



## Best Value Service Justification

### Vendor: The National Center for Teacher Residencies

#### Requisition: XXX

The National Center for Teacher Residencies is a national, non-profit organization, supporting the design, implementation, and scaling of grow your own teacher residency and teacher apprenticeship programs. For almost two decades, NCTR has provided technical assistance to more than 125 state education agencies, institutions of higher education, school districts, and/or charters to leverage the teacher residency and/or teacher apprenticeship model to address local teacher shortages, improve teacher quality, increase teacher retention, and create a pathway to teaching that is affordable, accessible, and robust.

The programs working with NCTR and members of NCTR's Network are getting results.

#### Improving P-12 Student Learning

- 93% of principals reported that residency graduates are more effective than a typical new teacher
- 89% of teacher residents in NCTR Network programs reported to be prepared or very well prepared
- 97% of principals reported that participation in a residency program has positively impacted the culture of their school

#### Retaining Teachers and Addressing Shortages

- 81% of hired graduates of NCTR Network programs return to teach after three years (i.e., teach for a fourth year)
- 88% of 2023-2024 graduates of NCTR Network programs were hired to teach in Title I schools (average)

#### Providing Veteran Teachers Leadership and Job-Embedded Professional Development

- 94% of mentors agreed that being a residency program mentor makes them a more effective teacher



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## Network Scope of Work

The National Center for Teacher Residencies (NCTR) consults and supports Network members to meet improvement goals and exchange promising practices in order to sustain high-quality teacher preparation programs. NCTR's Network services are designed to meet the needs of lead partners, including school districts, nonprofits, charter management organizations, and institutions of higher education. Network membership provides an opportunity for individualized consulting with varied community learning experiences for a residency team.

<p><b>Consulting</b></p> <p>Bi-monthly Consulting Sessions (6 per year)</p>	<p>At NCTR, we believe that each organization is unique and has its own set of objectives, culture, and aspirations. That's why we offer a personalized approach to consulting, tailoring our strategies and solutions to meet the specific needs and challenges of each client. We work closely with our clients to develop customized impact goals that drive meaningful results. Network+ members are eligible for five virtual consulting sessions annually and two hours of financial modeling or grant writing support.</p>
<p><b>Network Site Visit</b></p> <p>(1 Site Visit per year)</p>	<p>Our Network Site Visit allows professionals to connect with other experts in various programs. By visiting a leading organization, participants can gain access to the latest innovations, educational trends, and best practices. We facilitate meaningful exchanges that catalyze growth and innovation. Whether you're seeking inspiration, forging new partnerships, or expanding your professional network, our programming offers an excellent platform to engage with industry leaders and thought pioneers. You can expect interactive school tours, coursework observations, resident panels, and behind-the-scenes glimpses of program operations. Network membership includes two complimentary Network Site Visit seats.</p>
<p><b>Symposium</b></p> <p>(1 Event per year)</p>	<p>Our Symposium offers a platform for exchanging ideas, fostering collaborations and inspiring positive change in the field of teacher preparation. Through a series of thought-provoking presentations, interactive workshops and engaging discussions, we aim to push the boundaries of</p>



	knowledge and ignite inspiration. Network membership includes two complimentary seats at Symposium.
<p><b><i>Data Support</i></b></p> <p>(NCTR collects annual data in the fall and disseminates year-end perception surveys to principals, mentors, and residents in the spring)</p>	<p>Our data collection support is specifically designed to assist our partners in collecting and making sense of data to demonstrate and make decisions that can enhance program impact. We offer partners access to aggregate data about the programs in our Network, and conduct surveys of teacher residents, mentors, graduates, and principals for partners. Through our data visualization platform and consulting support, we help members to unlock the full potential of their data. Our support and analysis is actionable and personalized to your unique needs and requirements for the data, whether you're trying to use the data to set and monitor progress on program goals, support an internal or external evaluation of your program, or demonstrate the value and impact of your program to external audiences.</p>
<p><b><i>Community Learning Experiences</i></b></p> <p>NCTR invites members to participate in monthly communities of learning)</p>	<p>We believe in the power of shared learning and collective wisdom. Our programming fosters connections, inspires creativity, and promotes resource-sharing. Whether you're a seasoned program leader looking to expand your skillset or a curious learner eager to explore new horizons, our offerings have something for everyone. From interactive working groups, webinars to immersive Director Pods, our goal is to create dynamic learning environments that spark curiosity and fuel innovation. We focus on inclusivity, accessibility, and lifelong learning to build stronger and more resilient communities through education and collaboration.</p>

## Budget

The fixed, professional membership fee for the scope of work defined above is \$20,000, billable as a membership fee and due upon signing.



