THIS CONTRACT, and amendments and supplements thereto, is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Minnesota State University, Mankato (hereinafter MINNESOTA STATE), and [INSERT CONTRACTOR’S LEGAL NAME AND FULL ADDRESS], an independent contractor, not an employee of the State of Minnesota (hereinafter CONTRACTOR).

WHEREAS, MINNESOTA STATE, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 136F, is empowered to procure from time to time certain services, and

WHEREAS, MINNESOTA STATE is in need of services that are not related to building or facilities construction, repair, maintenance or remodeling, and

WHEREAS, the CONTRACTOR represents it is duly qualified and willing to perform the services set forth in this contract, and

[DELETE THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES IF CONTRACTOR IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL. IF CONTRACTOR IS AN INDIVIDUAL, THEY MUST BE INCLUDED.]

WHEREAS, the CONTRACTOR represents that he / she is not a current state employee, and

WHEREAS, the CONTRACTOR represents that he / she has not received an early separation incentive under Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board Policy 4.11, Board Early Separation Incentive Program (BESI), during the one year period prior to the effective date of this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed:

1. **TERM OF CONTRACT.** This contract shall be effective on [INSERT FULL DATE (e.g., January 29, 2013)] or upon the date the final required signature is obtained by MINNESOTA STATE, whichever occurs later, and shall remain in effect until [INSERT FULL DATE (e.g., June 30, 2013)] or until all obligations set forth in this contract have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first. The CONTRACTOR understands that no work should begin under this contract until all required signatures have been obtained and the CONTRACTOR is notified to begin work by MINNESOTA STATE’S authorized representative.

2. **CONTRACTOR’S DUTIES.** The CONTRACTOR will:

[INSERT SUFFICIENT DETAIL SO THAT CONTRACTOR CAN BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THIS WORK. ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGE(S) IF NECESSARY AND LABEL AS ATTACHMENT X.]
3. CONSIDERATION AND TERMS OF PAYMENT.

a. Consideration for all services performed and goods or materials supplied by the CONTRACTOR pursuant to this contract shall be paid by MINNESOTA STATE as follows:

i. **Compensation** of [INSERT DOLLAR AMOUNT IN WORDS AND NUMBERS AND NUMBER OF HOURS, e.g. Fifty and 00/100 Dollars ($50.00) for eighty (80) hours]

ii. The **total obligation** of MINNESOTA STATE for all compensation and reimbursement to the CONTRACTOR shall not exceed [INSERT DOLLAR AMOUNT IN WORDS AND NUMBERS, e.g. Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty and 00/100 Dollars ($4,120.00).]

b. Terms of Payment.

i. Payment shall be made by MINNESOTA STATE promptly after the CONTRACTOR’S presentation of invoices for services performed and acceptance of such services by MINNESOTA STATE’S authorized representative. All services provided by the CONTRACTOR pursuant to this contract shall be performed to the satisfaction of MINNESOTA STATE, as determined at the sole discretion of its authorized representative, and in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. The CONTRACTOR shall not receive payment for work found by MINNESOTA STATE to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of any applicable federal, state or local law, ordinance, rule or regulation. Invoices shall be presented by CONTRACTOR according to the following schedule:

1. Within thirty (30) calendar days following completion of services.

2. **Retainage.** No more than 90% of the amount due will be paid by MINNESOTA STATE until all the services in this contract have been reviewed by MINNESOTA STATE’S authorized representative. The balance due will be paid when MINNESOTA STATE’S authorized representative determines that CONTRACTOR has satisfactorily fulfilled all the terms of this contract.

ii. **Nonresident Aliens.** Pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §1441, MINNESOTA STATE is required to withhold certain federal income taxes on the gross compensation paid to nonresident aliens, as defined by Internal Revenue Code §7701(b). MINNESOTA STATE will withhold all required taxes unless and until CONTRACTOR submits documentation required by the Internal Revenue Service indicating that CONTRACTOR is a resident of a country with tax treaty benefits. MINNESOTA STATE makes no representations regarding whether or to what extent tax treaty benefits are available to CONTRACTOR. To the extent that MINNESOTA STATE does not withhold these taxes for any reason, CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold MINNESOTA STATE harmless for any taxes owed and any interest or penalties assessed.
4. **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES.** All official notifications, including but not limited to, cancellation of this contract must be sent to the other party’s authorized representative.

