

## Request for Proposal (RFP)

Commodity/Service Required:	Conduct a detailed study on the international best practice on business and financial models including investment entities, ownership, financing mechanism, project structuring, risk management, allocation principles, and cost recovery methods for developing cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure projects
Type of Procurement:	Subcontract
Type of Contract:	Firm Fixed Price
Term of Contract:	5 months
Contract Funding:	USAID
This Procurement supports:	South Asia Regional Energy Partnership (SAREP)
Submit Proposal to:	SAREP-Procurement@rti.org; and sdutta@sarep-southasia.org
Date of Issue of RFP:	November 11, 2022
Date Questions from Supplier Due:	November 16, 2022
Date Proposal Due:	November 25, 2022
Approximate Date Subcontract Issued to Successful Bidder:	December 26, 2022

<b>Method of Submittal:</b>	
Respond via e-mail with attached document in MS Word / pdf format. The Bidder/Seller agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for <b>90 days</b> from the date specified for the receipt of offers, unless another time is specified in the addendum of the RFP/RFQ.	
<b>Solicitation Number:</b>	<b>SAREP RFP-2023-004</b>

### Attachments to RFP:

1. Attachment "A" – Commodity Specifications
2. Attachment "B" – Instructions to Bidders/Sellers
3. Attachment "C" - Subcontract Terms and Conditions. These are also listed on our website at: [https://www.rti.org/sites/default/files/standard\\_subaward\\_terms\\_and\\_conditions\\_v1\\_11.pdf](https://www.rti.org/sites/default/files/standard_subaward_terms_and_conditions_v1_11.pdf)  
Supplier's delivery of products, performance of services, or issuance of invoices in connection with this Subcontract establishes Supplier's agreement to the Terms.

All bidders/sellers are responsible to carefully review each attachment and follow any instructions that may be relevant to this procurement. **By submitting a bid, the bidder is implied to have accepted all the terms and conditions listed in each of the three attachments.**

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## Attachment A

### Commodity Specifications or Statement of Work

Indicate a description of the activity/service that is expected from the supplier. Provide product specifications or service expectations (both if applicable). Include deliverables, timelines, and any special terms and conditions.

#### Description of Activity/Service:

##### Introduction:

RTI International is an independent, nonprofit research institute dedicated to improving the human condition. Clients rely on us to answer questions that demand an objective and multidisciplinary approach—one that integrates expertise across the social and laboratory sciences, engineering, and international development. We believe in the promise of science, and we are inspired every day to deliver on that promise for the good of people, communities, and businesses around the world.

RTI International has been working in Asia for more than 35 years, providing technical assistance, institutional strengthening, and program support on behalf of governments, foundations, and private-sector clients. Together with our local partners, we deliver science-based solutions and advisory and technical services to help countries across South and Southeast Asia achieve national, regional, and local goals—in health, education, economic growth, governance and public policy, and environmental management. RTI is implementing 19 projects in the Asia region with its offices located in India, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Philippines, Laos, Nepal, and Papua New Guinea.

RTI International is the implementing contractor for a five (5) year USAID project called the USAID South Asia Regional Energy Partnership (SAREP). SAREP will serve as a linchpin of the Asia Enhancing Development and Growth through Energy (EDGE) initiative. To achieve USAID's goal of improving access to affordable, secure, reliable and sustainable energy, SAREP will address two distinct, yet mutually dependent objectives: a. Enabling six countries – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka—to build systems and processes in line with their respective economic and energy security priorities, and b. Facilitating collaboration among these six countries in a regional energy market that will accelerate economic development, self-reliance, livelihoods, health, and productivity throughout the region.

SAREP's objectives are as follows:

- Workstream 1: Regional Energy Hub
- Workstream 2: Technical Services
  - Objective 1: Enhanced regional energy markets and integration
  - Objective 2: Increased development of advanced energy
  - Objective 3: High-performing modern utilities.
  - Objective 4: Transparent, best-value procurement.