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## SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Services Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into and effective Upon Execution (the “Effective Date”), by and between Prairie View A&M University, a member of The Texas A&M University System (“A&M System”) and an agency of the state of Texas (hereafter referred to as “PVAMU”), and National Center for Teacher Residencies (NCTR), a company (hereafter referred to as “PROVIDER”). PVAMU and PROVIDER are sometimes hereafter referred to as “Party” individually or “Parties” collectively.

PVAMU and PROVIDER hereby agree as follows:

### 1. SERVICES

- A. PROVIDER will perform the services as set forth in Exhibit A, Statement of Work, attached hereto (“Services”), in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions contained in this Agreement.

### 2. PROVIDER OBLIGATIONS

- A. PROVIDER will perform the Services in accordance with the standards of care, skill, and diligence expected of a qualified, competent and experienced professional in the provision of the type of services required under this Agreement.
- B. PROVIDER will perform the Services substantially in accordance with PROVIDER’s documentation, including without limitation, any marketing materials, user guides, technical specifications, training materials, instructions, documented policies or other written materials regarding the Services that are posted, delivered or otherwise made available by PROVIDER to PVAMU.
- C. PROVIDER will obtain, maintain in effect, and pay the cost for all licenses, permits, or certifications that may be necessary for PROVIDER’s performance of this Agreement.
- D. PROVIDER represents and warrants that there are no obligations, commitments, third party rights, or impediments of any kind that will limit or prevent PROVIDER’s performance of the Services.

### 3. TERM AND TERMINATION

- A. This Agreement will commence on the Effective Date and continues through July 30, 2027 (the “Term”), unless earlier terminated as provided herein. The Term of the Agreement may be extended for and shall not exceed five (5) years from the Effective Date.
- B. In the event of a breach of a material term of this Agreement by a Party, the non-defaulting Party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days’ prior written

notice to the other Party detailing the nature of the breach and the other Party fails to fully cure the breach within such 30-day period.

- C. PVAMU may immediately terminate this Agreement if (i) the PROVIDER's insurance coverage required under this Agreement is cancelled or non-renewed; or (ii) the PROVIDER declares bankruptcy, is placed into involuntary bankruptcy or receivership or becomes insolvent.
- D. PVAMU may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to PROVIDER.
- E. In the event that PVAMU terminates this Agreement for cause, PVAMU shall receive a pro-rata refund of any pre-paid amounts.

#### 4. PAYMENT TERMS

- A. In full consideration for the Services rendered by PROVIDER under this Agreement, PVAMU shall pay PROVIDER in accordance with the terms set forth in Exhibit B, Payment Terms, attached hereto. The total compensation to PROVIDER under this Agreement will not exceed 20,000.00 USD without an amendment to this Agreement.
- B. PROVIDER will submit biannual invoices to PVAMU, following signing of the contract and on or before March 1, 2027. Each invoice must reference the PVAMU purchase order number (which will be provided to PROVIDER within 15 days of the execution of this Agreement) and include a description of services provided to include but not limited to time, deliverables, and activities along with documentation that PVAMU may reasonably request to support the invoice amount. PVAMU will make payment on a properly prepared and submitted invoice in accordance with Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code (the "Texas Prompt Payment Act"), which shall govern remittance of payment and remedies for late payment and non-payment.
- C. For reasonable business-related travel, lodging and/or meal expenses validly incurred directly and solely in support of the Services and approved by PVAMU in advance, PROVIDER will be reimbursed by PVAMU according to the State of Texas rates, rules, and regulations (<https://fmx.cpa.texas.gov/fmx/travel/texttravel/rates/current.php>). When requesting such reimbursement, PROVIDER will submit to PVAMU receipts, invoices and other documentation as required by PVAMU. Under no circumstances will PROVIDER be reimbursed for alcohol purchases. State travel rates are subject to change without notice and will be adjusted accordingly. Mileage rates will be calculated from point-to-point (PROVIDER's place of business to job site) using the State of Texas mileage. Should the Agreement be renewed for an additional term, travel reimbursement amounts will be renegotiated at that time.