   a. MINNESOTA STATE’S authorized representative for the purpose of administration of this contract is:

      | Name:                        | Address:                  |
      |-------------------------------|---------------------------|
      | Telephone/FAX:                | E-Mail:                   |

   Such representative shall have final authority for acceptance of the CONTRACTOR’S services and, if such services are accepted as satisfactory, shall so certify on each invoice presented pursuant to Clause III, paragraph B.

   b. The CONTRACTOR’S authorized representative for the purpose of administration of this contract is:

      | Name:                        | Address:                  |
      |-------------------------------|---------------------------|
      | Telephone/FAX:                | E-Mail:                   |

5. **CANCELLATION AND TERMINATION.**

   a. This contract may be canceled by MINNESOTA STATE at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the CONTRACTOR. In the event of such a cancellation, the CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for work or services satisfactorily performed.

   b. Termination for Insufficient Funding. MINNESOTA STATE may immediately terminate this contract if it does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature or other funding source, or if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination must be by written or fax notice to the CONTRACTOR within a reasonable time of MINNESOTA STATE receiving notice that sufficient funding is not available. MINNESOTA STATE is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the CONTRACTOR will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for work or services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. MINNESOTA STATE will not be assessed any penalty if the contract is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature or other funding source not to appropriate funds.

6. **ASSIGNMENT.** The CONTRACTOR shall neither assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this contract without the prior written consent of MINNESOTA STATE.

7. **LIABILITY.** The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, save, and hold MINNESOTA STATE, its representatives and employees harmless from any and all claims or causes of action, including all attorney’s fees incurred by MINNESOTA STATE, arising from the performance of this contract by the CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR’S agents or employees. This clause shall not be construed
to bar any legal remedies the CONTRACTOR may have for MINNESOTA STATE’S failure to fulfill its obligations pursuant to this contract.

8. **WORKERS’ COMPENSATION.** The CONTRACTOR certifies it is in compliance with Minnesota Statutes § 176.181, subd. 2 pertaining to workers’ compensation insurance coverage. The CONTRACTOR’S employees and agents will not be considered MINNESOTA STATE employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers’ Compensation Act on behalf of these employees or agents and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees or agents are in no way MINNESOTA STATE’S obligation or responsibility.

9. **MINNESOTA STATUTES § 181.59.**

The Contractor will comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes § 181.59 which require:

Every contract for or on behalf of the State of Minnesota, or any county, city, town, township, school, school district, or any other district in the state, for materials, supplies, or construction shall contain provisions by which the contractor agrees: (1) that, in the hiring of common or skilled labor for the performance of any work under any contract, or any subcontract, no contractor, material supplier, or vendor, shall, by reason or race, creed, or color, discriminate against the person or persons who are citizens of the United States or resident aliens who are qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates; (2) that no contractor, material supplier, or vendor, shall, in any manner, discriminate against, or intimidate, or prevent the employment of any person or persons identified in clause (1) of this section, or on being hired, prevent, or conspire to prevent, the person or persons from the performance of work under any contract on account of race, creed, or color; (3) that a violation of this section is a misdemeanor; and (4) that this contract may be canceled or terminated by the state, county, city, town, school board, or any other person authorized to grant the contracts for employment, and all money due, or to become due under the contract, may be forfeited for a second or any subsequent violation of the terms or conditions of this contract.

10. **DATA DISCLOSURE.**

a. As a condition of this contract, CONTRACTOR is required by Minn. Stat. §270C.65 to provide a social security number, a federal tax identification number or Minnesota tax identification number. This information may be used in the enforcement of federal and state tax laws. These numbers will be available to federal and state tax authorities and state personnel involved in approving the contract and the payment of state obligations. Supplying these numbers could result in action to require CONTRACTOR to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities. This contract will not be approved unless these numbers are provided.

b. Independent Contractors. Minn. Stat. §256.998 requires MINNESOTA STATE to report the name, address and social security number of independent contractors to the New Hire Reporting Center of the Minnesota Department of Human Services unless this Contract is for less than two months in duration with gross earnings of less than $250.00 per month. This information may be used by state or local child support enforcement authorities in the enforcement of state and federal child support laws.