**Product or Service Expectations (both if applicable):****STATEMENT OF WORK****STUDY ON INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICE FOR DEVELOPING CROSS-BORDER ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE – ASSESSMENT OF BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MODELS INCLUDING INVESTMENT ENTITIES, OWNERSHIP, FINANCING MECHANISM, PROJECT STRUCTURING, RISK MANAGEMENT, ALLOCATION PRINCIPLES, AND COST RECOVERY METHODS****A. BACKGROUND:**

The South Asian Countries (SACs) have recognized the importance and potential benefits of Regional Energy Cooperation (REC) and Cross Border Electricity Trade (CBET) and undertaking transmission interconnections for over five decades. In the BBIN (Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal) sub-region, CBET has been happening between Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal. There is also a small quantum of power supply between India and Myanmar. The CBET has more than doubled since the year 2012 and currently around 4 GW is being traded. CBET is gaining momentum with a greater number of cross-border power projects & transmission interconnections being planned and proposed, in particular in the BBIN sub-region, which will enable greater integration of power systems of SACs. Rapid expansion in cross-border transmission systems is envisaged (10X), it is expected that cross-border transmission interconnection could be approximately 43.8 GW<sup>1</sup> by 2040 in SACs, from the current level of approximately 4 GW. With the increased CBET, the power system in SA will be a more regionally integrated power system. With the One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG) taking shape, the need for multi-country transmission interconnection will take place across the globe. One of the most important areas of development shall be developing successful business model for developing and financing of cross-border electricity transmission interconnections which shall facilitate achieving OSOWOG and other such cooperation initiatives which shall contribute towards reducing the carbon emission and enable clean energy transition. There are various business and financial models for developing cross-border electricity transmission. During the recent interaction with power sector stakeholders in the context of South Asia's cross-border electricity trade and also in the context of the One Sun, One World, One Grid initiative<sup>2</sup>, a need to conduct a detailed study on the international best practice in business and financial models including investment entities, ownership, financing mechanism, project structuring, risk management, and allocation principles and cost recovery methods for developing the cross border electricity transmission has been identified. In the above context, USAID's South Asia Regional

1 <https://sari-energy.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/presentation-09march.pdf>

2 <https://sari-energy.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/presentation-09march.pdf>

Energy Partnership (SAREP) will engage a consultant of international repute to conduct the study. The work shall require stakeholder consultation in the region with the key stakeholders. The objectives and terms of reference of the study is given below.

**B. OBJECTIVE:**

Conduct a detailed study on the international best practice on business and financial models including investment entities, ownership, financing mechanism, project structuring, risk management, allocation principles, and cost recovery methods for developing cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure projects.

**C. TASKS:**

C.1. Carry out a comprehensive and in-depth review and analysis of the different cross-border transmission infrastructure development ecosystems covering the following: -

C.1.1. Business and Financing model adopted

C.1.2. Investment entities structuring

C.1.3. Ownership, Financing mechanism

C.1.4. Risk management and Risk allocation principles and mechanism

C.1.5. Source of funding including funding through regional financing instruments/funds/grant mechanism/ viability gap funding, blended financing etc. if any.

C.1.6. Cost sharing and cost recovery methods

C.1.7. Contractual design and arrangements

C.1.8. Role of regional markets in cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure project development and actual realization

C.1.9. Associated strategic, policy, regulatory, legal, technical, commercial, operational framework, and institutional environment in which a particular cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure project was realized to be reviewed, analyzed and contextualized. The above analysis will also cover the following

a) Role of Governments in the development of Cross Border Transmission Interconnection and governance arrangement in case of involvement of more than two countries.

b) Planning Procedure and implementation approval steps of the interconnection

c) Economic analysis including socio economic benefits/carbon emission reduction assessment undertaken for the feasibility of Cross Border Transmission Interconnection.

- d) Payment Security Mechanism
- e) Dispute Resolution Mechanism

C.2. It may be noted that in C.1., all types of cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure projects will be considered in the review and analysis irrespective of their ownership structure such as public, private, and public-private partnership-based projects. The review and analysis should also cover:

C.2.1. How the different key aspects (as applicable in a particular project context), such as transmission pricing, capacity auctioning system (if any), physical rights, financial rights, transmission losses, identification of transmission capabilities, and mechanism for open access, wheeling methodology, deviation settlement, and congestion management, etc., were dealt in the overall context of the cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure development (techno-commercial design) and its implementation.

C.2.2. Similarities/commonalities and differences amongst the models of cross border transmission infrastructure to be assessed for classification/categorization of different models.

