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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

GARTNER, INC.

AND

THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY
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CONTRACT NO. 12640

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (hereinafter, "Agreement") is entered into and effective as of the 15th day of April, 2021, by and between the CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY (the "CHA"), a municipal corporation organized under the Illinois Housing Authorities Act 310 ILCS 10/1 et seq., with offices at 60 E. Van Buren St., Chicago, Illinois, and GARTNER, INC. (the "Contractor"), a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in Illinois, with offices at 350 North Orleans Street, Suite S9000, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the CHA is engaged in the development and operation of safe, decent and sanitary housing throughout the City of Chicago for low income families in accordance with the United States Housing Act of 1937, 42 U.S.C. §1437 et seq.; regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), and the Illinois Housing Authorities Act. 310 ILCS 10/1 et seq., as amended, and other applicable laws, regulations and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the CHA released Event No. 2861 (2020) – ERP Requirements Gathering Services (the “Solicitation”) on or about August 19, 2020, to procure the services a professional consultant to develop a plan of work to effectively meet the CHA’s objectives of facilitating the decision to replace or upgrade CHA’s enterprise resource planning (ERP) system, and to perform process reengineering services necessary to support CHA’s business needs (collectively the “ERP Assessment and Consulting Services”); and

WHEREAS, the Contractor submitted its initial proposal on or about September 21, 2020 to the CHA indicating that it is ready, willing and able to provide the services as set forth in the Solicitation and thereafter submitted its Best and Final Offer and proposal (collectively such proposals are referred to herein as the “Proposal”); and

WHEREAS, the CHA and the Contractor desire to enter into the Agreement for the Contractor’s provision of professional consulting services to perform and complete the ERP Assessment and Consulting Services, as further set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and the terms and conditions set forth herein, the CHA and the Contractor agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS

Section 1.01 Incorporation of Recitals

The recitals set forth above are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 1.02 Definitions

“Contract” means the contract entered into between the CHA and the Contractor. It includes the Agreement, the General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts (HUD Form 5370-C), the
Certifications and Representations of Offerors – Non-Construction Contracts (HUD Form 5369-C), the Contractor’s Affidavit and any other exhibits which have been specifically incorporated by reference in the Agreement.

ARTICLE 2. CONTRACTOR’S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 2.01 Services to be Performed

A. Scope of Work

The services that the Contractor shall provide during the term of the Agreement shall include, but not be limited to, Contractor’s provision of professional consulting services to develop a plan of work to effectively meet the CHA’s objectives of facilitating the decision to replace or upgrade CHA’s enterprise resource planning (ERP) system, and to perform process reengineering services necessary to support CHA’s business needs (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Services”).

B. Statement of Work

The Services to be performed by the Contractor during the term of the Agreement are more fully described in the Statement of Work set forth in Exhibit I, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully and originally set forth herein.

C. Deliverables

In performing the Services, the Contractor shall prepare and/or provide the deliverables required by the Agreement along with any other required work product that may consist of documents, data, studies, reports, findings or information in any form prepared or assembled either in hard copy or electronic media (hereinafter, collectively, “Deliverables”). The CHA reserves the right to reject Deliverables which in the reasonable judgment of the CHA do not adequately represent the industry standard levels of completion or standard of performance, do not include relevant information or data, or do not include all documents specified in this Agreement, or reasonably necessary for the purposes for which the CHA made this Agreement with the Contractor as described herein. The CHA will notify the Contractor in writing of any deficiencies the CHA may identify involving a Deliverable.

Partial or incomplete Deliverables may be accepted for review only when required for a specific purpose and when consented to in advance by the CHA. Such Deliverables may not be considered as satisfying the requirements of this Agreement and partial or incomplete Deliverables shall in no way relieve the Contractor of its commitments hereunder.

Section 2.02 Performance Standards

The Contractor shall perform all Services required under this Agreement with the degree of skill, care and diligence normally shown by an entity performing services of a scope, purpose and magnitude comparable with the nature of the Services to be provided under this Agreement. Furthermore, the Contractor shall perform or cause to be performed all Services required by the Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, in accordance with any federal, state and local laws, statutes, applicable to this Agreement, and to the reasonable satisfaction of the CHA. The Contractor must at all times act in the interests of the CHA and will assure timely and satisfactory rendering and completion of its Services, including but not limited
to Deliverables. Specifically, all services shall be performed in accordance with applicable professional due care standards, and in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement in all material respects.

The Contractor must assure that all Services which require the exercise of professional skills or judgment must be accomplished by professionals qualified and competent in the applicable discipline and appropriately licensed, if required by law. The Contractor covenants with the CHA to furnish its commercially reasonable expertise and judgment in furthering the CHA’s interests. The Contractor shall at all times use commercially reasonable efforts to assure quality, timeliness, efficiency and creativity in rendering and completing the Services. The Contractor agrees that performance of the Services in a satisfactory manner shall include quick response to the CHA’s needs. Accordingly, the Contractor shall return all telephone calls and respond to all electronic mail on a timely basis within one (1) business day.

Section 2.03 Key Personnel

Chris Steadley, a Senior Managing Partner of the Contractor, shall be responsible for supervising Contractor’s personnel and directing the Services to be performed during the term of the Agreement. The Contractor retains the right to substitute key personnel with reasonable cause by giving written notice to the CHA, provided that the CHA shall have the right to approve such staff changes and said approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 2.04 Non-Discrimination


Section 2.05 Section 3 and MBE/WBE/DBE Participation and Requirements

A. Section 3 – Compliance: The CHA has determined that the contract awarded under this solicitation is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u, (Section 3), and Title 24 of Subchapter B, Part 135 – Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-Income Persons, 24 CFR 135.3. Section 3 Compliance requires that any contract or subcontract
entered into for the benefit of public housing residents shall require that, to the greatest extent feasible, economic opportunity in the form of training, employment, contracting, and other economic opportunities arising from the expenditure of public housing assistance for housing rehabilitation and housing construction be directed to low- and very low-income persons.