11. **GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES ACT.** The requirements of Minnesota Statutes § 13.05, subd. 11 apply to this contract. The CONTRACTOR and MINNESOTA STATE must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by MINNESOTA STATE in accordance with this contract, and as it applies to all data,
The CONTRACTOR represents and warrants that any materials, plans, specifications, documents, software or intellectual property of any kind produced or used under this contract (MATERIALS) do not and will not infringe upon any intellectual property rights of another, including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights, trade secrets, trade names, and service marks and names. The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and defend, to the extent permitted by the Attorney General, MINNESOTA STATE at the CONTRACTOR’S expense from any action or claim brought against MINNESOTA STATE to the extent that it is based on a claim that all or part of the MATERIALS infringe upon the intellectual property rights of another. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for payment of any and all such claims, demands, obligations, liabilities, costs and damages, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney fees arising out of this contract, amendments and supplements thereto, which are attributable to such claims or actions.

If such a claim or action arises, or in the CONTRACTOR’S or MINNESOTA STATE’S opinion is likely to arise, the CONTRACTOR shall, at MINNESOTA STATE’S discretion, either procure for MINNESOTA STATE the right or license to continue using the MATERIALS at issue or replace or modify the allegedly infringing MATERIALS. This remedy shall be in addition to and shall not be exclusive to other remedies provided by law.

13. JURISDICTION AND VENUE. This contract, and amendments and supplements thereto, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota. Venue for all legal proceedings arising out of this contract, or breach thereof, shall be in the state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

14. AMENDMENTS. Any amendments to this contract shall be in writing and shall be executed by the same parties who executed the original contract, or their successors in office.

15. STATE AUDITS. The books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the CONTRACTOR relevant to this contract shall be subject to examination by MINNESOTA STATE and the Legislative Auditor for a minimum of six (6) years from the end of the contract.

16. ANTITRUST. The CONTRACTOR hereby assigns to the State of Minnesota any and all claims for overcharges as to goods or services provided in connection with this Master Contract and any Work Order Contract resulting from antitrust violations which arise under the antitrust laws of the United States or the antitrust laws of the State of Minnesota.

18. **INSURANCE.**


a. CONTRACTOR shall submit an ACORD Certificate of Insurance to MINNESOTA STATE’S authorized representative prior to execution of the contract.

b. CONTRACTOR shall maintain and furnish satisfactory evidence of the following:

i. **Workers’ Compensation Insurance.** CONTRACTOR must provide workers’ compensation insurance for all its employees and, in case any work is subcontracted, CONTRACTOR shall require the subcontractor to provide workers’ compensation insurance in accordance with the statutory requirements of the State of Minnesota, including Coverage B, Employer’s Liability, at limits not less than $100,000.00 bodily injury by disease per employee; $500,000.00 bodily injury by disease aggregate; and $100,000.00 bodily injury by accident.

ii. **Commercial General Liability.** CONTRACTOR shall maintain a comprehensive commercial general liability insurance (CGL) policy protecting it from bodily injury claims and property damage claims which may arise from operations under the contract whether the operations are by CONTRACTOR or by a subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed under the contract. The minimum insurance amounts will be:

   - $2,000,000.00 per occurrence
   - $2,000,000.00 annual aggregate applying per project or location
   - $2,000,000.00 annual aggregate applying to Products/Completed Operations

   In addition, the following coverages shall be included:
   - Premises and Operations Bodily Injury and Property Damage
   - Personal Injury and Advertising Injury
   - Products and Completed Operations Liability
   - Contractual Liability as provided in Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CG 00 01 04 13 or its equivalent
   - Pollution Exclusion with standard exception as per Insurance Services Office (ISO)
   - Commercial General Liability Coverage Form – CG 00 01 04 13 or its equivalent
   - Independent Contractors (let or sublet work)
   - Waiver of Subrogation in favor of MINNESOTA STATE
   - Coverage will not contain any restrictive endorsement(s) excluding or limiting Broad Form Property Damage (BFPD) or Explosion, Collapse, Underground (XCU)

   Name the following as Additional Insureds, to the extent permitted by law:
   - The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and its officers and members, to include the Project’s College or University, the State of...
Minnesota, officers and employees of the State of Minnesota, the Architect and its agents as additional named insured, to the extent permitted by law, for claims arising out of the Contractor’s negligence or the negligence of those for whom the Contractor is responsible for both ongoing and completed operations.

