalent: The minimum limit of liability shall be \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate including, at minimum, coverage for death, for bodily injury and property damage. The required Commercial General Liability Insurance policy or its equivalent shall include the NJEDA, its officers, and employees as “Additional Insureds” on a primary and non-contributory basis for both ongoing and completed operations as applicable to their operations. The coverage to be provided under these policies shall be at least as broad as that provided by the standard basic Commercial General Liability Insurance occurrence coverage forms or its equivalent currently in use in the State of New Jersey, which shall not be circumscribed by any endorsement limiting the breadth of coverage.

**Workers’ Compensation and Employers’ Liability.**

- A. Worker’s Compensation Insurance shall be provided applicable to the laws of the State of New Jersey and Employers Liability Insurance with limits not less than:
1. \$500,000 BODILY INJURY, EACH OCCURRENCE; and
  2. \$500,000 DISEASE EACH EMPLOYEE; and
  3. \$500,000 DISEASE AGGREGATE LIMIT; and
- The Policy shall include an endorsement to extend coverage to any State, which may be interpreted to have legal jurisdiction.

**B. Professional Liability Insurance.**

The Vendor shall carry Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions Insurance to protect the Vendor and the NJEDA from any liability arising out of professional obligations performed pursuant to this Contract. The insurance shall be in the amount of \$1,000,000 each claim.

Professional Liability Insurance shall include coverage for Contingent Bodily Injury and Property Damage.

**C. Network Security & Privacy/Cyber Liability Insurance.**

The Vendor shall carry Network Security & Privacy/Cyber Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 each claim which shall include, but not be limited to, coverage for breach of the Privacy Act or HIPAA regulations. This coverage may be either a part of or

separate from the Professional Liability Insurance in subsection B above.

The General Liability, Professional Liability and Network Security & Privacy/Cyber Liability Insurance policies are to be written on a claims-made or occurrence basis. If coverage is written on a claims-made basis, the Vendor shall maintain continuous claims-made coverage for the life of the contract and any extensions thereto and for a period of two (2) years beyond the expiration of the contract. If continuous claims-made coverage is not maintained, Tail Coverage shall be purchased to cover claims received up to two (2) years beyond the expiration of the contract.

Limits indicated above may be provided through a combination of underlying and excess policies as needed.

Contractor hereby waives all rights of subrogation against New Jersey Economic Development Authority for recovery of damages to the extent those damages are covered by any insurance policies the Contractor is required to maintain as set forth herein. Contractor agrees to obtain, at its own cost, any endorsement necessary to provide such a waiver under the applicable insurance coverage.

7. **Termination.** The Authority shall have the right without cause and in its complete discretion to terminate the Contract at any time upon seven (7) days' advance written notice to the Vendor. In such event, absent a default on the part of the Vendor, the Vendor shall be entitled to compensation for all services properly provided to the Authority pursuant to the Contract prior to such termination.

In addition to other remedies available under law to the non-defaulting party, this Contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice should the other party fail substantially to perform in accordance with its terms through no fault of the party initiating the termination.

8. **Confidential Information of the Authority.** In connection with performing the Work, the Vendor, its employees and subcontractors may receive, review and become aware of proprietary, personnel, commercial, and financial information of the Authority, its employees, members,

borrowers or business associates that is confidential and/or proprietary in nature (“Confidential Information”). The Vendor agrees that the use and handling of Confidential Information by the Vendor, its employees and subcontractors, shall be done in a responsible manner and solely for furtherance of the Work. Other than to its employees and subcontractors who have a need-to-know Confidential Information in connection with performance of the Work, the Vendor agrees not to disclose any Confidential Information, without the prior written consent of the Authority. The Vendor shall be responsible to assure that its employees and subcontractors do not disclose any Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the Authority. The Vendor shall inform each of its employees and subcontractors that receives any Confidential Information of the requirements of this Section 9 of the Contract and shall require each such employees and subcontractors to comply with such requirements.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term Confidential Information shall not include information which: (i) is already known to the Vendor, its employees and subcontractors from sources other than the Authority; (ii) is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by the vendor, its employees and subcontractors; or (iii) is required to be disclosed by law or by regulatory or judicial process. The Vendor, its employees and subcontractors may be required to execute a Non-Disclosure Confidentiality Agreement, as may be deemed appropriate by the Authority, in its sole discretion.