C.2.3. Details of the benefits due to the cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure development under different models and how these are shared amongst the different participating countries.

C.3. Review and analysis of all cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure projects (in C.1. and C.2.) across the globe in the form of detailed case studies from inception of the project till execution and operation should be covered, covering the following regions: -

- C.3.1. Africa
- C.3.2. ASEAN /Southeast Asia
- C.3.3. European Union
- C.3.4. South America
- C.3.5. North America
- C.3.6. Central Asia
- C.3.7. Gulf, and Arab Region
- C.3.8. South Asia (existing cross-country interconnections)
- C.3.9. Australia ( Inter regional connections)

C.4. The study (in C.1., C.2. and C.3.) to cover not only the bilateral, trilateral transmission lines i.e., lines between two or more countries but also to cover the cross-border transmission infrastructure projects that get structured and financed through regional energy market set up

such as in Europe. The activity from C.1 to C.4. is not only to be done through just desk research but also through conducting virtual meetings/interaction with all the relevant institutions /entities concerning cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure projects to gather critical inputs/insights and practical understanding in a comprehensive manner on all matters ( as elaborated in C.1 and C.2.) related to cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure projects. The consultant shall prepare minutes of meeting for each consultation and submit the same along with all presentations concerning this study along with draft report.

C.5. Based on the comprehensive review, and analysis conducted from C.1. to C.4. prepare the draft interim report on international best practices on business and financial models<sup>3</sup> for developing cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure projects including the gap analysis vis-à-vis the existing practices in South Asia and recommendations thereof.

C.6. Conduct a stakeholder workshop with key stakeholders from all the regions studied as a part of this assignments and present the key findings and seek comments and suggestions. (Cost related to organizing the workshop shall be borne by SAREP. Actual travel related cost shall be reimbursed by SAREP)

C.7. Prepare the summary proceedings of the stakeholder workshop and incorporate the comments and suggestions of stakeholders that emerged in the stakeholder consultation workshop and prepare the draft report on international best practices on business and financial models for developing cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure projects.

C.8 Prepare the final report on international best practices on financial models<sup>4</sup> for developing cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure projects including the key lessons learned and concrete recommendations along with suggested options for South Asia. The suggestions shall cover all parameters being studied in this scope.

C.9. Based on the final report, prepare a summary for policymakers

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<sup>3</sup> including investment entities, ownership, financing mechanism, project structuring, risk management, allocation principles, and cost recovery methods

<sup>4</sup> including investment entities, ownership, financing mechanism, project structuring, risk management, allocation principles, and cost recovery methods

**Deliverables, Timelines, Special Terms and Conditions:**

S.No	Deliverable	Estimated deliverable due date
1	Inception report covering detailed methodology, approach, analytical framework, and steps for the entire assignment	Within 20 days from the execution of the subcontract
2	Draft interim report covering the review and analysis as per C.1. to C.4.	Within 90 days from the execution of the subcontract
3	Successful Workshop delivery as per C.6.	Within 110 days from the execution of the subcontract
4	Draft report on international best practices on business and financial models for developing cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure projects as per C.1. to C.7.	Within 130 days from the execution of the subcontract
5	Final report international best practice on business and financial models for developing cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure projects as per C.1. to C.8.	Within 150 days from the execution of the subcontract

**Pricing**

Item #	Quantity to be Purchased	Description of Preferred Commodity or Services Specifications	Unit of Measure	Unit Fixed Price (Each)	Total Fixed Price (Each)
1	1	Inception report covering detailed methodology, approach, analytical framework, and steps for the entire assignment <b>(should not exceed 10% of the total firm fixed price excluding reimbursable travel)</b>	each		
2	1	Draft interim report covering the review and analysis as per C.1. to C.4. <b>(should not exceed 20% of the total firm fixed price excluding reimbursable travel)</b>	each		
3	1	Successful Workshop delivery as per C.6. <b>(should not exceed 10% of the total firm fixed price excluding reimbursable travel)</b>	each		
4	1	Draft report on international best practices on business and financial models for developing cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure projects as per C.1. to C.7. <b>(should not exceed 30% of the total firm fixed price excluding reimbursable travel)</b>	each		