1. Section 3 - Clause

   i. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

   ii. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the Part 135 regulations.

   iii. The Contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contract's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.

   iv. The Contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135. The Contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135.

   v. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the Contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR Part 135.
vi. Noncompliance with HUD’s regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

2. Section 3 Compliance Goals

i. Contractors and their subcontractors may demonstrate compliance by committing to employ section 3 residents and by subcontracting with section 3 business concerns in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 135.

**A Section 3 Business concern is a business concern under HUD Regulations:**

(a) 51 percent or more owned by section 3 residents; or
(b) Whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least 30 percent of whom are currently section 3 residents, or within three years of the date of first employment with the business concern were section 3 residents; or
(c) That provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract in excess of 25 percent of the dollar award of all subcontracts to be awarded to business concerns that meet the qualifications set forth in paragraphs (1) or (2) in this definition of “section 3 business concern.”

ii. Contractor and sub-contractors may demonstrate compliance with the requirements for contracting with Section 3 Business Concerns by committing to award to Section 3 Business Concerns at least 10 percent of the total dollar amount of the contract awarded to the contractor for building trades work for maintenance, repair modernization or development of public housing, or for building trades work arising in connection with housing rehabilitation, housing construction and other public construction and at least 3 percent of the total dollar amount of all other Section 3 covered contracts.

iii. In evaluating compliance with 24 CFR Part 135, contractors and their subcontractors have the burden of demonstrating to the greatest extent feasible their ability or inability to meet the goals set forth in 24 CFR Part 135 for providing training, employment and contracting opportunities to section 3 residents and section 3 business concerns.

iv. Contractors and their subcontractors are also encouraged to provide other economic opportunities to train and employ section 3 residents including, but not limited to, use of “upward mobility”, “bridge” and trainee positions to fill vacancies, and hiring section 3 residents in part-time positions (24 CFR 135.40).

3. Documenting and Reporting

i. Contractor agrees to comply with the above Section 3 requirements in accordance with the Contractor’s Section 3 Utilization Plan, which shall be prepared by the Contractor and agreed to by CHA. CHA shall not be required to agree to the Contractor’s Utilization Plan until the Contractor meets its burden to establish that it will comply with 24 CFR Part 135 and otherwise comply with CHA’s Section 3 Policy (see [http://www.thecha.org/pages/section_3/65.php](http://www.thecha.org/pages/section_3/65.php) or the copy
included in the solicitation) as may be required. Contractor’s Section 3 Utilization Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit III and is incorporated by reference herein.

iii. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall provide all required compliance data with respect to Contractor’s Section 3 requirements to the CHA via CHA’s electronic system available at https://cha.diversitycompliance.com/. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall be responsible for responding to any requests for data or information by the noted response due dates, and shall check the electronic system on a regular basis to manage contact information and contract records. The Contractor shall also be responsible for ensuring that all subcontractors have completed all requested items with complete and accurate information and that their contact information is current.

4. This Section 3 Contract Provision shall flow down to each subcontract at every tier.

B. MBE/WBE/DBE Compliance. Contractor agrees to comply with the CHA’s Minority and Women Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (“MBE/WBE/DBE”) requirements in accordance with the Contractor’s MBE/WBE/DBE Utilization Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit IV and incorporated by reference herein, and otherwise comply with the CHA’s MBE/WBE Policy (see http://www.thecha.org/pages/mbe_wbe_dbe/36.php or the copy included in the Solicitation).

Documenting and Reporting. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall provide all required compliance data with respect to Contractor’s MBE/WBE/DBE to the CHA via CHA’s electronic system available at https://cha.diversitycompliance.com/. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall be responsible for responding to any requests for data or information by the noted response due dates, and shall check the electronic system on a regular basis to manage contact information and contract records. The Contractor shall also be responsible for ensuring that all subcontractors have completed all requested items with complete and accurate information and that their contact information is current.

Section 2.06 HUD’s General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

HUD’s General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts (HUD form 5370-C (10/2006)) (“General Conditions”), are attached hereto as Exhibit V and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. The Contractor agrees to fully comply with the General Conditions. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of the General Conditions and the terms and conditions of the Agreement, the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall control.

Section 2.07 Ownership of Work Product, Documents, Records and Reports

A. With the exception of Contractor intellectual property and other contractor pre-existing materials, Contractor acknowledges that all Deliverables in any form including but not limited to, work papers, reports, spreadsheets, data, data-bases, documentation, training materials, drawings, photographs, film and all negatives, software, tapes and the masters thereof, prototypes, and other material, or other work product generated and assembled either in hard copy or by electronic media, pursuant to the work contracted for by the CHA hereunder (hereinafter, “Work Product”) will belong solely to the CHA and the Contractor will retain no rights therein. The Work Product is conclusively deemed by the parties as
“works made for hire” within the meaning and purview of Section 101 of the United States Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §101 et seq. (hereinafter, “the Act”), and the CHA will be the copyright owner thereof and of all aspects, elements and components thereof in which copyright can subsist.

To the extent the Work Product does not qualify as “work made for hire,” Contractor hereby irrevocably grants, conveys, bargains, sells, assigns, transfers and delivers to the CHA, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to the copyrights and all U.S. and foreign copyright registrations, copyright applications and copyright renewals therefor, and other intangible, intellectual property embodied in or pertaining to the Work contracted for under this Agreement, free and clear of any liens, claims or other encumbrances, to the fullest extent permitted by law. Contractor will execute assignments in the forms attached if requested by the CHA, without additional compensation. Contractor will document all work performed for the CHA and will turn such documentation over to the CHA on completion of the Contractor’s services hereunder or earlier, if requested by the CHA. Contractor will make no use of the Work Product generated during the course of its work for the CHA during or after the term of this Agreement except to perform the work requested by the CHA.

To the extent the CHA is unable to effectively or economically use the Work Product without also using rights which are the subject of patent applications, patents, copyrights or other statutory protection owned by Contractor, Contractor grants to the CHA, a royalty-free, irrevocable, worldwide, nonexclusive license to make, have made, sell, use, reproduce, disclose, and publish such rights as necessary to fully utilize the Work Product.

In addition, Contractor agrees that it will not do anything contrary to the CHA’s ownership in the Work Product or which might impair the value of such ownership. Contractor agrees to cooperate with the CHA in executing all documentation requested by the CHA to enable the CHA to perfect its right in and to the Work Product.