Pursuant to Section 6 Indemnification of the Contract, the Vendor shall indemnify and hold the State of New Jersey and the Authority, its employees and members harmless for any breach of Section 9 “Confidential Information of the Authority”, by the Vendor, its employees or subcontractors.

9. **Debarment Liability.** The Vendor acknowledges that it shall be rendered liable to debarment in the public interest, pursuant to procedures established by Executive Order No. 34 (1976), and update by Executive Order No. 189 (1988), and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:30-2 for violating any of the following provisions:

**A.** No Vendor shall pay, offer to pay, or agree to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity, or other thing of value of any kind to any Authority officer or employee or special Authority officer or employee, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13(b) and (e), with which such Vendor transacts or offers or proposes to transact business, or to any member of the immediate family, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13(i), of any such officer or employee, or any partnership, firm or corporation with which they

are employed or associated, or in which such officer or employee has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13(g).

**B.** The solicitation of any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity, or other thing of value by any Authority officer or employee or special Authority officer or employee from any Authority Vendor shall be reported in writing forthwith by the Vendor to the Attorney General of New Jersey and the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards.

**C.** No Vendor may, directly or indirectly, undertake any private business, commercial or entrepreneurial relationship with, whether or not pursuant to employment, contract or other agreement, express or implied, or sell any interest in such Vendor to, any Authority officer or employee or special Authority officer or employee having any duties or responsibilities in connection with the purchase, acquisition or sale of any property or services by or to the Authority, or with any person, firm or entity with which he or she is employed or associated or in which he or she has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13(g). Any relationships subject to this subsection shall be reported in writing forthwith to the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards, which may grant a waiver of this restriction upon application of the Authority officer or employee or special Authority officer or employee upon a finding that the present or proposed relationship does not present the potential, actuality or appearance of a conflict of interest.

**D.** No Vendor shall influence, or attempt to influence or cause to be influenced, any Authority officer or employee or special Authority officer or employee in his or her official capacity in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said officer or employee.

**E.** No Vendor shall cause or influence, or attempt to cause or influence, any Authority officer or employee or special Authority officer or employee to use, or attempt to use, his or her official position to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for the Vendor or any other person.

10. **Time for Completion and Damages.** The time for beginning and the time for completion of the Work are essential conditions of the Contract, and the Work embraced shall be commenced on the date of the "Notice to Proceed" or other such notice from the Authority's representative.

The Vendor shall proceed with the Work at such rate of progress to ensure full completion as set forth in the RFP and the Vendor's Proposal.

For reasons within the Vendor's control, if the Vendor shall fail to complete the Work, or shall be responsible for a delay which results in the failure to complete the Work within the time

specified, or extension of time granted by the Authority, then the Vendor will pay the Authority an amount sufficient to compensate the Authority for its damages incurred as a result of such failure to complete.

11. **Contractual Liability Act.** Notwithstanding any provision in this Contract or in the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.A. 59:13-1 et seq., to the contrary, the parties hereto agree that any and all claims made by the Vendor against the State of New Jersey and / or the Authority for damages, including, but not limited to costs and expenses, shall be governed by and subject to the provisions of the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act.

## 12. **Political Campaign Contributions.**

13.1 For the purpose of this Section 13, the following shall be defined as follows:

a) **“Contribution”** – means a contribution reportable by a recipient under “The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act” P.L. 1973, c. 83 (C.10:44A-1 et seq.), and implementing regulations set forth at N.J.A.C. 19:25-7 and N.J.A.C. 19:25-10.1 et seq. Currently, contributions in excess of \$300 during a reporting period are deemed “reportable” under these laws.

b) **“Business Entity”** – means any natural or legal person, business corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of New Jersey or any other state or foreign jurisdiction. It also includes (i) all principals who own or control more than 10 percent of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10 percent of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit, as appropriate; (ii) any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity; (iii) any political organization organized under 26 U.S.C.A. 527 that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee; and (iv) if a business entity is a natural person, that person’s spouse or child, residing in the same household.

c) **P.L. 2005, c. 51** – means Public Law 2005, chapter 51 (C. 19:44A-20.13 through C. 19:44A-20.25, inclusive).

