

**MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**STANDARD CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

I. The contractor certifies that it understands and agrees that the following terms and conditions (collectively the "University's Standard Terms and Conditions") are incorporated into any contract awarded by the University.

II. In the event the terms and conditions within the contractor's proposal conflict with the University's Standard Terms and Conditions, the University' Standard Terms and Conditions will govern.

III. The contractor's status pursuant to the contract shall be that of an independent contractor and not an employee of the University.

**1. LAWS REQUIRING MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY ALL UNIVERSITY CONTRACTORS**

**1.1 BUSINESS REGISTRATION (Contracts in excess of \$4,515)**

a. All New Jersey and out of State Corporations must obtain a Business Registration Certificate (BRC) from the Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue prior to conducting business in the State of New Jersey. The contractor must provide proof of a valid and current business registration with the Division of Revenue to the University's Procurement Services Department before starting work under the contract. Any questions in this regard can be directed to the Division of Revenue at (609) 292-1730. Form NJ-REG. can be filed online at [www.state.nj.us/njbgs/services/html](http://www.state.nj.us/njbgs/services/html).

b. All sub-contractors of the contractor must provide the contractor with a copy of a current and valid Business Registration Certificate. The contractor must forward the Business Registration Certificates of all subcontractors to the University's Procurement Services Department prior to any subcontractor starting work under the contract.

1.2 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION – The contractor agrees not to discriminate in employment and agrees to abide by all anti-discrimination laws including those contained within N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through N.J.S.A. 10:2-4, N.J.S.A.10:5-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A.10:5-31 through 10:5-38, and all rules and regulations issued there under.

1.3 PREVAILING WAGE ACT - The New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.26 et seq. is hereby made part of every contract entered into by the University, except those contracts which are not within the scope of the Act. The contractor's acceptance of the University's Standard Terms and Conditions is his guarantee that neither he nor any subcontractor he might employ to perform the work has been suspended or debarred by the Commissioner, Department of Labor for violation of the provisions of the Prevailing Wage Act.

1.4 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT - The contractor must comply with all provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), P.L. 101-336, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq. 1.4

1.5 THE WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW ACT - The provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq. which require the labeling of all containers of hazardous substances are applicable to the contract. Therefore, all goods offered for purchase to the University must be labeled by the contractor in compliance with the provisions of the Act.

- 1.6 OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE – No contract can be issued by the University unless the contractor has completed an Ownership Disclosure Form, disclosing the names and addresses of all its owners holding 10% or more of the corporation or partnership's stock or interest. Refer to N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2.
- 1.7 COMPLIANCE - LAWS - The contractor must comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to the contract and to the goods delivered and/or services performed under the contract.
- 1.8 COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13 et seq. ("Pay to Play" Act). The University's Procurement Services Department will provide the selected contractor with a "Contractor's Certification and Disclosure of Political Contribution Form" to complete. The Procurement Services Department will forward the completed Form to the State Treasurer or his designee for review pursuant to the Act. In the event the State Treasurer determines that the Act precludes a contract award to the selected contractor, a contract award will not be made.

In the event a contract award is made, the contractor is under a continuing duty to disclose all contributions that may be made during the term of the contract. In such event, the contractor must immediately complete the Continuing Disclosure of Political Contributions Form and submit the completed Form to the University's Procurement Services Department. All forms and instructions are available from the University's Procurement Services Department.

- 1.9 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE BY CONTRACTOR- If the contract is in excess of \$17,500, the contractor must comply with P.L. 2005, c.271, by completing and submitting to the University's Procurement Services Department the required Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Forms, before the effective date of the contract. Failure to comply with this political contribution disclosure requirement may result in the cancellation of the contract award and/or imposition of financial penalties by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("ELEC"). Additional information about this requirement is available from ELEC at 888-313-3532 or at <http://www.elec.state.nj.us/>.
- 1.10 CONTRACTOR ANNUAL ELEC DISCLOSURE OBLIGATION- The contractor is advised of its responsibility to file an annual disclosure statement on political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC), pursuant to P.L. 2005, c. 271, section 3 if the contractor receives contracts in excess of \$50,000 from a public entity in a calendar year. It is the contractor's responsibility to determine if filing is necessary. Failure to so file can result in the imposition of financial penalties by ELEC. Additional information about this requirement is available from ELEC at 888-313-3532 or at <http://www.elec.state.nj.us/>.
- 1.11. SET-OFF FOR STATE TAXES AND CHILD SUPPORT- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:49-19, if the contractor is entitled to payment under the contract at the same time as it is indebted for any State tax (or is otherwise indebted to the State) or child support, the State Treasurer may set off that payment by the amount of the indebtedness.

## 2. LIABILITIES

- 2.1 LIABILITY - COPYRIGHT - The contractor shall hold and save the University and the State of New Jersey, their respective officers, agents, servants and employees, harmless from liability of any nature or kind for or on account of the use of any copyrighted or uncopied composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in the performance of his contract.