B. All Work Product and CHA Documents provided to, or prepared or assembled by the Contractor in connection with the performance of the Contractor’s Services under this Agreement shall be the property of the CHA. The Contractor shall establish precautions against the destruction of all such CHA Documents and shall be responsible for any loss or damage to the CHA Documents while in the Contractor's possession or use and the Contractor shall be responsible for restoring such CHA Documents at its sole expense. Except as provided above, if any CHA Documents destroyed while in the Contractor's possession are not restorable, the Contractor shall be responsible for any loss suffered by the CHA on account of such loss or damage.

C. The Contractor shall deliver or cause to be delivered all Work Product and/or CHA Documents, including, but not limited to, all Deliverables prepared for the CHA under the Agreement, to the CHA promptly in accordance with the time limits prescribed in the Agreement, or if no time limit is specified, then upon reasonable demand thereof or upon termination or completion of the Contractor's Services or expiration of the Agreement hereunder. In the event of the failure by Contractor to make such delivery, then and in that event, the Contractor shall pay to the CHA any damages the CHA may sustain by reason thereof. The Contractor shall maintain all CHA Documents not previously delivered to the CHA for a period of three (3) years after final payment made in connection with the Agreement.
Contractor retains all right, title and interest in and to its processes, benchmarking data and data collection tools, assessment models and pertinent methodologies such as Strategic Planning, Contractor’s copyrighted proprietary research and other pre-existing materials and data, such as Data Collection Templates and Survey Tools for Applications and Infrastructure, and benchmark comparisons (“Pre-Existing Intellectual Property”). The rights granted in Work Products above, shall not apply to and the definition of Work Product shall not include Pre-Existing Intellectual Property. Contractor grants to CHA for internal purposes only a worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual license to use, reproduce, display, distribute copies of, and prepare derivative works of any Contractor Pre-Existing Intellectual Property embodied in the Deliverables and/ or Work Product. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall preclude Contractor from rendering services to others or developing work products that are competitive with, or functionally comparable to, the Services. Contractor shall not be restricted in its use of ideas, concepts, know-how, data and techniques acquired or learned in the course of performing the Services, provided that Contractor shall not use or disclose any of CHA’s Confidential Information.

D. The Contractor shall maintain its books, records, documents, and other materials related to the performance of the Agreement for a period of three (3) years following the expiration or termination of the Agreement and after final payment has been made and all other pending matters are closed, and adopt accounting procedures and practices sufficient to reflect properly all costs of whatever nature claimed to have been incurred or anticipated to be incurred for or in connection with the performance of the Contractor's Services under the Agreement. The Contractor shall maintain its accounting system, books and records in a manner that complies with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”), consistently applied throughout.

E. The provisions of Section 2.07 shall survive the expiration or termination of the Agreement.

F. The Contractor shall flow down the provisions of this Section 2.07 titled “Ownership of Work Product, Documents, Records and Reports” to its subcontractors at every tier.

Section 2.08 Audit Requirement

The CHA retains an irrevocable right to independently or, through a third party, audit the Contractor’s books and records pertaining to this Agreement and disallow any inappropriate billings upon written notice to the Contractor. In the event of a disallowance, the Contractor shall refund the amount disallowed to the CHA.

Section 2.09 Confidentiality

The Contractor agrees that all Deliverables, reports, documents or other information prepared or assembled by, or received or encountered by the Contractor, its employees, agents and subcontractors pursuant to this Agreement are to remain confidential (“Confidential Information”). Further, the Contractor agrees that such Confidential Information shall not be made available to any individual or organization other than the CHA, HUD or courts of competent jurisdiction or administrative agencies pursuant to a subpoena without the prior written approval of the CHA. In the event the Contractor is presented with a subpoena regarding such Confidential Information, which may be in the Contractor’s possession by reason of this Agreement, the Contractor must immediately give notice to the CHA’s Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel with the
understanding that the CHA will have the opportunity to contest such process by any means available to it before the Confidential Information is submitted to a court or other third party. The Contractor, however, is not obligated to withhold the delivery of such Confidential Information beyond the time ordered by the court or administrative agency, unless the subpoena or request is quashed or the time to produce is otherwise extended. The Contractor agrees that Section 2.09 of the Agreement shall survive the termination of the Agreement.

The parties agree to keep confidential and not to use or disclose to any third parties any non-public business information of the other party learned or disclosed in connection with services provided pursuant to this Agreement and any amendments thereto, including the Pre-Existing Intellectual Property. The obligation of the parties with respect to the Confidential Information shall terminate with respect to any particular portion of the Confidential Information if and when: (i) it is in the public domain at the time of its communication; (ii) it is developed independently by the receiving party without use of any confidential information; (iii) it enters the public domain through no fault of the receiving party subsequent to the time of the disclosing party’s communication to the receiving party; (iv) it is in the receiving party’s possession free of any obligation of confidence at the time of the disclosing party’s communication; or (v) upon a written request from one party to the other seeking to disclose the Confidential Information, the receiving party has the disclosing party’s written permission for disclosure. Notwithstanding the foregoing, certain records of the CHA may be subject to various public access and disclosure laws and requirements, including without limitation, the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1, et seq.), as well as any exclusions, exceptions, limitations, regulations or other restrictions and requirements governing such laws.

Each party shall provide notice to the other of any demand made upon it under lawful process to disclose or provide any of the other party’s Confidential Information. The receiving party agrees to cooperate with the disclosing party, at the disclosing party’s expense, if the disclosing party elects to seek reasonable protective arrangements or oppose such disclosure. Any Confidential Information disclosed pursuant to such lawful process shall continue to be Confidential Information.

Section 2.10 Subcontracts and Assignments

Unless otherwise provided for herein, the Contractor shall not subcontract, assign otherwise delegate or otherwise transfer all or any part of its obligations under this Agreement or any part hereof without the prior written approval of the CHA. The absence of such prior written approval shall void the attempted subcontracting, assignment, delegation or transfer and shall have no legal effect on the Services or this Agreement.

