



ATTACHMENT J
DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR
INDEPENDENT CPA AUDITING SERVICES

This Agreement (“Agreement”) is between CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION (“**Citizens**”), a legislatively created Florida governmental entity, having its principal place of business at 2101 Maryland Circle, Tallahassee, Florida 32303, and [VENDOR NAME] (“**Vendor**”) having its principal place of business at [VENDOR ADDRESS]. Citizens and Vendor shall each be known as a “Party,” and collectively shall be known as the “Parties.”

Recitals

On August 20, 2019, Citizens issued a Request for Proposal No. 19-0015 for Independent CPA Auditing Services (the “RFP”). Vendor’s response to the Solicitation was accepted by Citizens, subject to the terms set forth in this Agreement.

In consideration of the mutual promises and restrictions stated in this Agreement, the Parties acknowledge and agree as follows:

Terms of Agreement

1. **Definitions.** As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the following meanings:
 - 1.1. “Citizens Confidential Information” means all information, data, and documentation, whether marked as confidential or not, disclosed to Vendor in the course of this Agreement that is either: (a) Protected under any applicable state or federal law (including Chapter 119, Florida Statutes; Sections 501.171, and 627.351(6), Florida Statutes; Chapter 690-128, Florida Administrative Code; and, 15 U.S.C. § 6801 et seq.); (b) private information concerning Citizens employees or policyholders (including social security numbers, personal health information, personal credit information, banking information, drivers’ license numbers, personal email addresses, personal phone numbers, and home addresses); or, (c) related to any Citizens manuals, lists, operating and other systems or programs, business practices or procedures, insurance policies, claimants or claims, or any business, governmental, and regulatory matters affecting Citizens. “Citizens Confidential Information” does not include any information, data or documentation that: (a) is publicly available through no fault of Vendor or Vendor Staff; or, (b) Vendor developed independently without relying in any way on Citizens Confidential Information.
 - 1.2. “Deliverables” means the quantifiable, measurable, and verifiable items required to be delivered to Citizens by Vendor under this Agreement.

- 1.3. "Effective Date" means the date on which the last Party executes this Agreement.
- 1.4. "FMAP" – means Florida Market Assistance Plan.
- 1.5. "GAAP" - means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- 1.6. "GAAS" - means Generally Accepted Auditing Standards.
- 1.7. "GASB" - means Governmental Accounting Standards Board.
- 1.8. "OIR" – means the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation.
- 1.9. "SAP" – means Statutory Accounting Principles.
- 1.10. "Services" means all services and Deliverables to be provided by Vendor to Citizens under this Agreement. If any service or Deliverable is not specifically described in this Agreement but is necessary for the proper performance and provisioning of the Services, that service or Deliverable shall be included within the definition of the Services to the same extent and in the same manner as if specifically described herein.
- 1.11. "Vendor Staff" means any of Vendor's employees, agents, subcontractors or representatives who: (a) provide the Services; or, (b) have access to Citizens Confidential Information.
- 1.12. "Work Product" means each Deliverable and any drawing, design, specification, rendering, notebook, tracing, photograph, reference book, equipment, material, negative, report, finding, recommendation, data and memorandum of every description, created for Citizens under this Agreement and shared with or delivered to Citizens by Vendor or Vendor Staff in the course of performing this Agreement.

2. Term and Renewals.

- 2.1. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and, unless terminated as provided for herein, shall continue for three (3) years.
- 2.2. Renewals. This Agreement may be renewed for two (2), one (1) year renewal periods by Citizens, at its discretion upon written notice to Vendor. Renewals shall be subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement at the time of renewal, including any amendments signed by the Parties.

3. Services; Service Requirements.

- 3.1. Description. Vendor shall provide the following Services: audits, related reports, and additional related services, as detailed herein and in compliance with statutory requirements. These Services shall include all deliverables as defined in this Agreement.
 - 3.1.1. Vendor acknowledges that Citizens must receive annual auditing services from an independent certified public accountant, as delineated by and in order to comply with the following Florida Statutes and administrative rules: Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code, Section 627.351(6)(p), and Section 624.424, Florida Statutes, (the "Regulatory Requirements"). Vendor agrees to serve as the independent certified public accountant providing annual auditing services in satisfaction of the Regulatory Requirements. As it relates thereto, Vendor shall provide all Services and Deliverables reasonably required by Citizens in order to comply with the Regulatory Requirements.

- 3.1.2. Vendor shall annually provide a letter of designation to Citizens as set forth in Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code, for filing by Citizens to OIR, (the "Independent CPA Designation Letter"). The Independent CPA Designation Letter must include all Vendor representations and information required under Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code, to include (i) a statement that Vendor is aware of the provisions of the Florida insurance code and the rules and regulations of the state of Florida that relate to accounting and financial matters; and, (ii) an affirmation that Vendor will express Vendor's opinion on the financial statements in terms of their conformity to statutory accounting practices prescribed or otherwise permitted by OIR, and specifying exceptions as the Vendor may believe appropriate.
- 3.1.3. Vendor shall annually conduct three (3) financial statement audits, to include an annual financial audit for Citizens' SAP based financial statements, (the "SAP Audit"), an annual financial audit for Citizens' GAAP based financial statements, and an annual financial audit for FMAP's GAAP based financial statements, (each an "Annual Audit", and collectively the "Three Annual Audits"). The scope of the Three Annual Audits must include all general-purpose financial statements and required supplementary financial data.
- 3.1.4. Prior to commencing an Annual Audit, Vendor shall submit to Citizens for review an annual engagement letter for the respective Annual Audit, (each an "Annual Engagement Letter"). Vendor will not commence an Annual Audit prior to written approval of the respective Annual Engagement Letter by Citizens' Agreement Manager.
- 3.1.5. This provision may not be construed to require that the Vendor violate any ethical or professional responsibilities that govern the Vendor's provision of the Services.
- 3.1.6. For each of the Three Annual Audits, Vendor will provide an opinion on the financial statements, (each an "Annual Audit Report", and collectively the "Three Annual Audit Reports"). Each of the Three Annual Audit Reports may include a management letter with recommendations as appropriate, (a "Management Letter"). Citizens will not require that Vendor submit the Three Annual Audit Reports in advance of April 15th of the year immediately subsequent to the subject year of the audit. Vendor must provide the Three Annual Audit Reports to Citizens' Contract Manager by no later than May 25th of the year immediately subsequent to the subject year of the audit, unless otherwise agreed to by Citizens' Contract Manager in writing. The precise due date shall be determined in the corresponding Annual Engagement Letter.
- 3.1.7. Each of the Three Annual Audits will include a review of internal accounting and administrative controls to the extent required by GAAS and as required by the Regulatory Requirements. Vendor shall prepare a communication that identifies any unremediated material weaknesses in Citizens internal control over financial reporting noted during the respective Annual Audit, as set forth and required by Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code, (a "Communication Related to Internal Control"). If no unremediated material weaknesses are noted during the SAP Audit, then Vendor shall provide a Communication Related to Internal Control that so states.

- 3.1.8. Vendor shall annually provide a letter of qualification as set forth and required by Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code, for inclusion with the Annual Audit Report for the SAP Audit, (the "Accountant's Letter of Qualification"). The Accountant's Letter of Qualification must include all representations and information required under Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code, to include (i) confirmation that the Vendor is independent and conforms to the standards of the profession; (ii) the Vendor's background and experience in general and the background and experience of the assigned staff in particular; (iii) confirmation of Vendor understanding that the Annual Audit Reports must be filed in compliance with Rule 69O-137.002, and that OIR will rely on the Annual Audit Reports for monitoring and regulation of Citizens; (iv) Vendor's consent to the availability of Vendor's work papers as defined in Rule 69O-137.002; (v) representation that Vendor is properly licensed; and (vi) representation that Vendor is qualified in accordance with Rule 69O-137.002.
- 3.1.9. Vendor shall, without additional charge, make available its Citizens related work papers to any federal or state agency upon request in accordance with Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code, and as required by other applicable federal and state law(s) and regulations;
- 3.1.10. Vendor shall report to the Citizens Audit Committee in accordance with Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code, and AU Section 380 of the Professional Standards of the AICPA, (the "Communication to those Charged with Governance"). Vendor shall, without additional charge to Citizens, attend and present before the Citizens audit committee the results and communications of the Three Annual Audits on an annual basis.
- 3.1.11. Vendor shall be in good standing with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and in all states in which Vendor is licensed to practice.
- 3.1.12. In addition to and separate from all other Services required under this Agreement, Citizens may require that Vendor provide additional professional services not related to the Three Annual Audits or associated services, (the "Additional Professional Services"). Vendor will not provide any such Additional Professional Services, except pursuant to prior written agreement between the Parties. Additional Professional Services may include special reports for financing purposes, or assistance with changes in GAAP, GASB, SAP, and federal requirements. Additional Professional Services may also include the preparation of Agreed Upon Procedures reports for subject business section of Citizens' risk financing or debt financing instruments issued during the term of the contract. Such Agreed Upon Procedures would include but are not limited to:
 - a. verification of accuracy of data provided by Citizens within a particular document;
 - b. testing mathematical accuracy summations within designated sections of documents; and,
 - c. designating by tickmark data and mathematical equations tested.
- 3.2. Vendor Staff Qualifications and Removal. All Vendor Staff shall be properly trained and qualified. Upon request, Vendor shall furnish a copy of all technical certifications or other proof of qualification to Citizens. All Vendor Staff must comply with all reasonable administrative requirements of Citizens and with all

controlling statutes, laws, and regulations relevant to the Services.