- D. All payments will be made by virtual card or ACH if the virtual card is not acceptable. PROVIDER is required to register in our supplier portal where PROVIDER can maintain their own profile, including contacts, banking information, and addresses. The portal can be accessed at <https://solutions.sciquest.com/apps/Router/SupplierLogin?CustOrg=TAMU>.
- E. As an agency of the State of Texas PVAMU is tax exempt. Tax exemption certification will be furnished to PROVIDER upon request.

## 5. OWNERSHIP OF CREATED WORKS

The Parties intend that all works prepared by PROVIDER under this Agreement (“Deliverables”) will be works made for hire and the copyrights and all other rights in the Deliverables will be the sole and exclusive property of PVAMU. If, for any reason, the Deliverables would not be works made for hire, then PROVIDER irrevocably assigns, transfers and conveys to PVAMU, for no additional consideration, all of PROVIDER’s ownership, rights, title and interest in and to the Deliverables, including, without limitation, all copyrights, patents, trademarks, trade secrets and other intellectual property rights and all other rights that may hereafter be vested relating to the Deliverables under law. PROVIDER certifies that all Deliverables will be original, or that PROVIDER will have obtained all rights necessary for the ownership and unrestricted use of the Deliverables by PVAMU. PROVIDER shall secure for PVAMU all consents, releases, and contracts and perform other reasonable acts as PVAMU may deem necessary to secure and evidence PVAMU’s rights in any Deliverable.

## 6. CONFIDENTIALITY

- A. The Parties anticipate that under this Agreement it may be necessary for a Party (the “Disclosing Party”) to disclose information of a confidential nature (“Confidential Information”) to the other Party (the “Receiving Party”). The Disclosing Party shall clearly identify Confidential Information at the time of disclosure by (i) appropriate stamp or markings on the document exchanged, or (ii) written notice, with attached listings of all material, copies of all documents, and complete summaries of all oral disclosures (under prior assertion of the confidential nature of the same) to which each notice relates, delivered within thirty (30) days of the disclosure to the Receiving Party. Confidential Information shall include all information, data or other content that PVAMU, its affiliates, and their employees, contractors, students, or end-users enter, submit or upload to Services or otherwise provide to PROVIDER through use of the Services under this Agreement (collectively, the “Customer Data”).
- B. “Confidential Information” does not include information that: (i) is or becomes publicly known or available other than as a result of a breach of this Agreement by the Receiving Party; (ii) was already in the possession of the Receiving Party as the result of disclosure by an individual or entity that was not then obligated to keep that information confidential; (iii) the Disclosing Party had disclosed or discloses

to an individual or entity without confidentiality restrictions; or (iv) the Receiving Party had developed or develops independently before or after the Disclosing Party discloses equivalent information to the Receiving Party; provided, however, that the above exclusions do not apply to Customer Data that is personally identifiable information or other personal or private data that is protected under applicable laws or regulations.

- C. The Receiving Party shall handle Confidential Information with the same care that the Receiving Party uses to protect its own information of comparable sensitivity, but not less than reasonable care. The Receiving Party may use Confidential Information only for purposes of performing its obligations under this Agreement and may disclose Confidential Information only to the Receiving Party's employees, contractors, agents, and other representatives ("Representatives") having a need to know the Confidential Information to fulfill the Receiving Party's obligations under this Agreement; provided that they are subject to confidentiality obligations not less restrictive than those set forth herein, and the Receiving Party remains responsible for its Representatives' compliance with the obligations under this Section.
- D. The Receiving Party shall promptly notify the Disclosing Party of any known unauthorized disclosure, misappropriation, or misuse of Confidential Information and shall take prompt and effective steps to prevent a recurrence of such misappropriation or misuse.
- E. If the Receiving Party is legally required to disclose Confidential Information, the Receiving Party shall, to the extent allowed by law, promptly give the Disclosing Party written notice of the requirement so as to provide the Disclosing Party a reasonable opportunity to pursue appropriate process to prevent or limit the disclosure. If the Receiving Party complies with the terms of this Section, disclosure of that portion of the Confidential Information, which the Receiving Party is legally required to disclose, will not constitute a breach of this Agreement.
- F. The Receiving Party shall, upon request of the Disclosing Party, promptly return or destroy all materials embodying Confidential Information other than materials in electronic backup systems or otherwise not reasonably capable of being readily located and segregated without undue burden or expense, except that the Receiving Party may securely retain one (1) copy in its files solely for record purposes; provided that any such Confidential Information shall remain subject to the confidentiality obligations set forth herein. The Receiving Party's obligations as to Confidential Information will survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement for a period of one (1) year.