The Contractor shall not transfer or assign, in whole or in part, any funds or claims due or which may become due under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the CHA. Any attempted transfer or assignments of any contract funds, either in whole or in part, or any interest therein, which shall be due or to become due to the Contractor, without the prior written approval of CHA shall be void and of no legal effect. With the exception of Contractor intellectual property and other Contractor pre-existing materials, the CHA expressly reserves the right to assign or otherwise transfer all or any part of its rights or interests hereunder.
Section 2.11 Patents and Copyrights

The CHA reserves an exclusive, perpetual and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use for CHA or HUD purposes, including, but not limited to, commercial exploitation: (a) the copyright or patent in any Deliverables or Work Product (but not Pre-Existing Intellectual Property) developed or discovered in the performance of the Services under this Agreement, and (b) any rights of copyright or patent of which the Contractor purchases ownership with funds awarded pursuant to this Agreement for the purpose of meeting the objectives of this Agreement.

Section 2.12 Religious Activities

In connection with the Services to be provided under this Agreement, the Contractor agrees:

A. That it shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of religion and shall not limit employment or give preference in employment to persons on the basis of religion; and

B. That it shall not discriminate when rendering the Services hereunder against any person on the basis of religion and shall not limit such Services or give preference to persons on the basis of religion.

Section 2.13 Drug-Free Workplace

The Contractor shall establish procedures and policies to promote a "Drug-Free Workplace." Further, the Contractor shall notify all employees of its policy for maintaining a "Drug-Free Workplace," and the penalties that may be imposed for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace. Further, the Contractor shall notify the CHA if any of its employees are convicted of a criminal drug offense in the workplace no later than ten (10) days after such conviction.

Section 2.14 Force Majeure

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the Contractor shall not be liable or held responsible for any failure to perform or for delays in performing its obligation under the Agreement, including but not limited to, the scope of services or scope of work set forth hereunder which result from circumstance or causes beyond Contractor’s reasonable control, including fire or casualty, acts of God, strikes or labor disputes, war or violence, or any lay, order or requirement of any government agency or authority.

Section 2.15 CHA Inspector General

It is the duty of the Contractor and its subcontractors to cooperate with the CHA Inspector General in any investigation or hearing undertaken. All of the Contractor’s subcontracts must inform subcontractors of this provision and require agreement and compliance with the same.

Section 2.16 CHA Minimum Wage Policy

Pursuant to the CHA’s Minimum Wage Policy adopted under Executive Order #2014-1, the Contractor shall observe and pay to its Covered Employees wages not less than the mandatory CHA Minimum Wage rate then in effect under the CHA Minimum Wage Policy.
Section 2.17  Compliance with CHA Policies

The Contractor shall comply with the applicable provisions of all CHA policies including, but not limited to:

- Ethics Policy
- Local Transportation & Mileage Reimbursement Policy
- CHA Travel Guidelines
- General Business Expense Policy

ARTICLE 3.  TERM OF AGREEMENT

Section 3.01  Term of Agreement

The term of this Agreement is for the period commencing of April 15, 2021 and continuing through April 14, 2022 (the “Base Term”), or until the Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, whichever occurs first. While Services are to be completed during the Base Term per the agreed Statement of Work.

Section 3.02  Contract Extension Option

Reserved.

Section 3.03  Timeliness of Performance

The Contractor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide the Services and Deliverables within the time limits required under this Agreement, or from time to time as otherwise required by the CHA. The Contractor and the CHA acknowledge that deadlines for certain Services provided for in this Agreement may be dictated by the requirements of agencies or events outside the control of the CHA and the Contractor, and the failure by the Contractor to meet deadlines may result in economic or other significant losses to the CHA. Therefore, except to the extent that the Contractor’s inability to meet its deadlines is caused by the delay due to the CHA, by acts of God or other events outside the control of the Contractor, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, so that failure to perform in a timely manner shall be considered a material breach of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 4.  COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT

Section 4.01  Compensation

The CHA shall pay the Contractor on a firm fixed-fee basis for the completion of services set forth in the Proposal and specified in the agreed Statement of Work in a total firm, fixed amount of Three Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Five and 00/100 Dollars ($348,485.00). The Contractor agrees not to perform, and waives any and all claims for payment of work, materials, expenses, resources or other claims which would result in billings for Services beyond this amount. It is mutually understood and agreed by the parties that the above-agreed upon not-to-exceed compensation amount, which includes all reimbursable expenses, is the only
compensation provided for in this agreement and there will be no additional, costs, fees or other type of profit allowable or paid under this Agreement without an express written amendment to the Agreement authorizing said additional work or expenses. The Contractor acknowledges an affirmative duty to monitor its performance and billings to ensure that the scope of work is completed within the previously agreed compensation amount.

Section 4.02 Payment

The CHA shall pay the compensation set forth in Section 4.01 upon the Contractor's completion and CHA's acceptance of the following phases and deliverables, including the respective “Performance Milestones” identified in the Statement of Work and reference in the Schedule Payments table below:

**SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

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Notwithstanding the Schedule of Payments set forth immediately above, the timing of the performance, tender of deliverables, acceptance of Deliverables and Performance Milestones shall be governed by the terms of the Statement of Work. The Contractor shall submit an invoice within
ten (10) business days after the completion of each project phase, Deliverable, and or Performance Milestone during the term of this Agreement. Each invoice shall contain back-up information as required by the CHA, including but not limited to, a brief description of the services provided during the invoice period and the individuals performing the services. The CHA shall not be required to give approval or make payments pursuant to a submitted invoice unless the information required to be included with the invoice, or that has been specifically requested by the CHA, and all the reporting requirements and Deliverables as set forth in this Agreement, or other reasonable and written requests by CHA for additional information, have been met.

Notwithstanding the billing and payment procedures set forth above, the CHA and Contractor shall observe and follow the acceptance procedures set forth in the Statement of Work. CHA will make commercially reasonable efforts to make payment for services rendered under this Agreement within thirty (30) days after receipt and approval of each invoice submitted. All invoices shall be subject to review and approval by the CHA. If the CHA objects to all or any portion of any invoice, it shall notify the Contractor of its objection in writing and both parties shall make every effort to settle the disputed portion of the invoice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the CHA may, at its option, pay the undisputed portion of any invoice without being deemed to have accepted the disputed portion. All disputes regarding invoices shall be handled in accordance with the paragraph no. 7 of the General Conditions.