13.2 The terms, restrictions, requirements and prohibitions set forth in P.L. 2005, c. 51 are incorporated into this Agreement by reference as material terms of this Agreement with the same force and effect as if P.L. 2005, c. 51 were stated herein in its entirety. Compliance with P.L. 2005, c. 51 by Vendor shall be a material term of this Agreement.

**13.3** Vendor hereby certifies to the Authority that commencing on and after October 15, 2004, Vendor (and each of its principals, subsidiaries and political organizations included within the definition of Business Entity) has not solicited or made any Contribution of money, pledge of Contribution, including in kind Contributions, that would bar a contract agreement between Vendor and the Authority pursuant to P.L. 2005, c. 51. Vendor hereby further certifies to the Authority that any and all certifications and disclosures delivered to the Authority by Vendor (and each of its principals, subsidiaries and political organizations included within the definition of Business Entity) are accurate, complete and reliable. The certifications made herein are intended to and shall be a material term of this Agreement and if the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey determines that any contribution has been made in violation of P.L. 2005, c. 51, the Authority shall have the right to declare this Agreement to be in default.

**13.4** Vendor hereby covenants that Vendor (and each of its principals, subsidiaries and political organizations included within the definition of Business Entity) shall not knowingly solicit or make any contributions of money, or pledge of a contribution, including in-kind contributions, to a candidate committee or election fund of any candidate or holder of the public office of Governor of New Jersey or to any New Jersey state or county political party committee prior to the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement. The provisions of this Paragraph 13.4 are intended to and shall be a material term of this Agreement and if the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey determines that any Contribution has been made by Vendor (and each of its principals, subsidiaries and political organizations included within the definition of Business Entity) in violation of P.L. 2005, c 51, the Authority shall have the right to declare this Agreement to be in default.

**13.5** In addition to any other Event of Default specified in the Contract Documents, the Authority shall have the right to declare an event of default under this Agreement if: (i) Vendor (or any of its principals, subsidiaries and political organizations included within the definition of Business Entity) makes or solicits a Contribution in violation of P.L. 2005, c. 51, (ii) Vendor (or any of its principals, subsidiaries and political organizations included within the definition of Business Entity) knowingly conceals or misrepresents a Contribution given or received, (iii) Vendor (or any of its principals, subsidiaries and political organizations included within the definition of Business Entity) makes or solicits Contributions through intermediaries for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the source of the Contribution, (iv) Vendor (or any of its principals, subsidiaries and political organizations included within the definition of Business Entity) makes or solicits any Contribution on the condition or with the agreement that it will be contributed to a campaign committee or any candidate or holder of the public office of Governor, or to any State or county

party committee, (v) Vendor (or any of its principals, subsidiaries and political organizations included within the definition of Business Entity) engages or employs a lobbyist or consultant with the intent or understanding that such lobbyist or consultant would make or solicit any Contribution, which if made or solicited by Vendor (of any of its principals, subsidiaries and political organizations included within the definition of Business Entity) directly would violate the restrictions of P.L. 2005, c. 51, (vi) Vendor (or any of its principals, subsidiaries and political organizations included within the definition of Business Entity) funds Contributions made by third parties, including consultants, attorneys, family members, and employees, (vii) Vendor (or any of its principals, subsidiaries and political organizations included within the definition of Business Entity) engages in any exchange of Contributions to circumvent the intent of P.L. 2005, c. 51, (viii) Vendor (or any of its principals, subsidiaries and political organizations included within the definition of Business entity) directly or indirectly through or by any other person or means, does any act which would violate the restrictions of P.L. 2005, c. 51, or (ix) any material misrepresentation exists in any Political Campaign Contribution Certification and Disclosure which was delivered by Vendor to the Authority in connection with this Agreement.