## **7. CUSTOMER DATA PRIVACY**

- A. PVAMU shall retain all right, title, and interest in and to Customer Data. Furthermore, if the Services provided include content generated by artificial

intelligence (“AI”), PVAMU shall retain all right, title, and interest in and to the AI generated outputs.

- B. PROVIDER shall, within two (2) days of discovery, report to PVAMU any use or disclosure of Customer Data not authorized by this Agreement or in writing by PVAMU. PROVIDER’s report must identify: (a) the nature of the unauthorized use or disclosure, (b) the Customer Data used or disclosed, (c) who made the unauthorized use or received the unauthorized disclosure (if known), (d) what PROVIDER has done or will do to mitigate any deleterious effect of the unauthorized use or disclosure, and (e) what corrective action PROVIDER has taken or will take to prevent future similar unauthorized use or disclosure. PROVIDER shall provide such other information, including a written report, as reasonably requested by PVAMU.
- C. Within thirty (30) days of the expiration or termination of this Agreement, PROVIDER, as directed by PVAMU, shall return in acceptable electronic format all Customer Data in its possession (or in the possession of any of its subcontractors or agents) to PVAMU or, at PVAMU’s option, delete all such Customer Data, if return is not feasible. PROVIDER shall provide PVAMU with at least ten (10) days’ written notice of PROVIDER’s intent to delete such Customer Data and shall confirm such deletion in writing.

## 8. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

- A. **Compliance with Laws.** Each Party shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, executive orders, rules, and regulations applicable to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.
- B. **Export Control.** PVAMU is subject to United States laws and regulations controlling the export of technical data, software, laboratory prototypes, and other commodities, and its obligations under this Agreement are contingent on compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The transfer of certain technical data and commodities may require a license from the cognizant agency of the United States government or written assurances by PROVIDER that PROVIDER will not export data or commodities to certain countries without advance approval of that agency. PVAMU neither represents that a license will not be required nor that, if required, it will be issued. PROVIDER shall comply with all applicable export laws and regulations and may not export or allow the export or re-export of commodities or technical data in violation of those laws or regulations. PROVIDER certifies that none of its personnel participating in the activities under this Agreement is a “restricted party” as listed on the Denied Persons List, Entity List, and Unverified List (U.S. Department of Commerce), the Debarred Parties Lists (U.S. Department of State), the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (U.S. Department of Treasury), or any similar governmental lists.

## 9. INDEMNIFICATION

Subject to the statutory duties of the Texas Attorney General, PROVIDER shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless PVAMU, A&M System, and their regents, employees and agents (collectively, the “A&M System Indemnitees”) from and against any third-party claims, demands, damages, liabilities, expense or loss asserted against A&M System Indemnities (each, a “Claim”) arising out of or related to (i) an allegation that any of the Services infringe upon, misappropriate, or otherwise violate the intellectual property rights of a third party; (ii) PROVIDER’s breach of any certification, representation, or warranty contained in this Agreement; or (iii) any acts or omissions of PROVIDER or its employees or agents pertaining to the activities and obligations under this Agreement, except to the extent such Claim arises from an A&M System Indemnitee’s gross negligence or willful misconduct.

## 10. INSURANCE

PROVIDER shall obtain, and maintain, for the duration of this Agreement, the minimum insurance coverage set forth on Exhibit C, attached hereto.

A. **Releases from Other Rights Holders.** As between PROVIDER and PVAMU, PROVIDER has the sole responsibility for securing any and all necessary releases, which includes releases for all students, staff, and parents, location agreements, licenses and permits, provided PVAMU will cooperate in good faith and provide assistance as needed. All releases will require the releasing party to hold PVAMU, its officers, officials, employees, and agents harmless in connection with PROVIDER’s activities hereunder. PROVIDER will also obtain specific releases (in a form to be provided by PVAMU before any non-directory information on a PVAMU student under FERPA (20 U.S.C. §1232g) will be released by PVAMU to PROVIDER. PROVIDER shall provide copies of all releases to PVAMU within a reasonable period of time after securing such releases or prior to completion of the Services.

B. **Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems.** If PROVIDER intends to use an unmanned aircraft system (“UAS”) or model aircraft over PVAMU property, PROVIDER must first receive prior approval through PVAMU’s UAS supervising authority and be bound by all requirements as described in the UAS supervising authority approval document.