5	1	Final report international best practice on business and financial models for developing cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure projects as per C.1. to C.8. <b>(should not exceed 30% of the total firm fixed price excluding reimbursable travel)</b>	each		
<b>Total Firm Fixed Price</b>					
<b>Add: Local GST if applicable* (mention %)</b>					
<b>Total Firm Fixed Price including GST (if GST is applicable)</b>					
<b>Estimated reimbursable intercity travel within India (Bidder to provide detailed breakdown with supporting narrative)</b>					
<b>Estimated GST on intercity travel (Bidder to propose if applicable*)</b>					
<b>Total Ceiling Value</b>					

***\*If the bidder's organization is subject to local GST, please provide proof of registration along with the bid submission.***

By signing this attachment, the bidder confirms he has a complete understanding of the specifications and fully intends to deliver items that comply with the above listed specifications.

Signature:

Title:

Date:


## Attachment “B” Instructions to Bidders/Sellers

1. **Procurement Narrative Description:** The Buyer (RTI) intends to purchase commodities and/or services identified in Attachment A. The Buyer intends to purchase the quantities (for commodities) and/or services (based on deliverables identified in a Statement of Work). The term of the Ordering Agreement shall be from Award Date to the Delivery date of the Offeror unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties. The Buyer intends to award to a single “approved” supplier based on conformance to the listed specifications, the ability to service this contract, and selling price. We reserve the right to award to more than one bidder. If an Ordering Agreement is established as a result of this RFQ/RFP, supplier understands that quantities indicated in the specifications (Attachment A) are an estimate only and RTI does not guarantee the purchase quantity of any item listed.
2. **Procuring Activity:** This procurement will be made by **Research Triangle Institute (RTI International)**, located at

3040 Cornwallis Road  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

who has a purchase requirement in support of a project funded by

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

RTI shall award the initial quantities and/or services and any option quantities (if exercised by RTI) to Seller by a properly executed Purchase Order as set forth within the terms of this properly executed agreement.

3. **Proposal Requirements.** All Sellers will submit a quote/proposal which contains offers for all items and options included in this RFQ/RFP. All information presented in the Sellers quote/proposal will be considered during RTI’s evaluation. Failure to submit the information required in this RFQ/RFP may result in Seller’s offer being deemed non-responsive. Sellers are responsible for submitting offers, and any modifications, revisions, or withdrawals, so as to reach RTI’s office designated in the RFQ/RFP by the time and date specified in the RFQ/RFP. Any offer, modification, revision, or withdrawal of an offer received at the RTI office designated in the RFQ/RFP after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is “late” and may not be considered at the discretion of the RTI Procurement Officer. The Seller’s proposal shall include the following:

(a)	The solicitation number:
(b)	The date and time submitted:
(c)	The name, address, and telephone number of the seller (bidder) and authorized signature of same:
(d)	Unique Entity ID in System for Award Management (SAM) (in lieu of the now redundant DUNS number): If you already have an active or inactive registration in SAM.gov today, you’ve already been assigned a Unique Entity ID. It’s viewable on your entity registration record in SAM.gov. For those who don’t, a quick start guide to obtaining a SAM UEI number and a UEI Post-Transition Fact Sheet are attached to this RFP for reference.

(d)	<p><b>Technical Proposal requirements:</b>          The technical proposal must follow the structure outlined below, contain the following components, and be within page limitations. Failure to follow the outline and page limits prescribed or exclusion of any of the required items will impact the proposal’s scoring. Maximum proposal limit 50 pages (inclusive of cover page, the following details and any annexes the bidder may want to append).</p>		
	Subject heading	Description	Maximum page limit
	Understanding of the issues	Demonstration of an understanding of the issues outlined in the SoW	1 page
	Technical approach	Approach to implementing the SoW	10 pages
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Team assignments &amp; Bio sketches</li> <li>2. Organizational experience</li> </ol>	<p>Bidders to propose the best suited team for the assignment. However, the engagement will require at a minimum –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. One Team Leader</li> <li>2. One/two transmission experts in the field of development and operations of international/cross country electricity transmission projects</li> <li>3. One Transmission (international/cross country electricity transmission) Financing and Investment expert</li> <li>4. One Analyst</li> <li>5. Any other (to be proposed by bidder)  <u>Note:</u> Team composition shall preferably have relevant experience spread across the regions being covered in the SOW.</li> <li>6. Refer to Annexure 1 below for providing organizational experience</li> </ol> <p>For each member of the team, submit:            1st: Summary of work to be performed by/assignment of each individual proposed            2nd: (Immediately following the assignment) Short bio sketch that highlights the individual’s direct experience with the subject matter</p>	<p>2 page per person total</p> <p>1 page for assignment per person, followed by 1 page for bio sketch</p> <p>Complete the Annexure 1 below on organizational experience</p>	