**13.6** Vendor hereby acknowledges and agrees that pursuant to P.L. 2005, c. 51, Vendor shall have a continuing obligation to report to the Office of the State Treasurer, Political Campaign Contribution Review Unit of any Contributions it makes during the term of this Agreement. If after the effective date of this Agreement and before the entire Contract Price is paid by the Authority, any Contribution is made by Vendor and the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey determines such Contribution to be a conflict of interest in violation of P.L. 2005, c. 51, the Authority shall have the right to declare this Agreement to be in default.

### **13. General Conditions.**

**A.** The Work shall be performed in a professional manner, in accordance with the standards generally expected or required within the profession and the Work shall also be performed in accordance with all applicable state, federal and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances.

**B.** The Vendor shall provide such reports, certificates, and documents as the Authority may reasonably require.

**C.** The Vendor shall provide to the Authority, at Vendor's expense, copies of all drawings, plans, cost estimates, design analyses, reports, schedules, charts, graphs and / or other documents required for the Project.

**D.** If the Authority or Vendor observes or otherwise becomes aware of any fault or defect in the Project or nonconformance with any of the Contract Documents, prompt written notice thereof shall be given by the party discovering the defect to the other.

**E.** The Authority shall furnish all information available to the Authority, and reasonably required for the performance of the Work and shall render approvals and decisions as expeditiously as possible for the orderly progress of the Vendor's services and of the Work.

**F.** The Contractor shall comply with the affirmative action requirements set forth in the Law Against Discrimination, N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., and the American Disabilities Act 42 USC 12101, and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the State Department of Treasury.

**G.** The Vendor is required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq., which are expressly included within the terms of this Contract, refer to "Exhibit A" annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

**The Vendor agrees that:**

**a)** In the hiring of persons for the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, or for the procurement, manufacture, assembling or furnishing of any such materials, equipment, supplies or services to be acquired under this contract, no contractor, nor any person acting on behalf of such contractor or subcontractor, shall, by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identify or expression, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, discriminate against any person who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates;

**b)** No contractor, subcontractor, nor any person on his behalf shall, in any manner discriminate against or intimidate any employee engaged in the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, or engaged in the procurement, manufacture, assembling or furnishing of any such materials, equipment, supplies or services to be acquired under such contract, on account of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation or sex;

**c)** There may be deducted from the amount payable to the contractor by the contracting public agency, under this contract, a penalty of \$50.00 for each person for each calendar day during which such person is discriminated against or intimidated in violation of the provisions of the contract; and

**d)** This contract may be cancelled or terminated by the contracting public agency, and all money due or to become due hereunder may be forfeited, for any violation

of this section of the contract occurring after notice to the contractor from the contracting public agency of any prior violation of this section of the contract.

**H.** In accordance with Public Law 2004, Chapter 57, a subcontractor shall provide a copy of its business registration to any Vendor who shall forward it to the Authority. No contract with a subconsultant shall be entered into by any Vendor unless the subconsultant first provides proof of valid business registrations. The Vendor shall provide written notice to all subconsultants that they are required to submit a copy of their business registration to the Vendor. The Vendor shall maintain a list of the names of any subconsultants and their current addresses, updated as necessary during the course of the contract performance. The Vendor shall submit to the Authority a copy of the list of subconsultants, updated as necessary during the course of performance of the contract. The Vendor shall submit a complete and accurate list of the subconsultants to the Authority before a request for final payment is made to the Authority. The Vendor and any subconsultant providing goods or performing services under this contract, and each of their affiliates, shall, during the term of the contract, collect and remit to the director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury the use tax due pursuant to the "Sales and Use Tax Act", P.L. 1966 c. 30 (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et seq.) on all their sales of tangible personal property delivered into the State.

**I.** In accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 52:32-17 et seq. N.J.A.C. 17:13-1.2 et seq., and N.J.A.C. 17:14-1.2 et seq., as amended, the Authority is required to develop a set-aside plan for Small Businesses. The Vendor agrees that, if awarded a contract based on this plan, it shall comply with all requirements of these provisions. If the Vendor fails to comply with the requirements of these provisions, the Authority may declare this Contract void.

**J.** Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-13.2, all Work and all subcontractor services performed in connection with or as part of the Work shall be performed within the United States.