## 11. MISCELLANEOUS

A. **Authority to Contract.** Each Party represents and warrants that it has full right, power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, and that the person signing this Agreement is duly authorized to enter into this Agreement on its behalf.

B. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, together with the exhibits hereto, constitutes the entire and only agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any prior understanding, written or oral agreements between

the Parties, or “side deals” which are not described in this Agreement. This Agreement may be amended only by a subsequent written agreement signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.

- C. **Force Majeure.** Neither Party shall be held liable or responsible to the other Party nor be deemed to have defaulted under or breached this Agreement for failure or delay in fulfilling or performing any obligation under this Agreement if and to the extent such failure or delay is caused by or results from causes beyond the affected Party’s reasonable control, including, but not limited to, acts of God, strikes, riots, flood, fire, epidemics, natural disaster, embargoes, war, insurrection, terrorist acts or any other circumstances of like character; provided, however, that the affected Party has not caused such force majeure event(s), shall use reasonable commercial efforts to avoid or remove such causes of nonperformance, and shall continue performance hereunder with reasonable dispatch whenever such causes are removed. Either Party shall provide the other Party with prompt written notice of any delay or failure to perform that occurs by reason of force majeure, including describing the force majeure event(s) and the actions taken to minimize the impact of such event(s).
- D. **Independent Contractor.** Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Parties hereto are independent contractors. No employer-employee, partnership, agency, or joint venture relationship is created by this Agreement or by PROVIDER’s service to PVAMU. Except as specifically required under the terms of this Agreement, PROVIDER (and its representatives, agents, employees and subcontractors) will not represent themselves to be an agent or representative of PVAMU or A&M System. As an independent contractor, PROVIDER is solely responsible for all taxes, withholdings, and other statutory or contractual obligations of any sort, including but not limited to workers’ compensation insurance. PROVIDER and its employees shall observe and abide by all applicable policies, regulations, rules and procedures of PVAMU and A&M System, including those applicable to conduct on its premises.
- E. **Non-Assignment.** PROVIDER shall neither assign its rights nor delegate its duties under this Agreement without the prior written consent of PVAMU. Any purported assignment in violation of this Section will be void.
- F. **Non-Waiver of Defaults.** The failure of either Party at any time to require performance by the other Party of any provision of this Agreement will in no way affect the right to require such performance at any time thereafter nor will the waiver by either Party of a breach of any provision be taken or held to be a waiver of any succeeding breach of such provision or as a waiver of the provision itself.
- G. **Notices.** Any notice required or permitted under this Agreement must be in writing, and shall be deemed given: (i) three (3) business days after it is deposited and post-marked with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, (ii) the next business day after it is sent by

overnight carrier, (iii) on the date sent by email transmission with electronic confirmation of receipt by the party being notified, or (iv) on the date of delivery if delivered personally. PVAMU and PROVIDER can change their respective notice address by sending to the other Party a notice of the new address. Notices should be addressed as follows:

**PVAMU:**

Prairie View A&M University  
Curriculum & Instruction  
P.O. Box 519, MS 2400  
Prairie View, Texas 77446  
Attention: Dr. RoSusan Bartee  
Telephone: 9362613602  
Email: rdbartee@pvamu.edu

**With a copy to:**

Prairie View A&M University Contract Administration  
P.O Box 519, MS 1311  
Prairie View, Texas 77446-0519  
Telephone: +1 936-261-1902  
Email: Contracts@pvamu.edu

**PROVIDER:**

National Center for Teacher Residencies (NCTR)  
200 East Randolph Street  
CARR Workplaces - Suite 5100  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Attention: Jill Harvieux Pitner  
Telephone: 312-397-8878  
Email: jpitner@nctresidencies.org

- H. **Organization.** If PROVIDER is a business entity, PROVIDER warrants, represents, covenants, and agrees that it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of its incorporation or organization and is duly authorized and in good standing to conduct business in the State of Texas, that it has all necessary power and has received all necessary approvals to execute and deliver this Agreement, and the individual executing this Agreement on behalf of PROVIDER has been duly authorized to act for and bind PROVIDER. Upon PVAMU's request, PROVIDER shall promptly deliver to PROVIDER (i) a certificate of good standing certified by the appropriate governmental officer in its jurisdiction of incorporation or organization; and (ii) a certificate of fact issued by the Texas Secretary of State.
- I. **Severability.** In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in

any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions hereof, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, and unenforceable provision had never been contained herein. The Parties agree that any alterations, additions, or deletions to the provisions of the Agreement that are required by changes in federal or state law or regulations are automatically incorporated into the Agreement without written amendment hereto and shall become effective on the date designated by such law or by regulation.