iii. Commercial Automobile Liability. CONTRACTOR shall maintain insurance protecting it from bodily injury claims and property damage claims resulting from the ownership, operation, maintenance or use of all owned, hired, and non-owned autos which may arise from operations of vehicles under the contract, and in case any work is subcontracted the CONTRACTOR will require the subcontractors to maintain Commercial Automobile Liability insurance. The minimum insurance amounts will be:

$2,000,000.00 per occurrence Combined Single Limit (CSL) for bodily injury and property damage

In addition, the following coverages should be included:

Owned, Hired, and Non-owned

c. Additional Insurance Conditions:

- CONTRACTOR’S policy(ies) shall be primary insurance to any other valid and collectible insurance available to MINNESOTA STATE with respect to any claim arising out of CONTRACTOR’S performance under this Contract:
- If CONTRACTOR receives a cancellation notice from an insurance carrier affording coverage herein, CONTRACTOR agrees to notify MINNESOTA STATE within five (5) business days with a copy of the cancellation notice unless CONTRACTOR’S policy(ies) contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policy(ies) will not be cancelled without at least thirty (30) days advance written notice to MINNESOTA STATE.
- CONTRACTOR is responsible for payment of Contract related insurance premiums and deductibles;
- CONTRACTOR’S policy(ies) shall include legal defense fees in addition to its liability policy limits;
- The insurance policies will be issued by a company or companies having an “A.M. Best Company” financial strength rating of A- (Excellent) or better and authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota prior to execution of the Contract.
- An Umbrella or Excess Liability insurance policy may be used to supplement the CONTRACTOR’S policy limits to satisfy the full policy limits required by the Contract.

d. Errors and Omissions (E & O) Insurance.

[Generally, Errors & Omissions Insurance is required if the services provided are professional in nature (accounting, architect, etc…) Contact Risk Management if you have questions as to whether E & O Insurance is necessary. If applicable, insert the following, otherwise delete this clause and renumber.]

CONTRACTOR shall maintain insurance protecting it from claims CONTRACTOR may become legally obligated to pay resulting from any actual or alleged negligent act, error or omission related to CONTRACTOR’s services required under this contract. The minimum insurance amounts will be:
CONTRACTOR shall submit a certified financial statement providing evidence CONTRACTOR has adequate assets to cover any applicable E & O policy deductible.

e. MINNESOTA STATE reserves the right to immediately terminate the contract if CONTRACTOR is not in compliance with the insurance requirements and retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against CONTRACTOR. All insurance policies must be available for inspection by MINNESOTA STATE and copies of policies must be submitted to MINNESOTA STATE’S authorized representative upon written request.

19. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS IN EXCESS OF $100,000.00 AND THE CONTRACTOR HAS MORE THAN 40 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN MINNESOTA OR ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS.

[DELETE THIS CLAUSE IF THE TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE IS UNDER $100,000.00 AND RENUMBER REMAINING CLAUSE IF APPLICABLE.]

MINNESOTA STATE intends to carry out its responsibility for requiring affirmative action by its CONTRACTORS.

a. Covered Contracts and Contractors. If the contract exceeds One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($100,000.00) and the CONTRACTOR employed more than forty (40) full-time employees on a single working day during the previous twelve (12) months in Minnesota or in the state where it has its principle place of business, then the CONTRACTOR must comply with the requirements of Minnesota Statute §363A.36 and Minnesota R. Parts 5000.3400-5000.3600. A CONTRACTOR covered by Minnesota Statute §363A.36 because it employed more than forty (40) full-time employees in another state and the CONTRACTOR does not have a Certificate of Compliance, said CONTRACTOR must certify that it is in compliance with federal affirmative action requirements.

b. Minnesota Statute §363A.36. Minnesota Statute §363A.36 requires CONTRACTOR to have an affirmative action plan for the employment of minority persons, women, and qualified disabled individuals approved by the Minnesota Commissioner of Human Rights (hereinafter COMMISSIONER) as indicated by a certificate of compliance. The law addresses suspension or revocation of a certificate of compliance and contract consequences in that event. A contract awarded without a certificate of compliance may be voided.

c. Minnesota R. 5000.3400-5000.3600.

