Request for Proposal
University of Utah Health Care IT Consulting Services

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SECTION 1 - PURPOSE OF RFP

1.01 Purpose of RFP. The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit proposals to enter into a contract with a qualified supplier(s) to obtain Health Care IT consulting services and recruiting/placement services for the University of Utah Health Care Information Technology Services (UUHC ITS) of University of Utah Health Care, hereafter referred to as "UUHC". The companies submitting proposals in response to this RFP will hereafter be referred to as “supplier”. UUHC is examining several alternatives of providing Health Care IT consulting services and recruiting/placement services and may decide, after reviewing proposals submitted, not to enter into any agreement.

1.02 Background. University of Utah Health Care is the Intermountain West’s only academic health care system, combining excellence in patient care, the latest in medical research, and teaching to provide leading-edge medicine in a caring and personal setting. The system provides care for Utah’s residents and five surrounding states in a referral area encompassing more than 10 percent of the continental United States. For more information, respondents may visit our website at http://healthcare.utah.edu/about/index.htm

1.03 Definitions.

  1.03.1 – UUHC, University of Utah Health Care
  1.03.2 – IT, Information Technology
  1.03.3 – CCL Reporting, Cerner Command Language
  1.03.4 – PMP's, Project Management Professionals
  1.03.5 – ITIL, Information Technology Infrastructure Library
SECTION 2 – RFP DETAILS

2.01 Issuing office and RFP Reference Number. The Purchasing Department of the University of Utah ("Purchasing Department") is the issuing office for this RFP and all subsequent addenda relating to it. The reference number for the transaction is #07182014MC. This number must be referenced on all proposals, correspondence, and documentation relating to the RFP.

2.02 Important Dates. The following dates are significant for this RFP:
   - RFP Dated and Issued: 9/4/2014
   - RFP Inquiry Questions Due: 9/29/2014
   - Proposal Due Date: 10/2/2014

2.03 Pre-Proposal Conference. A pre-proposal conference will not be held for this RFP.

2.04 Inquiries. Questions arising subsequent to the issuance of this RFP, that could have a significant impact on the responses to the RFP, should be submitted in the RFP Question and Answer section (RFP # 07182014MC at www.bidsync.com). All such questions should be received by 9/29/2014. Answers to questions will be posted on BidSync which will then email the answer to all offerors that downloaded the RFP.

2.05 Submission Due Date. Submit your proposal electronically through BidSync (www.bidsync.com) by 2:00 p.m. current Mountain Time on 10/2/2014. Proposals submitted electronically through BidSync may require uploading of electronic attachments. BidSync will accept a wide variety of document types as Word, Excel, and PDF attachments but not all. You MAY NOT submit documents that are embedded (zip files), movies, wmp and mp3 files or password protected files, etc. All documents must be attached as separate files.

Proposals received after this deadline will be late and ineligible for consideration. Following the deadline, the names of those responding to the RFP will be made public. All other information will remain confidential, as required by law (please see section 7.01 herein).

2.06 Time for Evaluation. All proposals shall remain valid for a minimum of 120 calendar days after the Proposal Due Date to allow adequate time for evaluation.

2.07 Oral Presentation. The University may award a contract based on initial proposals
received without discussion of such proposals with suppliers. However, the University may require an oral presentation by a supplier to supplement their written proposal. These presentations will be scheduled, if required, by the Purchasing Department after proposals are received and prior to the award of the Contract. (see section 6.02)

2.08 **Best and Final Offer.** Each initial proposal should be submitted with the most favorable price and service available. However, at the option of the University, a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) may be requested.

2.09 **Award of the Contract.** Upon completion of the evaluation process, UUHC may award the contract (“Contract”) to the supplier(s) whose proposal is determined to be advantageous to UUHC. This RFP (#07182014MC) will be a multi-awarded contract to at least four (4) suppliers minimum, and no more than six (6) maximum. The UUHC Purchasing Department is the only entity authorized to award a Contract for the proposed purchases.