<b>Annexure-1 Technical Format for Organizational Experience</b>					
S.N	Name of the assignment	Client name	Date of start and end of assignment	Value(INR)	Status Ongoing/ Completed
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Important Note: Description of the Projects should be attached separately as project data sheets.					
(e)	<b>Financial Proposal requirements: Complete the Pricing section in Attachment A above, sign off in the designated block at the end of Attachment A and submit along with the bid proposal.</b>				
(f)	If RTI informs Seller that the Commodity is intended for export and the Commodity is not classified for export under Export Classification Control Number (ECCN) “EAR99” of the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Administration Regulations (EAR), then Seller must provide RTI the correct ECCN and the name of Seller’s representative responsible for Trade Compliance who can confirm the export classification.				
(g)	Terms of warranty describing what and how the warranties will be serviced.				
(h)	Special pricing instructions: Price and any discount terms or special requirements or terms ( <u>special note: pricing must include guaranteed firm fixed prices for items requested.</u> )				
(i)	Payment address or instructions (if different from mailing address)				
(j)	Acknowledgment of solicitation amendments (if any)				

(k)	Past performance information, when included as an evaluation factor, to include recent and relevant contracts for the same or similar items and other references (including points of contact with telephone numbers, and other relevant information)
(l)	<b>Special Note:</b> <i>The Seller, by their response to this RFQ/RFP and accompanying signatures, confirms that the terms and conditions associated with this RFQ/RFP document have been agreed to and <u>all</u> of its attachments have been carefully read and understood and all related questions answered.</i>

4. **Forms:** Sellers (potential bidders or suppliers) must record their pricing utilizing the format found on Attachment “A”. Sellers must sign the single hardcopy submitted and send to address listed on the cover page of this RFQ/RFP.
5. **Questions Concerning the Procurement.** All questions in regards to this RFQ/RFP to be directed to

Sumit Dutta, Senior Procurement Expert

at these email addresses:

[SAREP-Procurement@rti.org](mailto:SAREP-Procurement@rti.org) and [sdutta@sarep-southasia.org](mailto:sdutta@sarep-southasia.org)

(insert email address of the procurement officer).

The cut-off date for submitting questions is:

**November 16, 2022**

6. **Notifications and Deliveries:** Time is of the essence for this procurement. Seller shall deliver the items or services no later than the dates set forth in the contract that will be agreed by both parties as a result of this RFQ/RFP. The Seller shall immediately contact the Buyer’s Procurement Officer if the specifications, availability, or the delivery schedule(s) changes. Exceptional delays will result in financial penalties being imposed of Seller.
7. **Documentation:** The following documents will be required for payment for each item:
  - (a) A detailed invoice listing Purchase Order Number, Bank information with wiring instructions (when applicable)
  - (b) Packing List
  - (c) All relevant product/service documentation (manuals, warranty doc, certificate of analysis, etc.)
8. **Payment Terms:** Refer to RTI subaward terms and conditions found in [https://www.rti.org/sites/default/files/standard\\_subaward\\_terms\\_and\\_conditions\\_v1\\_11.pdf](https://www.rti.org/sites/default/files/standard_subaward_terms_and_conditions_v1_11.pdf). Payment can be made via wire transfer or other acceptable form. Sellers may propose alternative payment terms and they will be considered in the evaluation process.
9. **Alternative Proposals:** Sellers are permitted to offer “alternatives” should they not be able to meet the listed requirements. Any alternative proposals shall still satisfy the minimum requirements set forth in Attachment A Specifications.