- 2.2 INDEMNIFICATION - The contracting party shall assume all risk of and responsibility for, and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the University, the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority and the State of New Jersey, including their trustees, officers, employees, volunteers and agent from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) in connection therewith on account of the loss of life, property, or injury or damage to the person, body or property, of any person or persons whatsoever, which shall arise from or result directly or indirectly from the services provided under this contract. This indemnification obligation is not limited by, but is in addition to the insurance obligations contained in this agreement.
- 2.3 INSURANCE - The selected bidder shall secure and maintain in force for the term of the contract liability insurance as provided herein. All insurance coverage is subject to the approval of the University and shall be issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and which maintains an A.M. Best rating of A- (VII) or better.

The selected bidder shall provide the University's Procurement Services Department current certificates of insurance for all coverage and renewals thereof which must contain the provision that the insurance provided in the certificate shall not be canceled for any reason except after thirty (30) days written notice to the University's Procurement Services Department. All insurance required herein shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of the University. All insurance required herein, except Workers' Compensation, shall name Montclair State University, the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority as additional insureds.

The insurance to be provided by the contractor for the term of the contract and any agreed upon extension thereof shall be as follows.

**Commercial General Liability** insurance written on an occurrence form including independent contractor liability, products/completed operations liability, contractual liability, covering but not limited to the liability assumed under the indemnification provisions of this contract. The policy shall not include any endorsement that restricts or reduces coverage as provided by the ISO CG0001 form without the approval of the University. The minimum limits of liability shall not be less than a combined single limit of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, two million dollars (\$2,000,000) general aggregate, two million dollars (\$2,000,000) product/completed operations aggregate. A "per location or project endorsement" shall be included, so that the general aggregate limit applies separately to the location or project that is the subject of this contract.

**Comprehensive Automobile Liability** covering owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles. The limits of liability shall not be less than a combined single limit of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence.

**Worker's Compensation** Insurance applicable to the laws of the State of New Jersey and other State or Federal jurisdiction required to protect the employees of the contracting party and any subcontractor who will be engaged in the performance of this contract. The certificate must so indicate that no proprietor, partner, executive officer or member is excluded. This insurance shall include Employers' Liability Protection with a limit of liability not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) bodily injury, each occurrence, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) disease, each employee, and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) disease, aggregate limit. Lower primary limits will be accepted if employer's liability insurance is included under the umbrella insurance and the umbrella limit exceeds the employer's liability limit requirements.

**Excess Liability**, umbrella insurance form, applying excess of primary to the commercial general liability, commercial automobile liability and employer's liability insurance shall be provided with

minimum limits of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per occurrence, five million dollars (\$5,000,000) general aggregate, and five million dollars (\$5,000,000) products/completed operations.

The contractor shall require all subcontractors to comply with all of the insurance requirements described above. It is a contractor option to determine the amount of excess liability it will require its subcontractors to carry. The contractor shall be responsible for obtaining certificates of insurance for all coverage and renewals thereof for each subcontractor prior to the subcontractor's beginning work on the project. The contractor shall provide copies of all subcontractor certificates of insurance to the University upon request.

### 3. CONTRACT EXTENSION

In the event the contract has an extension option and the University determines that it is in the best interest of the University to extend the contract, the contractor will be so notified at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the existing contract. The contractor shall have 15 calendar days to respond to the extension request. If the contractor agrees to the extension, all terms and conditions of the original contract, including price, will be applicable.

### 4. CONTRACT TERMINATION

#### a. Change of Circumstance:

Notwithstanding any provision or language in this contract to the contrary, where the needs of the University significantly change, or the contract is otherwise deemed no longer to be in the University's interest, the University may terminate the contract upon 30 days written notice to the contractor.

#### b. For cause:

1. Where the contractor fails to perform or comply with a contract, the University may terminate the contract upon 10 days notice to the contractor with an opportunity to respond.

2. Where a contractor continues to perform a contract poorly as demonstrated by documented late delivery, poor performance of service, short-shipping etc., the University may terminate the contract upon 10 days notice to the contractor.

In the event of contract termination under a. above i.e. Change of Circumstance, the contractor will be compensated by the University for goods and/or services satisfactorily performed and accepted in accordance with the contract, up to the date of termination.

In the event of termination of the contract under b. above, i.e. For Cause, the University may acquire the goods and/or services which are the subject of the terminated contract from another source. If the price paid is greater than the contract price, the University may deduct the difference in price from any monies due the terminated contractor or, if no monies are due the terminated contractor, the difference in price shall be an obligation owed the University by the terminated contractor.

### 5. SUBCONTRACTING OR ASSIGNMENT

The contract may not be subcontracted or assigned by the contractor, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the University. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve the contractor of any of his responsibilities under the contract.

Nothing contained in the specifications shall be construed as creating a contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the University.

## 6. PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

The contractor certifies that:

- a. The equipment offered is standard new equipment, and is the manufacturer's latest model in production, with parts regularly used for the type of equipment offered; that such parts are all in production and not likely to be discontinued; and that no attachment or part has been substituted or applied contrary to manufacturer's recommendations and standard practice.
- b. All equipment supplied to the University that is operated by electrical current is UL listed where applicable.
- c. All new machines are to be guaranteed as fully operational for the period stated in the contractor's proposal from time of written acceptance by the University. The contractor will render prompt service without charge, regardless of geographic location.
- d. During the warranty period, the contractor shall replace immediately any material which is rejected for failure to meet the requirements of the contract.
- e. All services rendered to the University shall be performed in strict and full accordance with the specifications stated in the contract.