2.10 **Contract Period and Effective Date.** The anticipated Master Service Agreement Contract term will be for a period of three (3) years, with an option to renew for two (2) additional periods of one (1) year at UUHC’s discretion. The anticipated effective date of the Contract is 11/3/2014. Individual Statement of Work will have various length contracts and will be addressed individually as needed.
SECTION 3 – SCOPE OF WORK

3.01 University of Utah Health Care is looking to receive information form prospective suppliers to provide consulting/resource services for various University projects and initiatives. Some of the consulting services that we are considering, but not limited to: project managers, business analysts, clinical analysts, system analysts, quality assurance, testing coordinators, support analysts, trainers, developers, integration engineers, data warehouse, network engineers, infrastructure telecommunication, information security, and EPIC.

EPIC specialist (all modules)
- Testing
- Training
- Implementation experiences
- Reporting
- Down time

Legacy system support
- Knowledgeable consultants for Legacy systems (IDX, Allegra, Lawson, Kronos, other legacy systems)
- Added valued:
  - Able to provide 2nd tier Legacy Support
  - Able to provide support remotely (to save cost)

Integration experience & support:
- Experienced in integrating health systems onto EPIC
- Integration planning & testing
- HL7

Infrastructure Support:
- Citrix (also: data warehouse, disaster recovery, network)
- Telecommunications infrastructure experience
- Video conferencing/media services specialists
- IT construction
- Other Technical expertise that benefit ITS application teams

Miscellaneous:
- Clinical and informatics background
- Document Imaging
- HIM Skills
- Project Management Support
- Information Security and Privacy
- Technical Writing Skills (policy and procedure)
- Audit Experience (Physical /data center security)
- Medical coding/billing
• CMS policy (Medicare and Medicaid)
• Revenue cycle
• Flexible contract terms (short term, long term)
• Understand Academic medical center culture

Resource types and number will vary throughout each phase of a project. Cost consideration may be limited by funding constraints. University will not sponsor work visa for consultants.

Vendors and consultant(s) should have extensive experience in Health Care IT and be able to meet these qualifications:

• Education in relevant field
• Experience in applicable areas
• Vendor certification in applicable areas
• Additional skill sets as specified in resource request – for example:
  i. Billing background for Physicians & Hospitals
  ii. Reporting in EPIC
  iii. CCL reporting
  iv. Experience in ICD-10 assessment activities
  v. Certified PMP’s
  vi. ITIL

Supplier must supply a single point of contact for relaying information from supplier to University and vice-versa. Supplier will have a bi-yearly review with University to review consultant(s) performance. Consultant(s) will need to provide a weekly status report to University on their current and upcoming week.

The award of the resulting contract (or contracts) will be for University of Utah wide and may be used by any University of Utah operational unit.
SECTION 4 – PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

4.01 Demonstrated Ability to meet Scope of Work
Supplier must demonstrate a history of four (4) plus years of providing successful Health Care IT support in an academic medical center. Supplier must be able to show that they have the staffing capacity to provide needed support when requested for all the areas previously listed to ensure adequate support during all projects and phases. When consultant requests are issued supplier must be able to provide several resumes of available candidates within one week for University’s review.

4.02 Demonstrated Technical Capability
Supplier must ensure that consultant has the technical ability and current certification(s) to work onsite for the position applied for. University will verify all professional certifications/licenses and education. University will pre-screen all potential consultant resumes and references to ensure that staff has the appropriate training, education, and prior working experience before conducting an interview.

4.03 Demonstrated Prior Experience
Vendors must demonstrate a history of four (4) plus years of providing successful Health Care IT support in an academic medical center for a wide range of skill sets and projects.

4.04 Qualifications and Expertise of Staff
Supplier is responsible to ensure that consultants hired by the University have passed a through criminal background check and recent drug screening. Consultants also need to be current on required immunizations for working in a health care environment (Two step TB skin test, MMR, Varicella, Hepatitis B, Tdap, and annual Influenza). Consultants will be required to sign a Security and Confidentiality, HIPPA, and privacy agreements prior to or on their first day of contract employment. Consultant will sustain an acceptable productivity rate as defined by individual Project Managers and/or The Program Management Office. Consultant will need the flexibility to work as scheduled by the University. Most shifts are four ten hour days, Monday – Thursday. Some assignments will be 8am – 5pm Monday through Friday, and some assignments may require candidates to be on call. Each individual consultant request issued by the University will list the required working schedule.