10. **Inspection Process:** Each item shall be inspected prior to final acceptance of the item. All significant discrepancies, shortages, and/or faults must be satisfactorily corrected and satisfactorily documented prior to delivery and release of payment.
11. **Evaluation and Award Process:** The RTI Procurement Officer will award an agreement contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible Seller (bidder) whose offer conforms to the RFQ/RFP will be most advantageous to RTI, price and other factors considered. The award will be made to the Seller representing the **best value** to the project and to RTI. For the purpose of this RFQ/RFP, price, delivery, technical and past performance are of equal importance for the purposes of evaluating, and selecting the “best value” awardee. RTI intends to evaluate offers and award an Agreement without discussions with Sellers. Therefore, the Seller’s initial offer should contain the Seller’s best terms from a price and technical standpoint. However, RTI reserves the right to conduct discussions if later determined by the RTI Procurement Officer to be necessary.

The evaluation factors will be comprised of the following criteria:

- (a) **PRICE.** Lowest evaluated ceiling price.
- (b) **DELIVERY.** Seller provides the most advantageous delivery schedule.
- (c) **TECHNICAL.** See (e) below.
- (d) **PAST PERFORMANCE** - Seller can demonstrate his/her capability and resources to provide the items/services requested in this solicitation in a timely and responsive manner.
- (e) **OTHER EVALUATION CRITERIA.**

**1. Technical Proposal Scoring**

Nos	Criteria	Points
1	Specific experience of the bidder that is relevant to this RFP Statement of Work as per Annexure-1 format	25
2	Adequacy and quality of the proposed methodology, and work plan in responding to the Terms of Reference (TORs) {The Technical Evaluation Committee will assess whether the proposed methodology is clear, realistic, implementable, responds to the scope of work, time schedule and deliverables; overall team composition is balanced and has an appropriate skill mix, and the has the right input of experts}	30
3	Subject matter expertise (relevant to this RFP Statement of Work) and should have demonstrable experience in following areas:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Integration of Cross-Country Regional Power System (CCRPS) in the form of bilateral/ trilateral /multilateral electricity transmission interconnection projects.</li> <li>2. Hands-on experience of working on strategy, policy, regulatory, legal, commercial, and institutional aspects associated with successful development of international/cross country electricity transmission.</li> <li>3. Experience of developing financing/investment modalities, business model framework and project</li> </ol>	45

	<p>structuring for cross country electricity transmission interconnection projects.</p> <p>4. Hands-on work experience on commercial feasibility of cross-country electricity transmission system development comprising transmission pricing, transmission losses, identification of transmission capabilities, mechanism for open access, wheeling methodology, deviation settlement, and congestion management from the perspective of risk management, allocation principles, and cost recovery methods/mechanisms.</p> <p>5. Working experience with relevant Nodal Institution of Cross-Country Regional Power Pool/Power Market with respect to the transmission interconnection in Africa, ASEAN /Southeast Asia, European Union, South America, North America, Central Asia, Gulf, and Arab Region, South Asia (existing cross-country interconnections), Australia.</p> <p>6. Experience of working in South Asian region in Power/Energy Sector domain in the field of electricity transmission vis-à-vis policy, regulatory, legal, technical, commercial, and operational framework from the perspective of development of cross-country electricity transmission projects.</p>	
Total points		100

**2. Financial Proposal scoring**

The consultancy firm with lowest qualifying financial bid (L1) will be awarded 100% score. Financial Scores for other than L1 will be evaluated using the following formula:  
 Financial Score (Fn) = {(Commercial Bid of L1/Commercial Bid of the Bidder) X 100}%

**3. Overall Scoring**

The selection of the consultancy firm shall be based upon the methodology of Quality and cost-based selection (QCBS) with technical and financial weightage indicated below:

The technical and financial scores after the evaluation shall be multiplied with 80% (technical weightage) and 20% (financial weightage) respectively and added to arrive at the combined score. The award shall be placed to the bidder with the highest average combined score.

- 12. **Award Notice.** A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful supplier within the time acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party.
- 13. **Validity of Offer.** This RFP in no way obligates RTI to make an award, nor does it commit RTI to pay any costs incurred by the Seller in the preparation and submission of a proposal or amendments to a proposal. Your proposal shall be considered valid for 90 days after submission.