If Vendor knows or learns of circumstances indicating that a Vendor Staff member (i) lacks the proper training or qualifications to perform the Services; or, (ii) is lacking in honesty or integrity, then Vendor will not allow that person to perform Services under this Agreement. Further, if Citizens determines that a Vendor Staff member is unsuitable for his/her role under this Agreement for any reason, including but not limited to knowledge, skills, experience, abilities, academic qualifications, credentialing, licensure, veracity, or conduct, Citizens has the right to disallow that person from performing in such role and to require Vendor to promptly provide a qualified replacement reasonably acceptable to Citizens.

- 3.3. Criminal Background Investigations. Vendor must conduct a criminal background check on each Vendor Staff within three (3) years preceding the date the individual begins to perform Services. The criminal background check must be refreshed at least every five (5) years from the date it was last performed. All criminal background checks will be at Vendor's expense and, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Contract Manager, shall include but not be limited to: (a) state and federal felony convictions or pending adjudications; (b) state and federal misdemeanor convictions or pending adjudications; and, (c) a seven (7) year minimum timeframe, extending as close as practicable to the date of assignment to perform Services.

If it is determined that an individual has a criminal conviction (misdemeanor or felony), regardless of adjudication (adjudication withheld, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or a guilty verdict) (a "Conviction"), Vendor will not allow that individual to act as Vendor Staff under this Agreement until Vendor determines whether that individual should be allowed to do so considering (i) the nature and gravity of the offense; (ii) the amount of time that lapsed since the offense; (iii) the rehabilitation efforts of the individual involved; and, (iv) the relevancy of the offense to the individual's role in connection with this Agreement. A disqualifying offense is any Conviction (in any jurisdiction within or outside of the United States of America) where the nature of the criminal activity is such that a reasonable person would agree that the engagement would create a risk of injury, loss, or damage to any person or property (including that of Citizens, its employees, policyholders, and others).

Vendor must disclose all felony Convictions to Citizens prior to allowing an individual to act as a Vendor Staff member under this Agreement. Vendor must also inform Citizens of Vendor's reasoning for why the individual should be allowed to perform Services. Any individual whose criminal background check indicates, to Vendor or Citizens, conduct that demonstrates a lack of honesty or integrity, or otherwise demonstrates an inability to safely and reliably perform Services, will not be allowed to act as Vendor Staff under this Agreement.

- 3.4. Other Background Checks. Vendor shall also conduct reasonable background checks to verify that the proposed Vendor Staff has met the minimum education, qualifications, or experience requirements as required by Citizens' Contract Manager or designee.
- 3.5. Compliance with Fair Credit Reporting Act. Vendor will comply with all requirements of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, including the provision to Vendor Staff of all required pre-notification and post-report notices. Vendor is responsible for any adverse action notices that may apply to its employment decisions.

4. Service Warranties and Standards.

- 4.1. General Warranty. Vendor warrants that the Services will be performed and delivered in a professional, first-class manner in accordance with this Agreement and the standards prevailing in the industry. To this end, Vendor will undertake the following actions without additional consideration during the term of this Agreement and for one (1) year thereafter: (a) promptly make necessary revisions or corrections to resolve any errors and omissions on the part of Vendor; and, (b) confer with Citizens as Citizens deems appropriate for the purpose of interpreting any of the Services or information furnished. Acceptance of or payment for the Services by Citizens shall not relieve Vendor of these responsibilities. The warranty and covenants in this Section will extend to and bind Vendor's subcontractors, if any.
- 4.2. Ability to Perform. As of the Effective Date, Vendor warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, there is no pending or threatened action, proceeding, or investigation, or any other legal or financial condition, that would in any way prohibit, restrain, or diminish Vendor's ability to perform the Services or satisfy its contractual obligations. During the term of this Agreement, Vendor shall immediately notify Citizens Contract Administrator of any change in circumstances that would in any way diminish Vendor's ability to perform the Services or satisfy its contractual obligations. Whether by Vendor's notification, Citizens' sole determination, or otherwise, in any case where Citizens is concerned with Vendor's ability or willingness to perform this Agreement is in jeopardy, Vendor acknowledges and agrees that, upon Citizens' request, Vendor shall timely provide Citizens with all reasonable assurances requested by Citizens to demonstrate that Vendor will continue to be able and willing to perform this Agreement.
- 4.3. Engagement Staffing Levels. Vendor shall provide Services to Citizens by means of a staff of the same approximate quantity and with the same approximate qualifications and experience, (the "Staffing Levels"), as described by Vendor in the Vendor's Proposal for auditing services. Deviations from the Staffing Levels represented in the Vendor's Proposal are subject to approval by Citizens Contract Manger.
- 4.4. Monitoring of Performance. Vendor shall continuously monitor and record its performance to ensure that all of Vendor's responsibilities and obligations hereunder are being met and fulfilled. Citizens may conduct programmatic and other administrative contract monitoring during the term of this Agreement. The purpose of this monitoring is to ensure that all of Vendor's responsibilities and obligations are being met and fulfilled. Such monitoring may include on-site visits, report reviews, invoice reviews, compliance reviews, and a review of any other areas reasonably necessary. Vendor acknowledges and agrees that Citizens may also monitor and record Vendor Staff communications to the extent they occur within or are connected to any Citizens' resource, such as electronic or telecommunications systems.
- 4.5. Service Level Standards.
- 4.5.1. Description. In addition to all other requirements in this Agreement, Vendor shall use reasonable and good faith efforts to meet the Service Level Standards set forth on Exhibit __ attached hereto.
- 4.5.2. Reports. On a monthly basis, in arrears and no later than the fifteenth (15th) calendar day of the month following the reporting month, Vendor shall provide reports to Citizens describing the performance of the Services as

compared to the Service Level Standards. The reports shall be in a form agreed to by Citizens and contain no less than the following information: (a) actual performance compared to the Service Level Standard; (b) the cause or basis for not meeting the Service Level Standard; (c) the specific remedial actions Vendor has undertaken or will undertake to ensure that the Service Level Standard will be subsequently achieved; (d) any Service Credit due to Citizens; and, (e) if requested, a rolling six-month Service Level Standard trend report for the Service Level Standard. Vendor and Citizens will meet as often as reasonably requested by Citizens, but no less than monthly, to review Vendor's performance as it relates to the Service Level Standards. If Vendor fails to provide a report for a Service Level Standard in the applicable timeframe, the Service Level Standard shall be deemed to be completely failed for the purposes of calculating a Service Credit. Vendor shall, without charge, make Citizens' historical Service Level Standard reports available to Citizens upon request.