If at any time University is not satisfied with consultant, supplier must immediately remove and replace consultant with pre-approved consultant to ensure as little interruption as possible.

4.05 References
Provide at least (3) references for customers which have used services similar to those required by the University. Include business name, address, phone number and contact person for each reference. University of Utah Health Care reserves the right to contact any of the supplier’s current and/or past customers to evaluate the level of performance and customer satisfaction.
4.06 **Cost**
Supplier must provide all-inclusive hourly rate (minus hotel cost) for each service listed on **Attachment B Cost Proposal**. Pricing will remain firm for the first term of the contract. Price escalation may be requested 60 days prior to a contract renewal. Supplier must utilize **Attachment B** to report hourly rates see section 5.03 for details. All charges and fees shall be included in the hourly rate (minus hotel cost). No other charges and/or fees will be paid by UUHC.

**Note:** Attachment B Cost Proposal lists consulting services that we are considering, but not limited to. UUHC reserves the right to add services as needed as each project is different. UUHC will request pricing for those services not listed on Attachment B as needed called for by the using department. Do not alter information in Attachment B, please populate the yellow highlighted cells only. Do not add or remove consulting services listed in Attachment B.

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**SECTION 5 – PROPOSAL RESPONSE FORMAT**
*For Cost Proposal submission see section 5.03*

5.01 **Administrative Guidance.** The information provided herein is intended to assist suppliers in the preparation of proposals necessary to properly respond to this RFP. The RFP is designed to provide interested suppliers with sufficient basic information to submit proposals meeting minimum requirements, but is not intended to limit a proposal's content or to exclude any relevant or essential data therefrom. Suppliers are at liberty and are encouraged to expand upon the specifications to give additional evidence of their ability to provide the services requested in this RFP.

5.02 **Technical Proposal Response Format.** Proposals must be concise and in outline format. Pertinent supplemental information should be referenced and included as attachments. All proposals must be organized and tabbed to comply with the following sections:

**Tab A** LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL (COVER LETTER). The letter of transmittal should include an introduction of the supplier's company, as well as contact information for those persons who are authorized to represent the company in dealing with this RFP. **Proposal Contact:** List the name, title, office address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address of the person(s) authorized to represent the supplier regarding the proposal(s) submitted in response to this RFP. **Contract Contact:** Give the name, title, office address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address of the person authorized to sign a Contract, and receive and sign all formal notices and/or addendum regarding such Contract. Note that all amendments to any Contract must be in writing and signed by both parties.
Any other information not appropriately contained in the proposal itself should also be included in the letter.

Tab B EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. An executive summary will briefly describe the supplier's approach and clearly indicate any options or alternatives being proposed. If options or alternatives are proposed as exceptions to the RFP, the offeror should include an explanation for each option or alternative. It should also indicate any major requirements that cannot be met by the supplier.

Tab C DETAILED DISCUSSION. This section should constitute the major portion of the proposal and must contain a specific response in outline form to each section in this RFP. Outline numbers should correspond, in order, to the section numbers contained in this RFP. Specific emphasis should be placed on responding to the information requested in Sections 3 and 4 but all sections and items should be fully addressed. Narrative regarding options or alternatives with complete details including how those meet or exceed the RFP requirements should be included in the relevant section. Failure to provide written response to items indicated in this RFP will be interpreted by the University as an inability by the supplier to provide the requested product, service or function.

Tab D Miscellaneous additional information and attachments, if any may be submitted by the supplier.

Tab E FINANCIAL REPORTS. Supplier will provide evidence of financial responsibility, which demonstrates the Supplier’s ability to perform the services contemplated by the RFP. This section is recommended but it is optional as determined by the department. Departments should have an individual(s) selected who are skilled in analyzing financial reports and will make a determination of financial strength/responsibility if this section is included in the RFP. Such evidence of financial strength may be financial statements (audited or unaudited) or other form which is reasonably acceptable to the University.