Section 4.03 Non- Appropriation

Funding for this Agreement is subject to: (1) availability of federal funds from HUD, (2) the approval of funding by the CHA’s Board of Commissioners, and (3) the Contractor’s satisfactory performance of this Agreement. Furthermore, in the event that no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated and budgeted or appropriated funds are rescinded by Congress in any fiscal period of the term of this Agreement for payments to be made under this Agreement, then the CHA may notify the Contractor of such occurrence and this Agreement shall terminate on the earlier of the last day of the fiscal period for which sufficient appropriation was made or whenever the funds appropriated for payment under this Agreement are exhausted.

ARTICLE 5. DISPUTES

Section 5.01 Disputes

In the event of a dispute between the CHA and the Contractor involving this Agreement, both parties will attempt to negotiate a resolution. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute through negotiation, either party shall, unless otherwise set forth herein, submit the dispute in writing to CHA’s Chief Procurement Officer, who shall, with reasonable promptness, render a decision concerning the dispute submitted. The decision of the Chief Procurement Officer shall be final and binding.

ARTICLE 6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Section 6.01 Insurance

The Contractor agrees to comply with and meet or exceed all of CHA’s insurance requirements that are set forth in Exhibit VI, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth herein.
Section 6.02 Indemnification

The Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, keep save, and hold the CHA, its officers, officials, employees and agents and contractors free and harmless from and against any and all third-party liabilities, losses, penalties, damages, settlements, environmental liability, costs, charges, professional fees, including attorney fees, or other expenses or liabilities of every kind, nature and character arising out of or relating to any and all claims, liens, demands, obligations, actions, suits, judgments or settlements, proceedings or causes of action of every kind, nature and character (collectively, “Claims”) directly caused by the negligent or willful acts and omissions of the Contractor, its agents, employees, and subcontractors, including but not limited to, the enforcement of this indemnification provision. Without limiting the foregoing, any and all such Claims, relating to personal injury, death, damage to property, defects in material or workmanship, actual or alleged infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright or any other tangible or intangible personal or property right, or any actual or alleged violation of any applicable statute, ordinance, order, rule or regulation, or decree of any court, shall be included in the indemnity hereunder. The Contractor further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for and defend all suits for any and all Claims at its sole expense and agrees to bear all the costs and expenses related thereto, even if the Claims are considered groundless, false or fraudulent.

Upon notification of a claim against CHA alleging any Deliverable or Pre-Existing Intellectual Property provided to the CHA in association with this Agreement infringes a copyright, patent or trade secret of any third party, Contractor will defend and indemnify CHA against any such claim at its expense and will pay any costs or damages that may be finally awarded against CHA. Contractor will not indemnify CHA however, if the claim of infringement is caused by (1) CHA’s misuse or modification of the Deliverable; (2) CHA’s failure to use corrections or enhancements made available by Contractor; (3) CHA’s use of the Deliverable in combination with any product or information not owned or developed by Contractor (4) Information direction, specification or materials provided by CHA. If any Deliverable is, or in Contractor’s opinion is likely to be, held to be infringing, Contractor shall at its expense and option either: (a) procure the right for CHA to continue using it, (b) replace it with a non-infringing equivalent, (c) modify it to make it non-infringing, or (d) direct the return of the Deliverable and refund to CHA the fees paid for such Deliverable.

To the extent permissible by law, Contractor waives any limits on Contractor’s liability that it would otherwise have by virtue of the Workers Compensation Act or any other law or judicial decision (specifically Kotecki v. Cyclops Welding Corporation, 146 Ill.2d 155 (1991)).

The CHA shall have the right, at Contractor’s expense, to participate in the defense of any suit, without relieving the Contractor of any of its obligations under this indemnity provision. The Contractor expressly understands and agrees that the requirements set forth in this indemnity to protect, defend, indemnify, keep, save and hold the CHA free and harmless are separate from and not limited by the Contractor’s responsibility to obtain, procure and maintain insurance pursuant to any other section of this Agreement. Further, the indemnities contained in this section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 7. EVENTS OF DEFAULT, REMEDIES, TERMINATION, RIGHT TO OFFSET, SUSPENSION

Section 7.01 Events of Default Defined
Each of the following shall constitute an event of default:

A. Any material misrepresentation, whether negligent or willful and whether in the inducement or in the performance, made by Contractor to the CHA.

B. The Contractor's failure to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement including, but not limited to, the following:
   1. Failure to perform the Services with sufficient personnel or with sufficient material to ensure the performance of the Services or due to a reason or circumstance within the Contractor’s control;
   2. Failure to meet any of the performance standards set forth in this Agreement;
   3. Failure to perform the Services in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the CHA, or inability to perform the Services satisfactorily as a result of insolvency, filing for bankruptcy or assignment for the benefit of creditors;
   4. Failure to promptly re-perform within a reasonable time Services or Deliverables that were rejected as erroneous or unsatisfactory;
   5. Discontinuance of the Services for reasons or circumstances not beyond the Contractor’s control;
   6. Failure to comply with a material term of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the provisions concerning compliance with HUD regulations, insurance and nondiscrimination; and
   7. Any other acts specifically and expressly stated in this Agreement as constituting an event of default.

C. Any change in majority ownership or majority control of the Contractor without the prior written approval of the CHA, which written approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

D. The Contractor's default under any other agreement it may presently have or may enter into with the CHA during this Agreement. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that in the event of a default under this Agreement the CHA may also declare a default under any such other agreements.

Section 7.02 Remedies

The occurrence of any event of default which the Contractor fails to cure within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of written notice given in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and specifying the event of default or, if such event of default cannot be reasonably cured within thirty (30) calendar days after notice, or if the Contractor has failed to commence and continue diligent efforts to cure such default within thirty (30) days, the CHA may, at its sole option, declare the Contractor in default. Whether to declare the Contractor in default is within the sole discretion
of the CHA and neither that decision nor the factual basis for it is subject to review or challenge under the disputes provision of this Agreement. Written notification of the default, and any intention of the CHA to terminate the Agreement, shall be provided to the Contractor and such decision shall be final and effective upon the Contractor's receipt of such notice pursuant to Article 10. Upon the giving of such notice, the CHA may invoke any or all of the following remedies:

A. The right to terminate this Agreement as to any or all of the Services yet to be performed effective at a time specified by the CHA.