- 4.5.3. Failure to Meet Service Level Standards. Time is of the essence in meeting the Service Level Standards. If Vendor does not meet a Service Level Standard, Vendor shall issue the applicable Service Credits as agreed upon herein. The Service Credits will be issued on Vendor's next invoice to Citizens for the Services. The Service Credits are intended only to cover the diminished value of a Service that is delivered to Citizens. The acceptance of a Service Credit does not waive Citizens' right to pursue other remedial actions or claims under this Agreement. To the extent the underlying acts or omissions constitute an event of default under another section of this Agreement, Citizens may declare an event of default under that section. Notwithstanding the issuance of a Service Credit, Vendor will use its best efforts to minimize the impact or duration of any outage, interruption or degradation of Service. In no case shall Citizens be required to notify Vendor that a Service Credit is due as a condition of payment of the same.
- 4.5.4. Termination for Repeated Failures. Citizens shall have, in addition to any other rights and remedies under this Agreement or at law, the right to immediately terminate this Agreement and be entitled to a return of any prepaid fees where Vendor fails to meet any Service Level Standard for four (4) months out of any rolling twelve (12) month period.
- 4.5.5. Temporary Suspension of Service Level Standards. Vendor will be excused for failing to meet any Service Level Standard if and to the extent such failure is excused under Section 15.17. Vendor shall advise Citizens in writing as soon as possible of any circumstance or occurrence which would excuse or affect Vendor's ability to achieve any of the Service Level Standards. In all such cases, Vendor will continue to make all reasonable efforts to achieve the Service Level Standards. Suspension of a Service Level Standard shall not excuse Vendor from accumulating data relevant to that Service Level Standard and reporting such data to Citizens as part of the reports required herein.

5. Deliverables and Financial Consequences.

- 5.1. Deliverables and Financial Consequences. Each Deliverable must be delivered by Vendor to Citizens in the time and manner specified in this Agreement. Failure to do so will entitle Citizens to enforce financial consequences which can include: (a)

withholding any payment associated with the Deliverable until such delivery is made; and/or, (b) terminating this Agreement in whole or in part for cause subject to the notice and cure provisions set forth in Section 11.3.

In addition, delays with each Deliverable, including but not limited to those listed below, can result in the application of financial consequences against the Vendor.

Deliverable	Due Date
Annual Engagement Letter (for each of the Three Annual Audits)	Annually prior to 12/1
Annual OIA Coordination Plan	Annually prior to 12/1
Annual Audit Report (for each of the Three Annual Audits)	Annually not before 4/15 and not after 5/25
Communication Related to Internal Control (for each of the Three Annual Audits, as appropriate, but in all cases for the annual SAP Audit)	Annually not before 4/15 and not after 5/25
Accountant's Letter of Qualification (for the annual SAP Audit only)	Annually not before 4/15 and not after 5/25
Communication to those Charged with Governance (for each of the Three Annual Audits)	Annually not before 4/15 and not after 5/25
Independent CPA Designation Letter (for the annual SAP Audit only)	Annually prior to 12/31
Agreed Upon Procedures Reports (as required by Citizens).	As required by Citizens
Management Letter (for each of the Three Annual Audits, as appropriate)	Annually not before 4/15 and not after 5/25
Other relevant findings.	Annually

- 5.2. Title to Work Product. With the exception of the Pre-Existing Materials described in Section 5.3., Citizens will have all right, title and interest in and to each Work Product and any derivative works relating thereto (including ownership of copyrights). The use of these Work Products in any manner by Citizens shall not support any claim by Vendor for additional compensation. Each Work Product, and any portion thereof, shall be a "work made for hire" for Citizens pursuant to federal copyright laws. To the extent any of the Work Product is not deemed a work made for hire by operation of law, Vendor hereby irrevocably assigns, transfers, and conveys to Citizens, or its designee, without further consideration all of its right, title, and interest in such Work Product, including all rights of patent, copyright, trade secret, trademark, or other proprietary rights in such materials. Vendor acknowledges that Citizens shall have the right to obtain and hold in its own name any intellectual property right in and to the Work Product. Vendor agrees to execute any documents or take any other actions as may reasonably be necessary, or as Citizens may reasonably request, to perfect or evidence Citizens'

ownership of the Work Product. This Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

5.3. Pre-Existing Materials.

5.3.1. Citizens acknowledges that, in the course of performing the Services, Vendor may use materials, software, reports, routines, language, instructions, methods, techniques, trade secrets, patents, copyrights, or other intellectual property that have been previously developed, purchased, licensed, or acquired by Vendor or by third parties (collectively, the "Pre-Existing Materials"), and that such Pre-Existing Materials shall remain the sole and exclusive property of Vendor or the third parties. Where Vendor seeks to embed Pre-Existing Materials in the Work Product, Vendor must first obtain written approval from Citizens.

5.3.2. If and to the extent any Pre-Existing Materials of Vendor are embedded or incorporated in the Work Product, Vendor hereby grants to Citizens the irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free right and license to: (a) use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, distribute copies of and prepare derivative works based upon such Pre-existing Materials and any derivative works thereof for Citizens' internal business purposes only; and, (b) authorize others to do any or all of the foregoing for Citizens' internal business purposes only.

5.3.3. If and to the extent any Pre-Existing Materials of third parties are embedded or incorporated in the Work Product, Vendor shall secure for Citizens an irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free and fully paid-up right to use, execute, display, and perform such Pre-Existing Materials. Vendor shall secure such right at its expense and prior to incorporating any such Pre-Existing Materials into any Work Product, and such right must include, if practicable, a right to: (a) copy, modify, and create derivative works based upon such Pre-Existing Materials; and, (b) sublicense all or any portion of the foregoing rights to an affiliate or a third party service provider of Citizens. This Section does not apply to standard office software (e.g., Microsoft Office).

5.4. The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

6. Changes.

6.1. Change Process. Citizens may require changes altering, adding to, or deducting from the Services (each, a "Change"), provided that: (a) such Change is within the general scope of this Agreement; and, (b) Citizens will make an equitable adjustment in Vendor's compensation or delivery date if a Change materially affects the cost or time of performance of the Services. Such equitable adjustments require the written consent of Vendor, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned. The Parties will cooperate in good faith to determine the scope and nature of a Change, the availability of Vendor Staff, the expertise and resources to provide such Change, and the time period in which such Change will be implemented.

6.2. Modifications. A Change resulting in an increase or decrease to Vendor's compensation or the scope of Services must be evidenced by a formal amendment to this Agreement. All other changes shall be evidenced by either a writing signed by the Contract Manager or designee of each Party or a formal amendment to this

Agreement.

7. Compensation.

7.1. Maximum Compensation and Budget Requirement. Citizens' obligation to pay Vendor for all Services accepted and reimbursable expenses under this Agreement (i) shall not exceed a total dollar amount of **[\$DOLLAR AMOUNT]**; and, (ii) is contingent on the availability of budgeted funds approved by Citizens' Board of Governors on an annual basis.

7.2. Compensation Schedule. Citizens agrees to pay Vendor a fixed annual fee, (the "Annual Fee"). The Annual Fee is all inclusive and constitutes the Vendor's sole compensation for all costs incurred and Services and Deliverables provided under this Agreement, except as provided below.

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7.3. Additional Professional Services. Citizens shall compensate Vendor for Additional Professional Services at the rates provided in Table B below. The hourly rates are all inclusive and constitute the Vendor's sole compensation for Additional Professional Services. Citizens will not provide additional compensation for costs incurred by Vendor in the course of providing Additional Professional Services.

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The Parties agree that Citizens' annual total expenditure under this Agreement will not exceed the combined total of the two following sums, (the "Annual Cap"): (i) the corresponding Annual Fee provided in Table A above, and (ii) the sum that constitutes fifteen (15) percent of the corresponding Annual Fee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the annual expenditure for Services under this Agreement may exceed the Annual Cap if pursuant to execution of an amendment to the Agreement.

7.4. Invoices. Vendor must timely submit all requests for compensation for Services or expenses, where permitted, in sufficient detail for a pre- or post-audit. The compensation request must include a unique invoice number, be in US dollars, legible, page-numbered, signed, and dated. Vendor shall submit the original invoice to Citizens' Contract Manager or designee as identified in section 10.2. Contract Managers. All late payment inquiries must be submitted to the attention of Citizens' Accounts Payable department at AccountsPayable@citizensfla.com or Post Office Box 10749, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-2749 in accordance with the Compensation Schedule and must include, at a minimum, the following: (a) Agreement/task order number/purchase order number, if applicable; (b) Vendor's name, address, phone number (and remittance address, if different); (c) Vendor's Federal Employment Identification Number; (d) Citizens' Contract Manager's name; (e) invoice date; (f) Services period; (g) taxes listed separately, if applicable (see Section 7.9.); and, (h) itemized Services for which compensation is being sought.