## 7. DELIVERY GUARANTEE

All items contracted for are F.O.B. Destination. Regardless of the method of quoting shipments, the contractor shall assume all costs, liability and responsibility for the delivery of merchandise in good condition to the University. The University reserves the right to deduct from the Contractor's invoice all charges incurred by the University in the event any items are shipped and delivered on a "Collect" basis via common carrier in lieu of the specified F.O.B. Destination.

The contractor is responsible for the delivery of material in first class condition to the University in accordance with good commercial practice. The contractor shall only ship those items and quantities that are covered by contract. If a review of material received indicates that material other than that covered by the contract has been ordered and delivered, the University will take such steps as are necessary to have the material returned, regardless of the time lapsed between delivery and discovery of the violation. Compliance with this requirement is the full responsibility of the contractor.

The University shall accept deliveries during normal business hours, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on normal business days (Monday through Friday).

All items must be delivered into and placed at a point within the buildings as directed by the University. Notification must be given 24 hours in advance on any single item weighing over 500 pounds by calling the University's Central Receiving at 973-655-4359.

Unloading and the placing of any supplies or equipment at specified site is the sole responsibility of the contractor. The contractor shall notify the assigned trucker for implementation of this requirement at no additional cost to the University.

In the event delivery of goods or services is not made within the number of days contracted, the University's Procurement Services Department may authorize the purchase of the goods and services from any available source. If the price paid is greater than the contract price, the University may deduct the difference in price from any monies due the defaulting contractor or, if no monies are due the defaulting contractor, the difference in price shall be an obligation owed the University by the defaulting contractor.

#### 8. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

The contractor shall maintain records for products and/or services delivered against the contract for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the University upon request for purposes of conducting an audit or for ascertaining information regarding dollar volume or number of transactions.

#### 9. PRICE FLUCTUATION DURING CONTRACT

In the event of a contractor's price decrease during the contract period, the University shall receive the full benefit of such price reduction on any undelivered purchase order and on any subsequent order placed during the contract period.

#### 10. TAX CHARGES

The University is exempt from State sales or use taxes and Federal excise taxes. Prices charged must not include such taxes.

#### 11. PAYMENT TO CONTRACTOR

Payment for goods and/or services purchased by the University will be made to the contractor within 30 days of the later of an acceptable invoice from the contractor or the University's acceptance of the contracted products and/or services.

#### 12. STANDARDS PROHIBITING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The following prohibitions on contractor activities shall apply to all contracts or purchase agreements made with the University, pursuant to Executive Order No. 189 (1988):

- a. The contractor shall not pay, offer to pay, or agree to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity, or other thing of value of any kind to any University officer or employee or to any member of the immediate family, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13i., of any such University officer or employee, or partnership, firm or corporation with which they are employed or associated, or in which such University officer or employee has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13g.
- b. The solicitation of any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity or other thing of value by any University officer or employee from the contractor shall be reported in writing forthwith by the contractor to the Attorney General and the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards.
- c. The contractor may not, directly or indirectly, undertake any private business, commercial or entrepreneurial relationship with, whether or not pursuant to employment, contract or other agreement, express or implied, or sell any interest in such contractor to, any University officer or employee having any duties or responsibilities in connection with the purchase, acquisition or sale of any property or services by or to the University, or with any person, firm or entity with

which he or she is employed or associated or in which he or she has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13g. Any relationships subject to this provision shall be reported in writing forthwith to the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards, which may grant a waiver of this restriction upon application of the University officer or employee upon a finding that the present or proposed relationship does not present the potential, actuality or appearance of a conflict of interest.

- d. No vendor shall influence, or attempt to influence or cause to be influenced, any University officer or employee in his or her official capacity in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said officer or employee.
- e. No vendor shall cause or influence, or attempt to cause or influence, any University officer or employee to use, or attempt to use, his or her official position to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for the vendor or any other person.
- f. The provisions cited above in paragraph 12a. through 12e. shall not be construed to prohibit a University officer or employee from receiving gifts from or contracting with vendors under the same terms and conditions as are offered or made available to members of the general public promulgate under paragraph 12c.

13. NOTICES: All notices required under this contract shall be in writing and shall be validly and sufficiently served by the University upon the contractor if addressed and mailed by certified mail to the address set forth in the contractor's proposal. Notices from the contractor to the University shall be addressed and mailed by certified mail to the attention of the Director, Procurement Services Department, Montclair State University, 855 Valley Road, Suite 112, Clifton, N.J. 07013.

14. CLAIMS

Claims asserted shall be subject to the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A 59:1-1, et seq., and/or the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.A. 59:13-1, et seq.

15. APPLICABLE LAW: The contract and all litigation arising from or related to the contract shall be governed by the applicable laws, regulations and rules of evidence of the State of New Jersey without reference to conflict of laws principles.

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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NAME

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COMPANY NAME

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