B. The right to pursue any and all remedies, legal and/or equitable, available to the CHA.

C. The right to withhold all or any part of Contractor's compensation hereunder with respect to Services not completed in accordance with the terms hereof prior to the termination of this Agreement.

D. The right to deem Contractor non-responsible in future contracts to be awarded by the CHA.

If the CHA considers it to be in its best interests, it may elect not to declare default or to terminate the Agreement hereunder. The parties acknowledge that this provision is solely for the benefit of the CHA and that if the CHA permits Contractor to continue to provide the Services despite one or more events of default, the Contractor shall in no way be relieved of any of its responsibilities, duties or obligations under this Agreement nor shall the CHA waive or relinquish any of its rights.

The remedies under the terms of this Agreement are not intended to be exclusive of any other remedies provided, but each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to any other remedies, existing now or hereafter, at law, in equity or by statute. No delay or failure to exercise any right or power accruing upon any event of default or acquiescence therein, and every such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient.

Section 7.03 Termination for Convenience

The CHA may terminate this Agreement, or all or any portion of the Services to be performed under it, at any time by written notice from the CHA to Contractor when the Agreement may be deemed to be no longer in the best interests of the CHA. If the CHA elects to terminate the Agreement in full, all Services to be performed hereunder shall cease effective ten (10) calendar days after the date written notice has been provided. The Contractor shall continue to render the services until the effective date of termination. No cost incurred by the Contractor after the effective date of termination shall be allowed. Subject to performance within the requisite performance standards and audits of invoices as set forth above, the CHA shall pay to Contractor on a pro-rata basis, costs incurred for Services rendered through the date of termination. This Section 7.03 is not subject to Article 5 of this Agreement.

The Contractor shall flow down the provisions of Section 7.03 in all of its contracts with its subcontractors, if any.
Section 7.04  Suspension

The CHA may at any time request that the Contractor suspend its Services, or any part thereof, by giving ten (10) days prior written notice to the Contractor or upon no notice in the event of an emergency. No costs incurred after the effective date of such suspension shall be allowed. The Contractor shall promptly resume its performance of such Services under the same terms and conditions as stated herein upon written notice by the CHA (Director of Procurement and Contracts).

Section 7.05  No Damages for Delay

The Contractor agrees that it shall make no claims against the CHA for damages, charges, interest, additional costs or fees incurred by reason of delays or suspension of work caused by the CHA in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement. The Contractor’s sole and exclusive remedy for delays or suspension of work caused by the CHA is an extension of time equal to the duration of delay or suspension to allow the Contractor to perform its obligation under this Agreement.

Section 7.06  Right to Offset

To the extent permitted by applicable law:

A.  In connection with performance under the Agreement, the CHA may offset any incremental costs and other damages the CHA incurs in any and all of the following circumstances:

   i.  If the CHA terminates the Agreement for default or any other reason resulting from the Contractor’s performance or non-performance;

   ii. If the CHA exercises any of its remedies under Section 7.02 of the Agreement;

   iii. If the CHA has any credits due or has made any overpayments under the Agreement.

The CHA may offset these incremental costs and any other damages by use of any payment due for Services completed before the CHA terminated the Agreement or before the CHA exercised any remedies. If the amount offset is insufficient to cover those incremental costs and other damages, the Contractor shall be liable for and must promptly remit to the CHA the balance upon written demand for it. The right to offset is in addition to and not a limitation of any other remedies available to the CHA.

B.  Without breaching this Agreement, the CHA may set off a portion of the compensation due under this Agreement in an amount equal to the amount of any liquidated or un-liquidated damages or claims that the CHA has against the Contractor arising out of any other agreements between the CHA and the Contractor or otherwise unrelated to this Agreement. If and when the CHA’s claims against the Contractor are finally adjudicated in a court of competent jurisdiction or otherwise resolved, the CHA will reimburse the Contractor to the extent of the amount the CHA has offset against this Agreement inconsistently with the determination or resolution.
ARTICLE 8. WARRANTIES, REPRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Section 8.01 Warranties, Representations and Covenants

In connection with the execution of this Agreement, the Contractor warrants and represents to CHA:

A. That it is financially solvent; and that it and each of its employees or agents of any tier are competent to perform the Services required under this Agreement; and that Contractor is legally authorized to execute and perform or cause to be performed this Agreement under the terms and conditions stated herein.

B. That no officer, agent or employee of the CHA is employed by the Contractor or has a financial interest directly or indirectly in this Agreement or the compensation to be paid hereunder, except as may be permitted in writing by the CHA and HUD, and that no payment, gratuity or offer of employment shall be made in connection with this Agreement by or on behalf of the Contractor to any employee of the CHA; and the Contractor further acknowledges that any agreement entered into, negotiated or performed in violation of any of the provisions set forth herein shall be voidable as to the CHA.

C. That Contractor and its subcontractors, if any, are not in default at the time of the execution of this Agreement, or deemed by the CHA's Director of Procurement and Contracts to have, within the last five (5) years, been found to be in default on any contract awarded by the CHA.

D. That, except only for those representations, statements, or promises expressly contained in this Agreement, and any exhibits attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, no representation, statement or promise, oral or in writing, or of any kind whatsoever, by the CHA, its officials, officers, agents, or employees, has induced the Contractor to enter into this Agreement or has been relied upon by the Contractor.

E. That the Contractor has carefully examined and analyzed the provisions and requirements of this Agreement and that it understands the nature of the Services required;

F. That the Contractor acknowledges that the CHA, in its selection of the Contractor to perform the Services hereunder, materially relied upon the Contractor's Proposal, that the Proposal was accurate at the time it was made and that no material changes in it have been nor will be made without the express consent of the CHA;

G. That except only for those representations, statements, or promises expressly contained in this Agreement, and any exhibits attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, no representation, statement or promise, oral or in writing, or of any kind whatsoever, by the CHA, its officials, officers, agents, or employees, has induced Contractor to enter into this Agreement or has been relied upon by Contractor.