7.5. Payment Processing. Citizens may require any other information from Vendor that Citizens deems necessary to verify any compensation request placed under this Agreement and Vendor agrees that it will provide such information as reasonably

requested by Citizens. Payment shall be due net thirty (30) calendar days of Citizens' actual receipt of a complete and undisputed invoice. Where a submitted invoice is incomplete, such as not containing the information described in this Section, Citizens will return the incomplete invoice to Vendor for correction within thirty (30) calendar days of Citizens' actual receipt of such invoice. Where Citizens reasonably disputes any part of a complete invoice, such as the amount of the compensation request, Citizens shall pay any undisputed portion of the invoiced amount within (30) calendar days of Citizens' actual receipt of the complete invoice and will describe the basis for the disputed portion of the invoiced amount. Where Vendor disagrees with Citizens dispute of any invoice, the Parties shall seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Process further described in this Agreement. In no case shall Citizens be subject to late payment interest charges where Vendor has submitted an incomplete invoice or where Citizens has reasonably disputed an invoice. Where Vendor fails to submit an invoice within twelve (12) calendar months of the Services for which compensation is being requested, Vendor acknowledges and agrees that any payment due for such Services is forfeited by Vendor for its failure to timely submit an invoice.

- 7.6. Travel-related Expenses. Citizens will not reimburse Vendor for travel-related expenses.
- 7.7. No Additional Charges. Except for the compensation described in the Compensation Schedule, Citizens shall not be billed for or be obligated to pay to Vendor any charges, expenses, or other amounts for the Services or otherwise.
- 7.8. Offsets and Credits. Any amounts due from Vendor may be applied by Citizens against any amounts due to Vendor. Any such amounts that are not so applied shall be paid to Citizens by Vendor within thirty (30) calendar days following Citizens' request.
- 7.9. Taxes. Citizens is a State of Florida, legislatively created, governmental entity which does not pay federal excise or state sales taxes on direct purchases of tangible personal property. Vendor represents and warrants that it is an independent contractor for purposes of federal, state, and local employment taxes. Vendor agrees that Citizens is not responsible to collect or withhold any federal, state, or local employment taxes, including personal property tax, income tax withholding, and social security contributions, for Vendor or Vendor Staff. Any and all taxes, interest or penalties, including personal property tax or any federal, state, or local withholding or employment taxes, imposed, assessed, or levied as a result of this Agreement shall be paid or withheld by Vendor or, if assessed against and paid by Citizens, shall be immediately reimbursed by Vendor upon demand by Citizens.

8. Indemnification.

- 8.1. Indemnification. Vendor shall be fully liable for the actions of Vendor Staff and shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Citizens, and its officers, members of the Board of Governors, agents, employees, and policyholders (each, an "Indemnitee" and collectively, the "Indemnitees") from suits, actions, damages, liabilities, demands, claims, losses, expenses, fines, penalties, fees, and costs of every name and description (collectively, "Claims"), including reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses incidental thereto, which may be suffered by, accrued against, charged to, or recoverable from any Indemnitee, by reason of any Claim arising out of or relating to any act, error or omission, or misconduct of

Vendor, its officers, directors, agents, employees, or contractors, including without limitation: (a) a violation of federal, state, local, international, or other laws or regulations; (b) bodily injury (including death) or damage to tangible personal or real property; (c) breaches of any representations made by Vendor under this Agreement; (d) any claim that any portion of the Services violates or infringes upon a trademark, copyright, patent, trade secret or intellectual property right; or, (e) Vendor's failure to timely forward a public records request to Citizens for handling.

8.1.1. Vendor's obligations of indemnification with respect to any Claim are contingent upon Citizens (or other Indemnitee) providing Vendor: (a) written notice of the Claim; (b) the opportunity to settle or defend against the Claim at Vendor's sole expense; and, (c) assistance in defending against or settling the Claim at Vendor's sole expense. Vendor shall not be liable for any cost, expense, or compromise incurred or made by an Indemnitee in any legal action without Vendor's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

8.1.2. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Vendor shall not indemnify for that portion of a Claim proximately caused by: (a) a negligent act or omission of an Indemnitee; or, (b) an Indemnitee's misuse or modification of the Service or Work Product.

8.1.3. The obligations in this Section are separate and apart from, and in no way limit Citizens' rights under any insurance provided by Vendor pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise.

8.1.4. The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

8.2. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION OR IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER OF THE LIMIT ON CITIZENS' LIABILITY FOR TORT CLAIMS UNDER SECTION 768.28, FLORIDA STATUTES. THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

9. Insurance. [Note: This section is subject to harmonization with general business practices within the industry during contract finalization]

9.1. Vendor Insurance Requirements. During the term of this Agreement, Vendor will maintain at its sole expense the following insurance, purchased from an insurer licensed to transact business in the State of Florida:

9.1.1. Workers' Compensation which provides coverage for Vendor's employees and independent contractors' employees, regardless of the state of hire, in at least the minimum statutory limits required by the State of Florida, and Employers' Liability with limits of \$1 million per accident; provided, however, that such workers' compensation policy may exclude coverage for independent contractor employees who are covered by a workers' compensation policy that meets the requirements (including Employers' Liability coverage) set forth herein. [Optional: The workers' compensation policy may also exclude coverage for Vendor's corporate officers or owners who have met all requirements for a coverage exemption in accordance with Florida law;]

9.1.2. Commercial General Liability with minimum limits of \$1 million per occurrence (to include contractual liability for liability assumed hereunder) and \$2 million in the aggregate;

- 9.1.3. Automobile Liability with combined single limits of not less than \$1 million per accident (this policy must include Symbol 1 “Any Auto” coverage); provided however, that if Vendor does not own any vehicles and Vendor does not have a schedule of vehicles covered under a Vendor automobile policy, then the policy may instead include both Symbol 8 “Hired Autos Only” and Symbol 9 “Nonowned Autos only”. Vendor agrees to secure Symbol 1 “Any Auto” coverage as set forth herein prior to taking ownership of any vehicle, and prior to scheduling any vehicles under a Vendor automobile policy
- 9.1.4. Umbrella (or) Excess Liability (General Liability, Auto Liability and Employers Liability) insurance with minimum limits of \$4 million in the aggregate; the umbrella or excess policy must afford follow form coverage for General Liability, Auto Liability and Employers Liability coverages required in subsection 9.1.2; the policy inception date must also be concurrent with the inception dates of the underlying policies; if vendor maintains underlying liability coverage that exceeds the minimum limits identified in 10.1.2, then Vendor may reduce its umbrella or excess coverage limit by the corresponding amount
- 9.1.5. Professional Liability (errors and omissions) with minimum limits of \$5 million per claim and \$5 million in the aggregate If the policy is terminated for any reason, Vendor agrees to purchase, or cause its professional staff and consultants to purchase, an extended reporting provision of at least three (3) years to report claims arising from Services performed prior to the termination of the policy and allow for reporting of incidents that might give rise to future claims];
- 9.1.6. Crime: Including Clients’ Property [Vendors who have special access to valuable property on Citizens’ premises; has special access to confidential or personal information (paper or electronically); has on-site or remote access to Citizens’ computer network and data.] The Vendor shall provide Commercial Crime Coverage, including Client’s Property Form CR 04 01 (or Third Party, or its equivalent) and Loss Payable, Form # CR 20 14, in favor of Citizens. Coverage should be on a Loss Sustained basis, minimum \$500,000 limit, protecting Citizens’ assets in the form of currency, coin, checks, securities, and other valuables. This coverage shall include, but not be limited to employee theft, forgery or alteration, burglary, computer fraud, counterfeit, funds transfer, social engineering or any other similar risk.
- 9.1.7. Information Security/Cyber Liability insurance written on a “claims-made” basis covering Vendor and Vendor Staff for expenses, claims and losses resulting from wrongful acts committed in the performance of, or failure to perform, all Services, including, without limitation, claims, other demands and any payments related to electronic or physical security, breaches of confidentiality and invasion of or breaches of privacy. The Information Security/Cyber Liability Insurance must include internet media liability including cloud computing and mobile devices for protection of confidential information whether electronic or non-electronic, network security and privacy; privacy against liability for system attacks, digital asset loss, denial or loss of service, introduction, implantation or spread of malicious software code, security breach, unauthorized access and use, including regulatory action expenses, and notification and credit monitoring expenses with at

least the minimum limits listed below. Coverage must be renewed for two (2) years after completion of the Services.