- J. **Survival.** Any provision of this Agreement that may reasonably be interpreted as being intended by the Parties to survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement will survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- K. **U.S. Currency.** All amounts payable hereunder shall be paid in United States dollars.
- L. **Use of Name.** Each Party acknowledges that all rights in any trademarks, service marks, slogans, logos, designs, and other similar means of distinction associated with that Party (its “Marks”), including all goodwill pertaining to the Marks, are the sole property of that Party. Neither Party may use the Marks of the other without the advance written consent of that Party, except that each Party may use the name of the other Party in factual statements that, in context, are not misleading. The Parties will mutually agree in advance upon any public announcements, or communications to the media regarding this Agreement or the services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement.

## 12. STATE AGENCY CLAUSES

- A. **Conflict of Interest.** PROVIDER certifies, to the best of their knowledge and belief, that no member of the A&M System Board of Regents, nor any employee of PVAMU or A&M System, has a direct or indirect financial interest in PROVIDER or in the transaction that is the subject of this Agreement.
- B. **Delinquent Child Support Obligations.** A child support obligor who is more than 30 days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent is not eligible to receive payments from state funds under an agreement to provide property, materials, or services until all arrearages have been paid or the obligor is in compliance with a written repayment agreement or court order as to any existing delinquency. Under Section 231.006, *Texas Family Code*, PROVIDER certifies that it is not ineligible to receive the payments under this Agreement and acknowledges that this Agreement may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
- C. **Dispute Resolution.** To the extent that Chapter 2260, *Texas Government Code* is applicable to this Agreement, the dispute resolution process provided in Chapter 2260, and the related rules adopted by the Texas Attorney General pursuant to

Chapter 2260, shall be used by PVAMU and PROVIDER to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of contract made by PROVIDER that cannot be resolved in the ordinary course of business. PROVIDER shall submit written notice of a claim of breach of contract under this Chapter to the Senior Vice-President for Business Affairs & CFO of PVAMU, who shall examine PROVIDER's claim and any counterclaim and negotiate with PROVIDER in an effort to resolve the claim. This provision and nothing in this Agreement waives PVAMU's sovereign immunity to suit or liability, and PVAMU has not waived its right to seek redress in the courts.

- D. **Executive Order GA-43.** To the extent that PROVIDER is providing goods to PVAMU under this Agreement, PROVIDER represents and warrants that the goods are not produced in or exported from the Gaza Strip or from any organization or state actor with ties to Hamas.
- E. **Executive Order GA-48.** PROVIDER represents and warrants that PROVIDER is not and, if applicable, none of its holding companies or subsidiaries are (i) listed in Section 889 of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act ("NDAA") regarding telecommunications and video surveillance; (ii) listed in Section 1260H of the 2021 NDAA regarding Chinese military companies in the US; (iii) owned by the government of a country on the U.S. Department of Commerce's foreign adversaries list under 15 C.F.R. § 791.4 ("15 C.F.R. § 791.4 List"); or (iv) controlled by any governing or regulatory body located in a country on the 15 C.F.R. § 791.4 List. PROVIDER acknowledges that a false certification is a material breach of contract and is grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement with no further obligation on the part of PVAMU or the A&M System. If this Agreement is terminated due to a false certification, PROVIDER will immediately reimburse PVAMU for all prepaid costs.
- F. **Franchise Tax Certification.** If PROVIDER is a taxable entity subject to the Texas Franchise Tax (Chapter 171, *Texas Tax Code*), then PROVIDER certifies that it is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise (margin) taxes or that PROVIDER is exempt from the payment of franchise (margin) taxes.
- G. **Governing Law.** The validity of this Agreement and all matters pertaining to this Agreement, including but not limited to, matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties, and interpretation or construction, shall be governed and determined by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas.
- H. **Non-Waiver of Privileges and Immunities.** PVAMU is an agency of the state of Texas and under the Constitution and the laws of the state of Texas possesses certain rights and privileges, is subject to certain limitations and restrictions, and only has authority as is granted to it under the Constitution and the laws of the state of Texas. PROVIDER expressly acknowledges that PVAMU is an agency of the state of Texas and nothing in this Agreement will be construed as a waiver or relinquishment by PVAMU of its right to claim such exemptions, remedies,

privileges, and immunities as may be provided by law, including the sovereign immunity of PVAMU.