H. That the Contractor and, to the best of its knowledge, its subcontractors are not in violation of the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 666 (a)(2) and other Federal criminal laws applicable to public contracts funded with federal government funds, the Illinois Criminal Code, 720 ILCS 5/33E-1 et seq. (1989), as amended; and the CHA's Ethics Policy, as amended (see
and during the term of the Agreement will not violate the provisions of such laws and policies.

I. That the Contractor has disclosed any and all relevant information to the CHA and the Contractor understands and agrees that any certification, affidavit or acknowledgment made under oath or failure to disclose in connection with this Agreement is made under penalty of perjury and, if false, is also cause for termination of this Agreement.

J. That the Contractor is a duly organized and validly existing limited liability company under the laws of the State of Illinois and has and will continue to have at all times during the term of this Agreement, all licenses necessary to render the Services required hereunder.

K. That the Contractor has the power and authority to enter into and perform all of its obligations under this Agreement, and that this Agreement, when executed will constitute the duly authorized, valid and legally binding obligation of the Contractor.

L. Contractor warrants that the Deliverables, in the form provided to the CHA, will comply with any specifications or specific requirements of this Agreement for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days form the date of delivery. EXCEPT FOR THE WARRANTY OBLIGATIONS ABOVE, CONTRACTOR DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. THE INFORMATION IN THE DELIVERABLES HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM SOURCES THAT CONTRACTOR BELIEVES TO BE RELIABLE. ALL DELIVERABLES SPEAK AS OF THE DATE OF DELIVERY TO THE CHA.

Section 8.02 Joint and Several Liability

In the event that the Contractor, or its successors or assigns, if any, is comprised of more than one legal entity (or a combination thereof), then and in that event, each and every obligation or undertaking herein stated to be fulfilled or performed by the Contractor shall be the joint and several obligation or undertaking of each legal entity.

Section 8.03 Business Documents and Contractor’s Affidavit

The Contractor shall provide to the CHA evidence of its authority to conduct business in the State of Illinois, including without limitation, registrations of assumed names or limited partnerships and certifications of good standing with the Office of the Secretary of the State of Illinois. The Contractor’s Affidavit, Contractor’s Certifications and Representations of Offerors – Non-Construction Contracts (HUD Form 5369-C) and Equal Opportunity Certificate are attached hereto as Exhibit VII and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. The Contractor shall at all times comply with, and be in compliance with the Contractor’s Affidavit, Contractor’s Certifications and Representations of Offerors – Non-Construction Contracts (HUD Form 5369-C) and Equal Opportunity Certificate.

Section 8.04 Conflict of Interest

A. No member of the governing body of the CHA or other units of government and no other officer, employee, or agent of the CHA or other unit of government who exercises any
functions or responsibilities in connection with the Services to which this Agreement pertains, shall have any personal interest, direct, or indirect, in this Agreement. No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States or the Illinois General Assembly or CHA employee shall be entitled to any share or part of this Agreement or to any financial benefit to arise from it.

B. The Contractor covenants that it and its employees, or sub-contractors, presently have no interest and shall acquire no interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the Services hereunder. The Contractor further covenants that during the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed. Contractor agrees that if the CHA determines that any of Contractor’s services for others conflict with the Services that the Contractor is to render for the CHA under this Agreement; Contractor shall terminate such other services immediately upon request of the CHA.

C. Additionally, pursuant to the conflict of interest requirements in OMB Circular A-102 and 24 C.F.R. §85.36(b)(3), no person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or appointed official of the CHA and who exercises or has exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to HUD assisted activities, or who is in a position to participate in a decision making process or gain inside information with regard to HUD activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from the activity, or have an interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect thereto, or the proceeds thereunder, either for himself or herself or for those whom he or she has family or business ties, during his or her tenure or for one year thereafter.


Section 8.05 Non-Liability of Public Officials

No official, employee or agent of the CHA shall be personally liable to the Contractor or the Contractor's successor in interest for: (i) any default or breach by the CHA under this Agreement, (ii) any fee due to the Contractor or the Contractor's successor in interest or (iii) any other obligation arising under this Agreement.

Section 8.06 Independent Contractor

The Contractor and the CHA recognize that Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee, agent, partner, joint venturer, covenantor, or representative of the CHA and that CHA will not incur any liability as the result of Contractor’s actions. Contractor and its employees, representatives, and agents shall at all times represent and disclose that they are independent contractors of the CHA and shall not represent to any third party that they are an employee, agent, covenantor, or representative of the CHA. The CHA shall not be obligated to withhold any funds from Contractor for tax or other governmental purposes, with respect to its employees, agents, representative or subcontractors. Contractor and its employees, representatives, and agents shall not be entitled to receive any employment benefits offered to employees of the CHA including
workers’ compensation insurance coverage.

Section 8.07 Limitation of Liability

Except as set forth herein as applicable to the Contractor’s indemnity obligations (Section 6.02), Contractor's liability to the CHA for damages arising out of this Agreement shall be limited to direct damages only. Contractor shall have no liability for special or consequential damages (including lost revenue) of the CHA or any third party, even if Contractor has been advised of the possibility of such damages. Regardless of any language in this Agreement or any other Project Document to the contrary, Contractor’s entire liability hereunder is limited to the total sums payable to the Contractor under the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9. GENERAL CONDITIONS

Section 9.01 Entire Agreement

This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties hereto relating to the subject matter hereof and no other warranties, inducements, considerations, covenant, conditions, promises or interpretations shall be implied between the parties that are not set forth herein. In the event of a conflict between the Agreement and any Exhibits that have been incorporated by reference, the terms of the Agreement shall control.

Section 9.02 Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in several identical counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and constitute one Agreement binding on the parties hereto.

Section 9.03 Amendments

No changes, amendments, modifications, or discharge of this Agreement, or any part thereof, shall be valid unless in writing and signed by the authorized agent of the Contractor and by the CEO of the CHA or his/her respective designees. The CHA shall incur no liability for additional Services without a written amendment to this Agreement pursuant to this Section.