- a. Each occurrence - \$5,000,000
 - b. Network Security/Privacy Liability - \$5,000,000
 - c. Breach Response/ Notification Sublimit - a minimum limit of fifty percent (50%) of the policy aggregate
- 9.2. Insurance Company Qualifications. Each company issuing policies required under Sections 9.1. must: (i) be licensed to transact business in the State of Florida; and, (ii) have an AM Best Financial Strength rating of "A-" or above.
- 9.3. Acceptable Deductible Amounts. The policies required under Sections 9.1. shall not have deductibles in excess of \$100,000 per claim/occurrence, except as pre-approved by Citizens in connection with financially reasonable self-insured retention limits. Prior to approving a self-insured retention alternative, Citizens shall have the right to request, and Vendor shall be obligated to timely provide, financial documents demonstrating that Vendor has the assets, income, and liquidity necessary to pay such retention. Citizens shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sum of money which may represent a deductible in any of these policies. The payment of deductibles as well as any self-insured retention shall be the sole responsibility of Vendor.
- 9.4. Defense Costs. The limits of indemnity coverage required under Section 9.1. shall not include costs incurred in defending against a claim and shall not be reduced by the payment of such costs; provided, however, that with respect to professional liability or Cyber/Network Security coverage as set forth in Sections 9.1.7, Vendor may alternatively maintain coverage with minimum limits of \$5 million per claim and \$5 million in the aggregate.
- 9.5. Citizens to be an Additional Insured. The Commercial General Liability and Auto Liability policies in Section 9. shall include Citizens as an additional insured. For Commercial General Liability coverage, the policy must include ISO Form #CG 20 10 10 01 or a comparable company specific endorsement.
- 9.6. Vendor's Insurance is Primary and Noncontributory. The insurance required under Section 9.1. shall apply on a primary basis to, and shall not require contribution from, any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by Citizens, Citizens' Board Member, or any Citizens employee.
- 9.7. Waiver of Subrogation. The insurance required under Section 9. shall include a provision waiving the insurer's rights of recovery or subrogation against Citizens with regard to required liability coverages.
- 9.8. Coverage for Indemnity Obligations. The Commercial General Liability, Auto Liability, Umbrella Liability, Professional Liability, Crime and Cyber coverages shall cover claims made under the indemnity provisions of this Agreement.
- 9.9. Notice of Cancellation or Change. To the extent practicable, all policies shall require thirty (30) days prior written notice to Citizens of cancellation, non-renewal or change in any coverage, except for ten (10) calendar day's prior written notice for non-payment of premium.
- 9.10. Proof of Coverage. Within thirty (30) calendar days of execution of this Agreement, and upon renewal or reissuance of coverage thereafter, Vendor must provide current and properly completed in-force certificates of insurance to Citizens that evidence the coverages required in Sections 9.1. The certificates for Commercial

General Liability, Auto Liability, Workers Compensation, Umbrella Liability, Professional Liability, Crime and Cyber insurance certificates must correctly identify the type of work Vendor is providing to Citizens under this Agreement. The agent signing the certificate must hold an active Insurance General Lines Agent license (issued within the United States). Vendor shall provide copies of its policies upon request by Citizens. Additionally, the evidence of coverage should include Policy Endorsement Forms evidencing Additional Insured, Primary Non Contributory, Waiver of Subrogation, and 30-day Notice of Cancellation.

10. Contract Administration.

- 10.1. Contract Administrator. Citizens shall name a Contract Administrator during the term of this Agreement whose responsibility shall be to maintain this Agreement. Except for written notices not otherwise specifically required to be delivered to the Citizens' Contract Manager or designee (such as those relating to background checks, invoicing, data security requirements and subcontractors), all written notices shall be delivered to the Contract Administrator in addition to the Citizens Contract Manager named below. As of the Effective Date, the Contract Administrator is:

Lori Newman, Vendor Management Office
301 W Bay Street, Suite 1300
Jacksonville, Florida 32202
904-407-0225
Lori.Newman@citizensfla.com

Citizens shall provide written notice to Vendor of any changes to the Contract Administrator; such changes shall not be deemed Agreement amendments.

- 10.2. Contract Managers. Each Party will designate a Contract Manager during the term of this Agreement whose responsibility shall be to oversee the Party's performance of its duties and operational obligations pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. As of the Effective Date, Citizens' and Vendor's Contract Managers are as follows:

Citizens' Contract Manager
Terrie Fishman, Project Manager
Citizens Property Insurance Corporation
2101 Maryland Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 513-3955
terrie.fishman@citizensfla.com

Vendor's Contract Manager
[Name]
[Company Name]
[Address]
[City, State Zip]
[Phone]
[Email]

Each Party shall provide prompt written notice to the other Party of any changes to their Contract Manager; such changes shall not be deemed Agreement amendments.

11. Suspension of Services; Agreement Termination; Transition Assistance.

- 11.1. Temporary Suspension of Services. Citizens may, in its sole discretion, temporarily suspend all or certain portions of the Services at any time by providing written notice to Vendor. Upon receiving a suspension notice, Vendor shall cease performing the Services in accordance with the suspension notice. Within ninety (90) calendar days after Citizens provides the suspension notice, or any longer period agreed to by Vendor, Citizens shall either: (a) issue a notice authorizing resumption of the Services, at which time the Services shall resume; or, (b) exercise its right under Section 11.2. to terminate this Agreement without cause. Nothing in this Section allows Citizens to withhold or delay any payment for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the suspension. However, Vendor shall not be entitled to any additional compensation for the suspension of Services.
- 11.2. Termination without Cause. By thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice, Citizens may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, at its sole discretion and without the need to specify a reason for termination. The actual date of termination of this Agreement will be thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the written notice, or as otherwise specified in Citizens' written notice (the "Termination Date"). Where Citizens elects to terminate this Agreement in part, Vendor shall continue to provide Services on any portion of the Agreement not terminated. Vendor shall be entitled to payment for Services satisfactorily performed and accepted by Citizens through the Termination Date but shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or damages, including lost profits or reliance damages. Vendor shall not have a reciprocal right to terminate without cause; it being understood that Citizens' payment for Services forms the consideration for Vendor not having this right. In the event of Citizens' termination without cause, Citizens, at Citizens' sole election, may also require Vendor to provide the Transition Assistance as further described in this Agreement.
- 11.3. Termination for Cause. Either Party may terminate this Agreement if the other Party fails to honor its material obligations under this Agreement. Unless otherwise provided herein, before terminating this Agreement, the Party that believes the other Party is failing to perform this Agreement shall notify the breaching Party, in writing, of the nature of the breach and provide a reasonable time certain to cure the breach. The cure period will generally be ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the notice, provided that a cure period is not required if a cure is not feasible as determined by the non-breaching Party or if the breaching Party has already been notified of the breach and given at least ten (10) calendar days to correct it. If the breaching Party does not cure the breach within the time provided by the non-breaching Party, and its breach is not legally excusable, the non-breaching Party may thereafter notify the breaching Party, in writing, that it considers the breaching Party in default and may terminate this Agreement and pursue any remedies allowed in law or equity. Instead of terminating this Agreement in whole, Citizens may elect to terminate this Agreement in part, in which case Vendor shall continue to provide Services on any portion of the Agreement not terminated. If after termination it is determined that Vendor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued without cause under Section 11.2.
- 11.4. Scrutinized Companies; Termination by Citizens. In addition to any other termination rights of Citizens as provided for in this Agreement, Citizens may, at its sole election, terminate this Agreement if Vendor: (a) is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under Section 287.135(5), F.S.; (b) has been

placed on the “Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List;” (c) has been placed on the “Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List;” (d) has been placed on the “Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List;” (e) has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria; or, (f) is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

11.5. Transition Assistance. At any time prior to the date this Agreement expires or terminates for any reason (either, the “Termination Date”), Citizens may request Vendor to provide transition assistance services (“Transition Assistance”). Vendor shall provide such Transition Assistance until Citizens notifies Vendor that Citizens no longer requires such Transition Assistance, which shall in no event be more than [Alternative: one-hundred and eighty (180) calendar days or other specified period] following the Termination Date.