5.03 COST PROPOSAL RESPONSE FORMAT. No pricing information may be included in the technical portion of your proposal. The supplier must submit a separate cost proposal allowing costs to be evaluated independently of other criteria in the proposal. Inclusion of any cost or pricing data within the technical proposal may result in your proposal being judged as non-responsive. The Cost Proposal must be attached as a separate document on BidSync if your submission is electronic, or in a separate sealed envelope if you submit a hard copy of your proposal. With either method, please clearly label your Cost Proposal as such, along with the RFP # and your company name. The Cost Proposal Form included in this RFP must be completed and submitted in order for your proposal to be considered.
SECTION 6 - PROPOSAL EVALUATION

6.01 Proposal Evaluation Criteria. The criteria to be used to evaluate proposals, listed with their relative weight in points totaling 100 points, are as follows:

A. Demonstrated Ability to meet Scope of Work - 30
B. Demonstrated Technical Capability - 10
C. Demonstrated Prior Experience - 10
D. Qualifications and Expertise of Staff - 15
E. References - 10
F. Cost - 25

NOTE: In addition to addressing the specific criteria listed, each supplier should provide a detailed response to each requirement in this RFP as indicated in Section 5.02, Proposal Response Format, and Section 5.03, Cost Proposal.

6.02 Evaluation Process. All proposals in response to this RFP will be evaluated as follows:

1. In the initial phase of the proposal evaluation process, the evaluation committee will review all proposals timely received. Nonresponsive proposals (those not conforming to minimum RFP requirements) will be eliminated. Each supplier bears sole responsibility for the items included or not included in the response submitted by that supplier. The University reserves the right to disqualify any proposal that includes significant deviations or exceptions to the terms, conditions and/or specifications in this RFP.

2. At the conclusion of this initial evaluation phase, remaining supplier technical proposals will be selected for detailed review and evaluation. Oral presentations may be required from the highest scored proposal or proposals. The University will be the sole judge as to the overall acceptability of any proposal or to judge the individual merits of specific provisions within competing offers.

3. After the remaining supplier proposals have been evaluated and scored by the evaluation committee, the Purchasing department will evaluate the Cost Proposals according to the formula, published on the Cost Proposal Form and in accordance with the Utah Procurement Code. The points allocated to each cost proposal will be added to the corresponding proposal’s total technical score.
7.01 **Protected Information.** Under the Government Records Access and Management Act, Utah Code §§ 63G-2-101 to -901, as amended ("GRAMA"), certain information submitted in the proposal(s) may be open for public inspection or disclosure. Pursuant to Section 63G-2-309 of GRAMA, any confidential information provided to the University which Supplier believes should be protected from inspection or disclosure must be accompanied by a written claim of confidentiality and a concise statement of reasons supporting such claim. A copy of the University’s standard business confidentiality claim form may be found at [http://fbs.admin.utah.edu/download/purchasing/Business_Confidentiality_Claim_Form.pdf](http://fbs.admin.utah.edu/download/purchasing/Business_Confidentiality_Claim_Form.pdf). Non-specific statements of confidentiality (e.g., marking a document confidential or proprietary in a cover letter, header, footer or watermark) are insufficient to claim confidentiality under GRAMA. All material contained in and/or submitted with the proposal becomes the property of the University and may be returned only at the University's option.

7.02 **Incurring Costs.** The University will not be liable for any cost which suppliers may incur in connection with the preparation or presentation of their proposal(s). Proposals should be concise, straightforward and prepared simply and economically. Expensive displays, bindings or promotional materials are neither desired nor required. However, these instructions are not intended to limit a proposal's content or exclude any relevant or essential data therefrom.

7.03 **Addendum to RFP.** In the event that it becomes necessary to revise this RFP in whole or in part an addendum will be provided to all suppliers on record as having received this RFP.

7.04 **Other Communications.** During the RFP process (from the date of issue through the date of contract award or other final decision) the Purchasing Department is the sole source of official information regarding this RFP. All other communications, both spoken and written, which are received by any representative of the supplier from other sources (such as employees in the using department) should be confirmed by the supplier with the buyer in the Purchasing Department assigned to this RFP as being true and accurate prior to incorporating such information into their response. This refers to both formal and informal conversations and communications. Significant changes to the RFP will always be issued as a formal, written addendum.