**K.** Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:15C-14(d), relevant records of private vendors or other persons entering into contracts with the Authority are subject to audit or review by the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller. Therefore, the Vendor shall maintain all documentation related to products, transactions or services under this contract for a period of five years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller upon request.

The Vendor shall not disclose to any third party the contents of the information, reports, findings, analysis, surveys, drawings and creative elements generated or produced in

performance of this Contract, or provide copies of same, without the prior written consent of the Authority, except where such information, reports, etc. are legally required by order of court or administrative agency, state or federal.

**L.** The Authority and the Vendor, respectively, bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party of this Contract and to the partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives of such other party with respect to all covenants of this Contract. Neither the Authority nor the Vendor shall assign, sublet, or transfer any interest in this Contract without the prior written consent of the other party.

**M. Notices.** Any notices required to be given under this Contract shall be mailed to:

New Jersey Economic Development Authority  
PO Box 990  
36 West State Street  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0990  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_ - Title

AND

VENDOR NAME  
Vendor Street Address  
Vendor City, State, Zip Code  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_ - Title

**N.** To the extent that there is any conflict between the terms and conditions of the Vendor's Proposal and the terms and conditions of the Contract and the Authority's RFP, the Contract and RFP shall control.

**O.** This Contract shall be construed under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

**P.** The headings of the various paragraphs of this Contract are inserted for the convenience of reference only, and in no way define, describe or limit the scope or intent of this Contract or any of the provisions hereof, and shall not affect the interpretation of this Contract or any of the provisions hereof.

**Q.** This Contract shall be construed without any presumptions against the drafter and shall be considered as though it were drafted cooperatively by both parties.

**R.** In the event that any portion of this Contract is found to be contrary to law and unenforceable; the validity of remaining covenants, agreements, terms and provisions contained in this Contract, shall be in no way affected, prejudiced or disturbed thereby.

**S.** This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. Any changes or amendments to the Contract must be in writing and signed by the Vendor and an authorized representative of the Authority.

**T.** The parties hereto represent that they have the proper authority to sign on behalf of the entities entering this Contract and they fully intend for the Authority and Vendor to be legally bound. Electronic signature of this Agreement shall be deemed to be valid execution of delivery as though an original ink. The parties explicitly consent to the electronic delivery of the terms of the transaction evidenced by this Agreement and affirm that their electronic signatures indicate a present intent to be bound by the electronic signatures and the terms of the Agreement. The electronic signature can be done either by ADOBE Acrobat or any other similar signature software that can be used for electronic signatures or by printing, manually signing, and scanning.

**U.** Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:49-19, and notwithstanding the provision of another law to the contrary, whenever any taxpayer, partnership or S corporation under contract to provide goods or services or construction projects to the State of New Jersey or its agencies or instrumentalities, including the legislative and judicial branches of state government, is entitled to payment for those goods or services at the same time a taxpayer, partner or shareholder of that entity is indebted for any state tax, the Director of the Division of Taxation shall seek to set off so much of that payment as shall be necessary to satisfy the indebtedness. The amount set-off shall not allow for the deduction of any expense or other deduction which might be attributable to the taxpayer partner or shareholder subtraction of set-off under this Act. The Director of the Division of Taxation shall give notice of the set-off to the taxpayer, partner or shareholder and provide an opportunity for a hearing within (30) days of such notice under the procedures for protests established under N.J.S.A. 54:49-19. No request for conference, protest or subsequent appeal to the Tax Court from any protest shall stay the collection of the indebtedness.

This Contract for 2026-RFP-276 - Aspire Program Application Support is entered into as of the day and year first written above.

NEW JERSEY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

EVAN WEISS  
Chief Executive Officer

VENDOR NAME

BY:

NAME  
Title

**EXHIBIT A**  
**MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE**  
**N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, C. 127)**  
**N.J.A.C. 17:27**  
**GOODS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS**

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

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or determination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. The contractor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

In conforming with the targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex,

consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three (3) documents:

- *Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval*
- *Certificate of Employee Information Report Form AA-302*  
(electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/contractcompliance](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contractcompliance).)

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Purchase & Property, Contract Compliance Audit Unit (CCAU), EEO Monitoring Program as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27.