11.5.1. Transition Assistance shall mean any transition services, functions, or responsibilities that are ordinarily or customarily provided to a purchaser to ensure that the services provided to that purchaser by a vendor are fully transitioned in a smooth and efficient manner to the purchaser or to a successor vendor. Transition Assistance includes the development and implementation of a detailed transition plan, if requested. To the extent the Transition Assistance will involve a successor vendor, Vendor agrees that it will cooperate with such successor vendor. As reasonably required by Vendor, Citizens shall cause any successor vendor to execute Vendor's non-disclosure agreement.

11.5.2. Transition Assistance rendered before the Termination Date shall be provided at no additional cost to Citizens. Transition Assistance rendered after the Termination Date shall be provided at the rates negotiated by the Parties prior to the rendering of the post-termination Transition Assistance, which rates shall not exceed the standard market rates Vendor charges to government entities for comparable services; provided however, that if Citizens terminates this Agreement because of a breach by Vendor, then the post-termination Transition Assistance shall be provided at no cost to Citizens. Vendor may withhold Transition Assistance after the Termination Date if Citizens does not provide reasonable assurance that the charges for such Transition Assistance will be paid to Vendor.

12. Disputes.

12.1. Dispute Resolution Process. Each Party will make a good faith effort to resolve any disputes relating to this Agreement prior to commencing a legal action. These efforts may include an offer to arrange for executive-level discussions or an offer to submit the dispute to non-binding mediation. This section shall not apply if (i) a Party considers the immediate commencement of a legal action for an injunction necessary to protect its interests (e.g., to protect against the improper use or disclosure of its confidential information); or, (ii) the dispute is subject to another provision in this Agreement that includes a different dispute resolution process. For the sake of clarity, Citizens is not subject to the dispute resolution processes set forth in The Florida Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

12.2. Jurisdiction and Venue; Waiver of Jury Trial. This Agreement shall be deemed to have been made in the State of Florida and shall be subject to, and governed by, the laws of the State of Florida, and no doctrine of choice of law shall be used to

apply any law other than that of the State of Florida. Each Party hereby irrevocably consents and submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of Leon County, Florida, for all purposes under this Agreement, and waives any defense to the assertion of such jurisdiction based on inconvenient forum or lack of personal jurisdiction. The Parties also agree to waive any right to jury trial.

12.3. The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

13. Records; Audits; Public Records Laws.

13.1. Record Retention. Vendor shall retain all records relating to this Agreement for the longer of: (a) five (5) years after the termination of this Agreement; or, (b) the period specified by Citizens as necessary to comply with Florida law.

13.2. Right to Audit and Inquire. Citizens shall have reasonable access to Vendor's facilities and has the right to review and audit any of Vendor's records relating solely to this Agreement, upon written notice to Vendor of at least three (3) business days. Vendor also agrees to reasonably cooperate with any independent inquiries made by Citizens' Office of Internal Audit and Office of the Inspector General. Vendor shall cooperate with the requestor and provide requested documentation in a timely manner (preferably within five (5) business days). Vendor must resolve any deficiencies discovered during an audit within ninety (90) calendar days from being reported. Citizens may extend the response time period in its sole discretion. Citizens has the right to conduct follow-up audits to assess Vendor's corrective action(s). Any entity performing auditing services on behalf of Citizens pursuant to this Section shall execute a non-disclosure agreement with regard to Vendor's proprietary information, unless precluded from doing so by law. Vendor shall not unreasonably delay or inhibit Citizens' right to audit as set forth in this Section. Vendor agrees to reimburse Citizens for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by Citizens for investigations of Vendor's compliance with this Agreement which result in termination for cause or in regulatory or criminal penalties in connection with performance of this Agreement. Such costs shall include, but shall not be limited to: salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; expert witness fees; and, documentary fees.

13.3. Public Records Laws. Vendor acknowledges that Citizens is subject to Florida public records laws, including Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, (collectively, "Florida's Public Records Laws"). Therefore, any information provided to Citizens or maintained by Vendor in connection with this Agreement may be subject to disclosure to third parties.

13.3.1. Protection of Vendor's Confidential Information. Section 627.351(6)(x)1.e., Florida Statutes, provides that proprietary information licensed to Citizens under a contract providing for the confidentiality of such information is confidential and exempt from the disclosure requirements of Florida's Public Records Law. Other Florida Statutes allow for various protection of vendor's trade secrets and financial information. In order to protect any information provided to Citizens that Vendor considers to be protected from disclosure under Florida law ("Vendors Confidential Information"), Vendor should clearly label and mark each page or section containing such information as "Confidential", "Trade Secret" or other similar designation.

13.3.2. Responding to Request for Vendor Confidential Information. If Citizens receives a Public Records Request ("PRR") or a request from any regulatory or legislative entity regarding Vendor's Confidential Information,

it shall promptly notify Vendor in writing. To the extent permitted by law, Citizens shall not produce Vendor's Confidential Information unless authorized by Vendor, or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. In the event a legal proceeding is brought to compel the production of Vendor's Confidential Information, the Parties agree that Citizens is authorized to deliver Vendor's Confidential Information to the court or other legal tribunal for disposition. If Vendor continues to assert in good faith that Vendor's Confidential Information is confidential or exempt from disclosure or production pursuant to Florida's Public Records Laws then Vendor shall be solely responsible for defending its position, or seeking a judicial declaration. Nothing in this Agreement shall create an obligation or duty for Citizens to defend or justify Vendor's position. Vendor also agrees to reimburse Citizens for any attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses incurred by Citizens or awarded against Citizens in any legal proceeding in which the issue is a third party's challenge to Vendor's assertion of an exemption under Florida's Public Records Laws.

13.3.3. Vendor's Duty to Forward Records Requests to Citizens. Vendor receives a PRR that is in any way related to this Agreement, Vendor agrees to immediately notify Citizens' Records Custodian and forward the PRR to Citizens' Records Custodian for logging and processing. Citizens' Records Custodian's email address is: Recordsrequest@citizensfla.com. Citizens shall be the Party responsible for coordinating the response and production to the PRR. Vendor shall communicate with Citizens to determine whether requested information is confidential and/or exempt from public records disclosure requirements. Vendor agrees to assist Citizens in responding to any PRR in a prompt and timely manner as required by Florida's Public Records Laws.

13.3.4. Additional Duties. To the extent Vendor is "acting on behalf of" Citizens as provided under Section 119.011(2), Florida Statutes, Vendor must: (a) keep and maintain public records required by Citizens to perform the Services; (b) upon request of Citizens' Records Custodian, provide Citizens with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law; (c) ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law, for the duration of the term of this Agreement and following the completion of this Agreement if Vendor does not transfer the records to Citizens; and, (d) upon completion of this Agreement, transfer at no cost to Citizens all public records in possession of Vendor or, alternatively, Vendor may keep and maintain all records required by Citizens to perform the Services. If Vendor transfers all public records to Citizens upon completion of this Agreement, Vendor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt, or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure. If Vendor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, Vendor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All public records stored electronically must be provided to Citizens, upon request by Citizens' Records Custodian, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of Citizens.

IF VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, PLEASE CONTACT CITIZENS' RECORDS CUSTODIAN AT (i) (850) 521-8302; (ii) RECORDSREQUEST@CITIZENSFLA.COM; OR, (iii) RECORDS CUSTODIAN, CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION, 2101 MARYLAND CIRCLE, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32303.