7.05 **Alternative Proposals.** A supplier may submit more than one proposal, each of which must follow the Proposal Response Format (section 5 herein) and satisfy the requirements of this RFP. The supplier's primary proposal must be complete and comply with all instructions. The alternative proposals may be in abbreviated form following the Proposal Response Outline but providing complete information only for sections which differ in any way from those contained in the prime proposal. If alternative proposals are submitted, the supplier must explain the reasons for the
alternative(s) and its comparative benefits. Each proposal submitted will be evaluated on its own merits.

7.06 **Authorized Supplier Representatives.** The University reserves the right to require a change in the individual assigned to represent the supplier if the assigned representative is not serving the needs of the University in an acceptable manner. This right shall carry forward through the response period and, with the successful supplier, during the term of the Contract.

7.07 **Award of Subcontracts.** For each subcontract, if any, which the supplier proposes to award, the supplier shall specify in writing the proposed subcontractor's name and address, and the purpose of each subcontract. Any supplier proposing subcontracts as a part of a proposal must explicitly state so in the proposal. Written approval by the Purchasing Department is required prior to the awarding of any subcontracts. Any Subcontractor shall be required to provide evidence to the University of the same insurance provisions and coverages as described in section 7.15 of this RFP.

7.08 **Assignment.** Supplier shall not assign or subcontract any portion of its obligations under the Contract without the prior written consent of the University Purchasing Department. Assignment or subcontracting shall in no way relieve the supplier of any of its obligations under this Contract.

7.09 **Remedies.** The laws of the State of Utah shall apply in all disputes arising out of this RFP, without application of any principles of choice of laws.

7.10 **Compliance.** The supplier hereby agrees to abide with all applicable federal, state, county and city laws and regulations and to be responsible for obtaining and/or possessing any and all permits and licenses that may be required.

7.11 **Cancellation.** Inadequate delivery, unsatisfactory service or failure to adhere to the Contract covenants may result in cancellation of the Contract. The supplier shall be responsible for reimbursing the University for expenses incurred as a result of unacceptable service. In the event that either party determines that a material breach has occurred that would be cause for cancellation of the Contract, the party wishing to cancel shall notify the other party of the alleged breach in writing, and allow the other party thirty (30) days in which to cure the alleged breach. If the alleged breach is not cured or substantial steps to cure the alleged breach are not taken within this period, the non-defaulting party may cancel the Contract at the end of said thirty (30) day period.

7.12 **Acceptance of Services Rendered.** The University, through its designated agents and representatives, will be the sole determining judge of whether services rendered under the Contract satisfy the requirements as identified in the Contract.
7.13 **Anti-Collusion.** The submission of a proposal constitutes agreement that the supplier has not divulged its proposal to, or colluded with, any other offeror or party to a proposal whatsoever.

7.14 **Indemnification.** The supplier shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the University of Utah and its officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, losses, causes of action, judgments, damages and expenses including, but not limited to attorney's fees because of bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property or any other injury or damage resulting from or arising out of (a) performance or breach of this contract by Supplier, or (b) Supplier’s use of University premises, or (c) any act, error, or omission on the part of the Supplier, or its agents, employees, invitees, participants, or subcontractors except where such claims, losses, causes of action, judgments, damages and expenses result solely from the negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct of the University of Utah, its officers, employees or agents.

7.15 **Insurance.** Supplier shall maintain Commercial General Liability insurance with per occurrence limits of at least $1,000,000 and general aggregate limits of at least $2,000,000. Supplier shall also maintain, if applicable to Supplier’s operations or performance of this contract, Business Automobile Liability insurance covering Supplier’s owned, non-owned, and hired motor vehicles and/or Professional Liability insurance with liability limits of at least $1,000,000 per occurrence. Such insurance policies shall be endorsed to be primary and not contributing to any other insurance maintained by the University.

*Supplier Provision:* If the coverage’s described above are not in place at the time a proposal is submitted the supplier should describe in detail what types and levels of coverage are in place currently, and clearly indicate the supplier’s ability and willingness to obtain the above listed coverage’s if required by the University. The University of Utah reserves the right to require additional coverage from that presented, at the supplier's expense for the additional coverage.

The Supplier shall maintain all employee related insurances, in the statutory amounts, such as unemployment compensation, worker's compensation, and employer's liability, for its employees or volunteers involved in performing services pursuant to this Contract. Supplier shall also maintain "special form" property insurance at replacement cost applicable to Supplier’s property or its equipment and that contains a waiver of subrogation endorsement in favor of the University.