i. General. Minnesota R. 5000.3400-5000.3600 implement Minnesota Statute §363A.36. These rules include, but are not limited to: criteria for contents, approval, and implementation of affirmative action plans; procedures for issuing certificates of compliance and criteria for determining a contractor’s compliance status; procedures for addressing deficiencies, sanctions, and notice and hearing; annual compliance reports; procedures for compliance review; and contract consequences for non-compliance. The specific criteria for approval or rejection of an affirmative action plan are contained in various provisions of Minnesota R. 5000.3400-5000.3600, including, but not limited to, parts 5000.3420-5000.3500 and 5000.3552-5000.3559.
ii. Disabled Workers. The CONTRACTOR must comply with the following affirmative action requirements for disabled workers.

1. The CONTRACTOR must not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental disability in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The CONTRACTOR agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment, and otherwise treat qualified disabled persons without discrimination based upon their physical or mental disability in all employment practices such as the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

2. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the rules and relevant orders of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights issued pursuant to the Minnesota Human Rights Act.

3. In the event of the CONTRACTOR'S noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with Minnesota Statute §363A.36, and the rules and relevant orders of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights issued pursuant to the Minnesota Human Rights Act.

4. The CONTRACTOR agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. Such notices must state the CONTRACTOR'S obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified disabled employees and applicants for employment, and the rights of applicants and employees.

5. The CONTRACTOR must notify each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the CONTRACTOR is bound by the terms of Minnesota Statute §363A.36 of the Minnesota Human Rights Act and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment physically and mentally disabled persons.

iii. Consequences. The consequences for the CONTRACTOR'S failure to implement its affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort to do so include, but are not limited to, suspension or revocation of a certificate of compliance by the COMMISSIONER, refusal by the COMMISSIONER to approve subsequent plans, and termination of all or part of this contract by the COMMISSIONER or MINNESOTA STATE.

iv. Certification. The CONTRACTOR hereby certifies it is in compliance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes § 363A.36 and Minnesota R. 5000.3400-5000.3600 and is aware of the consequences for noncompliance.

20. EQUAL PAY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS IN EXCESS OF $500,000.00 AND THE CONTRACTOR HAS MORE THAN 40 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN MINNESOTA OR ITS PRIMARY PLACE OF BUSINESS.

MINNESOTA STATE intends to carry out its responsibility for requiring equal pay by its CONTRACTORS.
a. Covered Contracts and Contractors. If the amount of this contract is in excess of $500,000.00 and the CONTRACTOR has 40 or more full-time employees in Minnesota or a state where the business has its primary place of business on a single day during the prior 12 months, the CONTRACTOR must comply with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes §363A.44 prior to contract execution. CONTRACTOR must obtain an Equal Pay Certificate from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR) or claim an exemption prior to CONTRACT execution. CONTRACTOR is exempt if it has not employed more than 40 full-time employees on any single working day in one state during the previous 12 months. A certificate is valid for four years.

i. Consequences. The consequences for the CONTRACTOR’S failure to secure and comply with Minnesota Statutes §363A.44 or make a good faith effort to do so, include but are not limited to, suspension or revocation of a certificate of Compliance by the COMMISSIONER, and termination of all or part of this contract by the COMMISSIONER or MINNESOTA STATE.

ii. Certification. The CONTRACTOR hereby certifies it is in compliance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes §363A.44 and applicable rules and regulations and is aware of the consequences for noncompliance.

21. OTHER PROVISIONS.

The rest of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page to follow.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this contract to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

APPROVED:

1. **CONTRACTOR:**
   CONTRACTOR certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the contract on behalf of CONTRACTOR as required by applicable articles, by-laws, resolutions, or ordinances.

   By (authorized signature and printed name)
   
   Title
   
   Date

2. **Recommended:**

   By
   
   Paul Corcoran
   
   Title     Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management
   
   Date

3. **MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**
   **Minnesota State University, Mankato:**

   By
   
   Richard J. Straka
   
   Title     Vice President for Finance & Administration
   
   Date

4. **VERIFIED AS TO ENCUMBRANCE, FORM AND EXECUTION:**
   Employee certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minnesota Statute §16A.15.

   By
   
   Vickie Hanson
   
   Title     Office Administrator
   
   Date