Whenever in this Agreement the Contractor is required to obtain prior written approval, the effect of any approval which may be granted pursuant to the Contractor's request shall be prospective only from the later of the date approval was requested or the date on which the action for which the approval was sought is to begin. In no event may approval apply retroactively to a date before the approval was granted.

Section 9.04 Compliance with All Laws and Regulations

A. The Contractor shall at all times observe and comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulation and executive orders of the federal, state and local government, now existing or hereinafter in effect, which may in any manner affect the performance of this Agreement, including but not limited to Section 6 of the Housing Act of 1937, 42 U.S.C. §1437, the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. §552(a), The Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. §552, and Section 208 of the E-Government Act, and 24 CFR Part 5, all other applicable HUD regulations, the Uniform Administrative Requirements contained in 24 C.F.R.

Section 9.05 Deemed Inclusion

Provisions required by law, ordinances, rules, regulations or executive orders to be included in this Agreement are deemed inserted in this Agreement whether or not they appear in the Agreement or, upon application of either party, the Agreement shall be amended to make this insertion; however, in no event shall the failure to insert the required provisions before or after the Agreement is signed prevent its enforcement.

Section 9.06 Severability

If any provisions of this Agreement shall be held or deemed to be or shall in fact be inoperative or unenforceable as applied in any particular case in any jurisdiction or in all cases because it conflicts with any other provision or provisions hereof or of any constitution, statute, ordinance, rule of law or public policy, or for any other reason, such circumstances shall not have the effect of rendering the provision in question inoperative or unenforceable in any other case or circumstances, or of rendering any other provision or provisions herein contained invalid, inoperative, or unenforceable to any extent whatever. The invalidity of any one or more phrases, sentences, clauses or sections contained in this Agreement shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement or any part thereof.

Section 9.07 Jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be governed as to performance and interpretation in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. The Contractor hereby irrevocably submits itself to the original jurisdiction of those courts located within the County of Cook, State of Illinois, with regard to any controversy arising out of, relating to, or in any way concerning the execution or performance of this Agreement. The Contractor agrees that service of process on the Contractor may be made, at the option of the CHA, either by registered or certified mail addressed to the applicable office as provided for in this Agreement and to the office actually maintained by the Contractor, or by personal delivery on any managing partner, partners and principals of the Contractor. If the
Contractor brings any action against the CHA concerning this Agreement, the action shall only be brought in those courts located within the County of Cook, State of Illinois.

Section 9.08  Interpretation

Any headings of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and do not define or limit the provisions thereof. Words of any gender shall be deemed and construed to include correlative words of the other genders. Words importing the singular number shall include the plural number and vice versa, unless the context shall otherwise indicate. All references to any exhibit or document shall be deemed to include all supplements and/or amendments to any such exhibits or documents entered into in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof and thereof. All references to any person or entity shall be deemed to include any person or entity succeeding to the rights, duties, and obligations of such persons or entities in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Section 9.09  Assigns

All of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective legal representatives, successors, transferees and assigns.

Section 9.10  Cooperation

The Contractor agrees at all times to cooperate fully with the CHA and to act in the CHA's interests. If this Agreement is terminated for any reason, or if it is to expire on its own terms, the Contractor shall make commercially reasonable efforts to assure an orderly transition to another Contractor, the uninterrupted provision of Services during any transition period and shall otherwise comply with the reasonable requests and requirements of the CHA in connection with the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

Section 9.11  Waiver

Whenever under this Agreement the CHA, by a proper authority, expressly waives the Contractor's performance in any respect or expressly waives a requirement or condition to either the CHA's or the Contractor's performance, the waiver so granted, shall only apply to the particular instance and shall not be deemed a waiver forever or for subsequent instances of the performance, requirement or condition. No such waiver shall be construed as a modification of the Agreement regardless of the number of times the CHA may have waived the performance of a requirement or condition.


The Contractor shall flow down the following provisions of the Agreement and General Conditions to its contracts with subcontractors: Section 2.04, Section 2.05, Section 2.06, Section 2.07, Section 2.08, Section 2.09, Section 2.10, Section 2.11, Section 2.12, Section 2.13, Section 2.14, Section 7.03, Section 7.03, Section 7.04, and Section 9.04 of the Agreement and paragraph numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21 and 22 of the General Conditions.
ARTICLE 10. COMMUNICATION AND NOTICES

Section 10.01 Communication Between the Parties

All verbal and written communication, including required reports and submissions between the Contractor and the CHA shall be through CHA's Director of Planning and Reporting, 60 E. Van Buren St. 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60605 when required. No verbal communication between the parties shall change any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Nothing stated herein shall be construed as a waiver or modification of the requirements for notice or service of process of litigation, as set forth in the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the local rules of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and the local rules governing the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Section 10.02 Notices

Any notices sent to the Contractor shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid to:

Gartner, Inc.
350 North Orleans Street, Suite S9000
Chicago, Illinois 60654
Attention: Chris Steadley, Senior Managing Partner

Notices sent to the CHA shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid to:

Chicago Housing Authority
60 E. Van Buren St., 12th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60605
Attention: Chief Executive Officer

Copy to: Chicago Housing Authority
60 E. Van Buren St., 12th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60605
Attention: Chief Legal Officer

ARTICLE 11. AUTHORITY

Section 11.01 CHA's Authority

Execution of this Agreement by the CHA is pursuant to the United States Housing Act of 1937, 42 U.S.C. §1437 et seq.; regulations promulgated by HUD, and the State Housing Authorities Act, 310 ILCS 10/1 et seq., as amended, and other applicable laws, regulations and ordinances.

Section 11.02 Contractor's Authority

The signature of the person signing on behalf of the Contractor has been made with complete and full authority to commit the Contractor to all terms and conditions of this Agreement, including each and every representation, certification and warranty contained herein, including without limitation such representations, certifications and warranties collectively attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the CHA and the Contractor have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

By: __________________________
Sheila Johnson, Deputy Chief of Procurement
Department of Procurement & Contracts

**GARTNER, INC.**

By: __________________________
Scott Lyon
Director Legal Affairs

Approved as to Form
Chicago Housing Authority
Office of the Chief Legal Counsel

By: __________________________
Cheryl Colston
Chief Legal Officer