The Supplier's insurance carriers and policy provisions must be acceptable to the University’s Risk and Insurance Manager and remain in effect for the duration of the Contract. The University of Utah shall be named as an additional insured on the Commercial General Liability insurance policy by endorsement. Supplier will cause any of its subcontractors, who provide materials or perform services relative to this contract, to also maintain the insurance coverages and provisions listed above.
The Supplier shall submit certificates of insurance as evidence of the above required insurance to the University prior to the commencement of this Contract (mail to: University of Utah Purchasing Department, Attn: Valerie Allred, 1901 E. South Campus Drive Rm. 151, Salt Lake City, UT 84112). Such certificates shall indicate that the University will be given thirty (30) calendar days written notice prior to the cancellation of coverage.

7.16 **Restrictions.** All proposals must clearly set forth any restrictions or provisions deemed necessary by the supplier to effectively service the proposed Contract.

7.17 **Right to Reject.** The University reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informality or technicality in any proposal in the interest of the University.

7.18 **Record Keeping and Audit Rights.** Any supplier providing goods or services under any Contract shall maintain accurate accounting records for all goods and services provided thereunder, and shall retain all such records for a period of at least three (3) years following termination of the Contract. Upon reasonable notice and during normal business hours, the University, or any of its duly authorized representatives, shall have access to and the right to audit any records or other documents pertaining to the Contract. The University’s audit rights shall extend throughout the term of the Contract and for a period of at least three (3) years thereafter.

7.19 **Management Reports.** Upon request the supplier must be able to summarize and concisely report pertinent information to the University in a timely manner, throughout the duration of any Contract resulting from this RFP.

7.20 **Further Agreements.** In addition to a proposal, the University may from time to time require a supplier to execute certain additional documents or agreements, including without limitation a Contract, for the purpose of clarifying the intention of the parties with respect to providing the goods or services hereunder.

7.21 **Relationship of the Parties.** In assuming and performing the obligations of any Contract, the University and any supplier shall each be acting as independent parties and neither shall be considered or represent itself as a joint venturer, partner or employee of the other.

7.22 **Equal Opportunity.** No supplier of goods and/or services under this RFP or any Contract shall discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or recipient of services on the basis of veteran status, race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, or national origin.

7.23 **Taxes – Supplier’s Responsibility.** Suppliers shall be responsible for and pay all taxes which may be levied or incurred against the supplier in connection with the performance of any services under a Contract, including taxes levied or incurred against supplier’s income, inventory, property, sales, or other taxes.
7.24 **Taxes - University is Exempt.** The University is exempt from State of Utah sales and excise taxes (State of Utah Sales Tax Exemption number: 11874443-002-STC). Exemption certification information appears on all purchase orders issued by the University and such taxes will not apply to the University unless otherwise noted.

7.25 **Tax Liens.** By submitting a proposal, the supplier certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently subject to an outstanding tax lien in the State of Utah. If the supplier cannot certify this statement, the supplier will submit to the University a written explanation for the review of the University. If the supplier is subject to any outstanding tax lien in the State of Utah, the University may reject the supplier’s quote, bid, offer, or proposal in response to the request pursuant to UCA 63G-6a-905.

7.26 **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).** The University of Utah Health Sciences Center is subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). This transaction may fall under the jurisdiction of HIPAA and seller must comply with applicable state and federal HIPAA laws. If you have any questions, please contact the HIPAA Regulatory Office at 801-587-9241.

7.27 **Debarment Clause.** Supplier certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction (contract), by any governmental department or agency. If Supplier cannot certify this statement, attach a written explanation for review by the University. Supplier must notify the Director of Purchasing within 30 days if debarred by any governmental entity during the Contract period.

7.28 **Status Verification System.** If a Contract is awarded through this RFP for the physical performance of services within the State of Utah, supplier or supplier's agent, contractor, subcontractor or service provider is required to register and participate in the Status Verification System (E-verify) to verify the work eligibility status of Supplier's or Supplier's agent's, contractor's, subcontractor's or service provider's employees hired on or after July 1, 2009 and employed in the State of Utah, in accordance with UCA Section 63G-12-302.