- 13.4. Vendor's Failure to Respond to Public Records Request. Vendor must comply with Citizens' request for records, including all documents, papers, letters, emails, or other materials in conjunction with this Agreement, within thirty (30) calendar days of Citizens' request. Vendor's failure to comply with Citizens request may be subject to penalties in accordance with Chapter 119.10, Florida Statutes. Vendor will hold Citizens harmless from any actions resulting from Vendor's non-compliance with Florida's Public Records Laws. Without limiting Citizens' other rights of termination as further described in this Agreement, Citizens may unilaterally terminate this Agreement for refusal by Vendor to comply with this Section unless the records are exempt from Section 24(a) of Article I of the State Constitution and Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes.
- 13.5. The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

14. Security and Confidentiality.

- 14.1. General Requirements. Vendor shall implement and maintain appropriate safeguards to: (a) ensure the security and confidentiality of Citizens Confidential Information; (b) protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of Citizens Confidential Information; and, (c) protect against unauthorized access to or use of Citizens Confidential Information that could cause harm or inconvenience to Citizens or any customer of Citizens.
- 14.2. Implementation of NIST 800-53 Controls. Except as permitted in writing by Citizens' Contract Manager or designee, Vendor agrees to implement the privacy and security controls that follow the guidelines set forth in NIST Special Publication 800-53, "Security and Privacy Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations," as amended from time to time.
- 14.3. Audit of Vendor's Privacy and Security Controls.
- 14.3.1. Audit Reports. For each calendar year during the term of this Agreement, upon sixty (60) calendar days of issuance but no later than the end of each calendar year, Vendor shall submit to Citizens via email to Citizens' Contract Manager or designee a copy of its annual American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Service Organization Control (SOC) 1 type 2 report or SOC 2 type 2 report (for all Trusted Services Principles) relevant, as solely determined by Citizens, to the Services.
- 14.3.2. Right of Audit by Citizens. Without limiting any other rights of Citizens herein, Citizens shall have the right to review Vendor's privacy and security controls prior to the commencement of Services and from time to time

during the term of this Agreement. Such review may include Citizens' right, at its own expense and without notice, to perform (or have performed) an on-site audit of Vendor's privacy and security controls. In lieu of such an audit, Citizens may require Vendor to complete, within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt, an audit questionnaire provided by Citizens regarding Vendor's privacy and security programs.

- 14.3.3. Audit Findings. Vendor shall implement any required safeguards as identified by Citizens or by any audit of Vendor's privacy and security controls.
- 14.4. Data Encryption. Vendor and Vendor Staff will encrypt all electronic data and communications containing Citizens Confidential Information at rest and in transit using a strong cryptographic protocol that is consistent with industry standards.
- 14.5. Data Storage. Except as permitted in writing by Citizens' Contract Manager or designee, Vendor and Vendor Staff shall not store Citizens Confidential Information on portable external storage devices or media (such as "thumb drives," compact disks, or portable disk drives).
- 14.6. Data Export. Except as permitted in writing by Citizens' Contract Manager or designee, Vendor and Vendor Staff are prohibited from: (a) performing any Services outside of the United States; or, (b) sending, transmitting, or accessing any Citizens Confidential Information outside of the United States.
- 14.7. Security of Vendor Facilities. All Vendor and Vendor Staff facilities in which Citizens Confidential Information is located or housed shall be maintained in a reasonably secure manner. Within such facilities, all printed materials containing Citizens Confidential Information should be kept locked in a secure office, file cabinet, or desk (except when materials are being used).
- 14.8. Labeling of Confidential Information. Any documents or electronic files created by Vendor or Vendor Staff that contain Citizens Confidential Information must be conspicuously labeled or marked so that the individual viewing or receiving the information understands that the information is confidential.
- 14.9. Photocopying and Faxing Restrictions. Vendor and Vendor Staff shall not make photocopies or send facsimiles of Citizens Confidential Information unless there is a business need.
- 14.10. Transmission of Confidential Information Materials. In the event it is necessary to transport materials containing Citizens Confidential Information via mail, parcel delivery service or other means, Vendor Staff must subsequently verify that such materials have been received by the intended parties.
- 14.11. Disposal of Confidential Information. The disposal of all printed materials containing Citizens Confidential Information must be done in a manner that renders the information inaccessible to others (the use of a reputable third party shredding company is permissible).
- 14.12. Authority to Disclose Confidential Information to Others. Vendor acknowledges and agrees that any Citizens Confidential Information disclosed to or acquired by Vendor is disclosed and/or acquired solely for the purposes of facilitating the provision of the Services. Vendor shall restrict access to Citizens Confidential Information to Vendor Staff who will actually perform Services and Vendor shall provide such Vendor Staff with work environments that protect against inadvertent disclosure to others. Vendor shall be solely responsible for informing any individual

or entity with access to Citizens Confidential Information of the provisions of this Agreement and shall be responsible for any acts of those individuals and entities that violate such provisions.

- 14.13. Unauthorized Disclosure of Confidential Information. Vendor will notify Citizens Contract Administrator as soon as possible of any potential or actual unauthorized disclosure, misuse, or misappropriation of Citizens Confidential Information of which it becomes aware and will cooperate in remedying such situation promptly. Pursuant to Section 501.171, Florida Statutes, if Vendor maintains computerized data that includes personal information, as defined in such statute, on behalf of Citizens, Vendor shall disclose to Citizens any breach of the security of the system as soon as practicable, but no later than ten (10) calendar days following the determination of the breach of security or reason to believe the breach occurred.
- 14.14. Return of Confidential Information. During the term of this Agreement, upon Citizens written request or upon the termination of this Agreement for any reason, Vendor shall promptly return to Citizens all copies, whether in written, electronic or other form or media, of Citizens Confidential Information in its possession, or securely dispose of all such copies, and certify in writing to Citizens that Citizens Confidential Information has been returned to Citizens or disposed of securely.
- 14.15. Notification of Anticipatory Breach. Vendor agrees that should it, for any reason, not be able to provide or maintain appropriate safeguards to fulfill its obligations under this Section, it will immediately notify Citizens Contract Administrator in writing of such inability and such inability on Vendor's part will serve as justification for Citizens' termination of this Agreement, at Citizens' sole election, at any time after the inability becomes known to Citizens.
- 14.16. Remedies. Vendor acknowledges that breach of Vendor's obligation of data security and confidentiality may give rise to irreparable injury to Citizens and Citizens' customers, which damage may be inadequately compensable in the form of monetary damages. Accordingly, Citizens may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the provisions of this Section, in addition to any other legal remedies which may be available, including, at the sole election of Citizens, the immediate termination, without penalty to Citizens, of this Agreement in whole or in part.
- 14.17. Subcontractors. Except as permitted in writing by Citizens' Contract Manager or designee, the provisions of this Section shall apply to each of Vendor's subcontractors at any level who obtain access to Citizens Confidential Information in connection with this Agreement.
- 14.18. The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

15. Miscellaneous.

- 15.1. Relationship of the Parties. Vendor is an independent contractor with no authority to contract for Citizens or in any way to bind or to commit Citizens to any agreement of any kind or to assume any liabilities of any nature in the name of or on behalf of Citizens. Under no circumstances shall Vendor or Vendor Staff hold itself out as or be considered an agent, employee, joint venturer, or partner of Citizens. In recognition of Vendor's status as an independent contractor, Citizens shall carry no Workers' Compensation insurance or any health or accident insurance to cover Vendor or Vendor Staff. Citizens shall not pay any contributions to Social Security, unemployment insurance, federal or state withholding taxes, any other applicable

taxes whether federal, state, or local, nor provide any other contributions or benefits which might be expected in an employer-employee relationship. Neither Vendor nor Vendor Staff shall be eligible for, participate in, or accrue any direct or indirect benefit under any other compensation, benefit, or retirement plan of Citizens.

- 15.2. Vendor Conflicts of Interests. Vendor, and all principals in its business, must execute a Conflict of Interest Form as required by Citizens. Vendor shall not have a relationship with a Citizens officer or employee that creates a conflict of interest. If there is the appearance of a conflict of interest, Vendor will promptly contact Citizens' Contract Manager or designee to obtain a written decision as to whether action needs to be taken to ensure a conflict does not exist or that the appearance of a conflict is not significant.
- 15.3. No Gifts. Vendor shall not give a gift or make an expenditure to or for the personal benefit of a Citizens officer or employee.
- 15.4. Convicted Vendor List. Vendor shall immediately notify Citizens' Contract Manager or designee in writing if it or any of its affiliates are placed on the convicted vendor list maintained by the State of Florida pursuant to Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, or on any similar list maintained by any other state or the federal government.
- 15.5. Compliance with Laws. Vendor and Vendor Staff will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations governing Vendor's performance under this Agreement. This includes: (a) registration and annual renewal of authority to transact business in the State of Florida (via www.sunbiz.org) or Vendor's annual written attestation that such authorization is not required; and, (b) maintaining all other necessary permits or licenses from federal, state, and local regulatory/licensing authorities.
- 15.6. Subcontracting. Vendor shall not enter into any subcontracts for the performance of the Services or assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement, without Citizens' prior written consent and any attempt to do so shall be void and without effect. Citizens' consent to Vendor's request to subcontract any of the Services shall not relieve Vendor of any of its duties or obligations under this Agreement, and Vendor shall indemnify and hold Citizens harmless from any payment required to be paid to any such subcontractors.
- 15.7. Severability. If a court deems any provision of this Agreement void or unenforceable, that provision shall be enforced only to the extent that it is not in violation of law or is not otherwise unenforceable and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 15.8. Headings. The sections and headings herein contained are for the purposes of identification only and shall not be considered as controlling in construing this Agreement.
- 15.9. Publicity: Use of Names and Logos. Vendor may use Citizens' name and logo in its marketing materials, website and social media to indicate that it is a participating or contracted vendor for Citizens. However, Vendor may not in any way state, imply or infer that it holds a "preferred," "approved," "awarded," "selected" or otherwise special status with Citizens in any such materials. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, the use of endorsements or quotes from Citizens officials, Citizens vendor scores, or any other Citizens-related materials that may directly or indirectly imply that Vendor enjoys a special or preferred status with

Citizens. Citizens reserves the right to determine that its name and/or logo have been misused and to request that Vendor cease using its name and/or logo in any way it deems inappropriate. Failure to comply will result in corrective action, up to and including contract termination. Vendor may only use the approved Citizens logo, which may be obtained by sending a request via email to: newsroom@citizensfla.com.