- I. **Not Eligible for Rehire.** PROVIDER is responsible for ensuring that its employees involved in any work being performed for PVAMU under this Agreement have not been designated as “Not Eligible for Rehire” as defined in A&M System policy 32.02, Discipline and Dismissal of Employees, Section 4 (“NEFR Employee”). In the event PVAMU becomes aware that PROVIDER has a NEFR Employee involved in any work being performed under this Agreement, PVAMU will have the sole right to demand removal of such NEFR Employee from work being performed under this Agreement. Non-conformance to this requirement may be grounds for termination of this Agreement by PVAMU.
- J. **Payment of Debt or Delinquency to the State.** Pursuant to Sections 2107.008 and 2252.903, *Texas Government Code*, PROVIDER agrees that any payments owing to PROVIDER under this Agreement may be applied directly toward certain debts or delinquencies that PROVIDER owes the State of Texas or any agency of the State of Texas regardless of when they arise, until such debts or delinquencies are paid in full.
- K. **Prior Employment.** PROVIDER acknowledges that Section 2252.901, *Texas Government Code*, prohibits PVAMU from using state appropriated funds to enter into an employment contract, a professional services contract under Chapter 2254, or a consulting services contract under Chapter 2254 with individual who has been previously employed by PVAMU during the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the effective date of the Agreement. If PROVIDER is an individual, by signing this Agreement, PROVIDER represents and warrants that it is not a former or retired employee of PVAMU that was employed by PVAMU during the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the effective date of the Agreement.
- L. **Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Energy Companies.** To the extent that Chapter 2276, *Texas Government Code*, is applicable to this Agreement, PROVIDER certifies that (i) it does not boycott energy companies, and (ii) it will not boycott energy companies during the term of this Agreement. PROVIDER acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated for cause and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
- M. **Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Israel.** To the extent that Chapter 2271, *Texas Government Code*, is applicable to this Agreement, PROVIDER certifies that (i) it does not currently boycott Israel, and (ii) it will not boycott Israel during the Term of this Agreement. PROVIDER acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated for cause and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
- N. **Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Discriminating Against Firearm Entities and Trade Associations.** To the extent that Chapter 2274, *Texas*

Government Code, is applicable to this Agreement, PROVIDER certifies that (i) it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association, and (ii) it will not discriminate during the term of this Agreement against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. PROVIDER acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated for cause and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

- O. **Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Engaging in Business with Certain Countries and Organizations.** PROVIDER certifies that it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization, as prohibited by Section 2252.152, *Texas Government Code*. PROVIDER acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated for cause immediately if this certification is inaccurate.
- P. **Public Information.** PROVIDER acknowledges that PVAMU is obligated to strictly comply with the Public Information Act, Chapter 552, *Texas Government Code*, in responding to any request for public information pertaining to this Agreement, as well as any other disclosure of information required by applicable Texas law. Upon PVAMU's written request, and at no cost to PVAMU, PROVIDER will promptly provide specified contracting information exchanged or created under this Agreement for or on behalf of PVAMU in a non-proprietary format acceptable to PVAMU that is accessible by the public. PROVIDER acknowledges that PVAMU may be required to post a copy of the fully executed Agreement on its Internet website in compliance with Section 2261.253(a)(1), *Texas Government Code*. The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, *Texas Government Code*, may apply to this Agreement and PROVIDER agrees that this Agreement can be terminated if PROVIDER knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.
- Q. **State Auditor's Office.** PROVIDER understands that acceptance of funds under this Agreement constitutes acceptance of the authority of the Texas State Auditor's Office, or any successor agency (collectively, "Auditor"), to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds pursuant to Section 51.9335(c), Texas Education Code. PROVIDER agrees to cooperate with the Auditor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including without limitation, providing all records requested. PROVIDER will include this provision in all contracts with permitted subcontractors.
- R. **Venue.** Pursuant to Section 85.18(b), Texas Education Code, mandatory venue for all legal proceedings against PVAMU is to be in the county in which the principal office of PVAMU's governing officer is located.

**(SIGNATURES TO FOLLOW ON NEXT PAGE)**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have entered into this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

**NATIONAL CENTER FOR TEACHER RESIDENCIES (NCTR)**

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