- 15.10. Waiver. The delay or failure by a Party to exercise or enforce any of its rights under this Agreement shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of the Party's right thereafter to enforce those rights, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right.
- 15.11. Agreement Disclosure Acknowledgement Addendum ("Addendum"). Vendor agrees that the Addendum attached hereto is hereby incorporated into this Agreement in order to address the public posting of this Agreement and its disclosure to third parties.
- 15.12. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, and any exhibits, schedules and attachments hereto, set forth the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous proposals, agreements or understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.
- 15.13. Modification of Terms. Except as otherwise provided for herein, this Agreement may only be modified or amended upon a mutual written contract amendment signed by Citizens and Vendor or as otherwise permitted by this Agreement. Vendor may not unilaterally modify the terms of this Agreement in any manner such as by affixing additional terms to any Deliverable (e.g., attachment or inclusion of standard preprinted forms, product literature, "shrink wrap" or "click through" terms, whether written or electronic) or by incorporating such terms onto Vendor's order or fiscal forms or other documents forwarded by Vendor for payment and any such terms shall have no force or effect upon Citizens or this Agreement. Citizens' acceptance of any Service or processing of documentation on forms furnished by Vendor for approval or payment shall not constitute acceptance of any proposed modification to terms and conditions or any conflicting terms and conditions.
- 15.14. Assignments. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the successors and assigns of each Party, but only as permitted under this Agreement. Each Party binds itself and its respective successors and assigns in all respects to all of the terms, conditions, covenants and provisions of this Agreement. Vendor shall not sell, assign or transfer any of its rights (including rights to payment), duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of Citizens. In the event of any assignment, Vendor shall remain liable for performance of this Agreement unless Citizens expressly waives such liability. Citizens may assign this Agreement with prior written notice to Vendor of its intent to do so. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer, employee or agent of Citizens.
- 15.15. Notice and Approval of Changes in Ownership. Because the award of this Agreement may have been predicated upon Vendor's ownership structure, Vendor agrees that any transfer of a substantial interest in Vendor by any of its owners shall require Citizens' prior written approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or unreasonably delayed. By execution of this Agreement,

Vendor represents that it has no knowledge of any intent to transfer a substantial interest in Vendor. A substantial interest shall mean at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting shares or control over Vendor. This Section shall not apply to: (a) transfers occurring upon the incapacitation or death of an owner; (b) transfers associated with an initial public offering on a major stock exchange; or, (c) transfers to a company whose stock is publicly traded on a major stock exchange.

15.16. Assignment of Antitrust Claims. Vendor and Citizens recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are usually borne by the ultimate consumer. Therefore, Vendor hereby assigns to Citizens any and all claims under the antitrust laws of Florida or the United States for overcharges incurred in connection with this Agreement.

15.17. Force Majeure. Neither Party shall be responsible for delays or disruptions in performance if the cause of the delay or disruption was beyond that Party's reasonable control (or the reasonable control of its employees, subcontractors, or agents) to the extent not occasioned by the fault or negligence of the delayed or disrupted Party. In no case shall Vendor's labor matters, such as strikes or availability of subcontractors, if any, be considered a force majeure event. Further, this Section may not be invoked to excuse or delay Vendor's compliance with its obligations to protect Citizens Confidential Information. To be excused from delays or disruptions hereunder, Vendor must promptly notify Citizens in writing of the delay or disruption. If the delay or disruption is justified, as solely determined by Citizen, Citizens will give Vendor a reasonable extension of time to perform; provided, however, that Citizens may elect to terminate this Agreement in whole or in part if Citizens determines, in its sole judgment, that such a delay or disruption will significantly impair the value of this Agreement to Citizens. THE FOREGOING EXTENSION OF TIME SHALL BE VENDOR'S SOLE REMEDY WITH RESPECT TO FORCE MAJEURE EVENTS. Vendor shall not be entitled to any increase in price or payment of any kind from Citizens for direct, indirect, consequential, or other costs or damages arising because of such delays or disruptions.

Because of the nature of Citizens' business, Citizens requires that Vendor take every reasonable measure to avoid or minimize any delay or disruption under this Section, including the timely activation of Vendor's business continuity and disaster recovery plans. Where Vendor fails to undertake such efforts, the delay or disruption shall be included in the determination of any service level achievement.

If a force majeure event results in a partial reduction in Vendor's capacity to serve its clients, Vendor agrees that Citizens will receive the same or better priority as Vendor's other clients with respect to the allocation of Vendor's resources.

15.18. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute but one and the same Agreement. The Parties agree that a faxed or scanned signature may substitute for and have the same legal effect as the original signature.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been duly executed by authorized representatives of the Parties.

**CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE
CORPORATION**

VENDOR

Signature

Signature

Print Name

Print Name

Title

Title

Date Signed

Date Signed

Signature

Print Name

Title

Date Signed

**ADDENDUM 1
AGREEMENT DISCLOSURE ADDENDUM (“ADDENDUM”)**

Company Name (“Vendor”):
Agreement Name/Number (“Agreement”):
Primary Vendor Contact Name:
Telephone:
Email:

Citizens is subject to Florida public records laws, including Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. As a part of providing public access to Citizens’ records, Citizens makes its contracts available on Citizens’ external website located at www.citizensfla.com/contracts. This Addendum is incorporated into the Agreement in order to address Citizens’ public posting of the Agreement and its disclosure to third parties.

If Vendor asserts that any portion of the Agreement is exempt from disclosure under Florida public records laws, (the “Redacted Information”), such as information that Vendor considers a protected “trade secret” per Section 815.045, Florida Statutes, then Vendor must select the corresponding declaration below and provide the following to Vendor.ManagementOffice@citizensfla.com:

- (1) A copy of the Agreement in PDF format with the Redacted Information removed (the “Redacted Agreement”); and,**
- (2) A dated statement on Vendor’s letterhead in PDF format clearly identifying the legal basis for Vendor’s redaction of the Redacted Information (the “Redaction Justification”).**

If Vendor does not select one of the two declarations below, or if Vendor fails to provide the Redacted Agreement and Redaction Justification within thirty (30) days of Vendor’s receipt of the fully executed Agreement, then without further notice to Vendor, Citizens may post the non-redacted version of the Agreement on its public website and may release it to any member of the public.

<u>Vendor Declaration:</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Vendor WILL NOT SUBMIT a Redacted Agreement. Citizens may post Vendor’s full, complete, and non-redacted Agreement on its public website, and may release the Agreement to any member of the public without notice to Vendor.
Or
<input type="checkbox"/> Vendor asserts that a portion of the Agreement is confidential and/or exempt under Florida Public Records law. Therefore, Vendor WILL SUBMIT a Redacted Agreement and a Redaction Justification within thirty (30) days of receipt of the fully executed Agreement. Citizens may post Vendor’s Redacted Agreement on its public website, or release it to any member of the public, without notice to Vendor. If Citizens receives a public records request for the Agreement, Citizens will provide only the Redacted Agreement and Redacted Justification to the requestor. Vendor acknowledges that, in the event of any legal challenge regarding these redactions, Vendor will be solely responsible for defending its position or seeking a judicial declaration.