14. **Representations and Certifications.** Winning suppliers under a US Federal Contract are required to complete and sign as part of your offer RTI Representations and Certifications for values over \$10,000.
15. **Anti- Kick Back Act of 1986.** Anti-Kickback Act of 1986 as referenced in FAR 52.203-7 is hereby incorporated into this Request for Proposal as a condition of acceptance. If you have reasonable grounds to believe that a violation, as described in Paragraph (b) of FAR 52.203-7 may have occurred, you should report this suspected violation to the RTI’s Ethics Hotline at 1-877-212-7220 or by sending an e-mail to [ethics@rti.org](mailto:ethics@rti.org). You may report a suspected violation anonymously.
16. **The John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019 - section 889.** RTI cannot use any equipment or services from specific companies, or their subsidiaries and affiliates, including Huawei Technologies Company, ZTE Corporation, Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, and Dahua Technology Company (“Covered Technology”). In response to this request for proposal, please do not provide a quote which includes any Covered Technology. Any quote which includes Covered Technology will be deemed non-responsive. Additionally, if the United States Government is the source of funds for this RFP, the resulting Supplier shall not provide any equipment, system, or service that uses Covered Technology as a substantial or essential component

**Acceptance:**

Seller agrees, as evidenced by signature below, that the seller’s completed and signed solicitation, seller’s proposal including all required submissions and the negotiated terms contained herein, constitute the entire agreement for the services described herein.

By: *(Seller Company Name)*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title:

Date:



## Attachment C

### Standard Terms and Conditions

#### ARTICLE 1. Definitions

In this Subcontract, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them, except where the context otherwise requires:

“Agreement” means the Terms and Conditions Articles set forth herein, the Statement of Work, Subcontract, the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and Agency Supplemental Clauses (as applicable), Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), the Subcontractor’s Technical and Cost Proposal, the Representations and Certifications, and such further documents executed by both Parties and expressly incorporated in this Agreement.

“Client” means RTI’s customer who is responsible for funding the Subcontract.

“Direct Labor” means Subcontractor personnel performing work under this Subcontract.

“Federal” as used under this Agreement refers to United States of America central government.

“Fringe Benefit Expense Rate” means the direct payroll-related expenses including employer-paid Benefits; Social Security and Medicare (FICA); State Unemployment (SUTA); Federal Unemployment (FUTA); Workers Compensation; and Vacation and Holiday Pay. This rate, as defined, shall satisfy the allowability and allocability requirements of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31, Contract Cost Principles, or 2 CFR 200 Subpart E - Cost Principles, as applicable. The Fringe Expense Rate will be the percentage amount applied to actual Direct Labor expenses incurred under the Subcontracts.

“General and Administrative (G&A) Expense” means the Subcontractor’s costs of doing business that are not directly associated with the costs of performing this Agreement or the Subcontractor’s other contracts. These expenses, as defined, must satisfy the allowability and allocability requirements of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31, Contract Cost Principles, or 2 CFR 200 Subpart E - Cost Principles, as applicable. Similar to the Fringe Benefit Rate, the G&A Expense Rate will be the percentage amount charged in accordance with the Subcontractor’s established method for allocating G&A.

“Lower tier subcontractor/subrecipient” means any person or firm lower-tier subcontractor/subrecipient for a part of the Work or any person or firm to whom a part of the Work has been subcontracted or subawarded and the legal successors in title to such person or firm, but not any assignee of such person or firm.

“Other Direct Costs (ODCs)” mean those expenses that are directly incurred for the benefit of performing the Work under the Subcontract. For Subcontracts funded with Federal contract funds, these expenses must satisfy the allowability and allocability requirements of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31, Contract Cost Principles. Generally, these costs consist of approved travel (hotel, meals, air and rail transportation expenses, car rental), pre-approved equipment, classified ads, and reasonable phone expenses directly charged to the project.

“Parties” as used under this Agreement mean “RTI” and “Subcontractor.”

“Pay Rate” means those actual direct labor expenses that are incurred for the benefit of performing the Work under a specific Subcontract(s). These expenses, as defined, must satisfy the allowability and allocability requirements of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31, Contract Cost Principles. The Subcontractor’s actual Pay Rate(s) solely consists of direct labor (gross hourly wage(s)) expenses that are completely unburdened with profit or any application of G&A, overhead or indirect rate expenses.

“Payment” means the remuneration that RTI has agreed to pay Subcontractor upon the execution, satisfactory completion, and acceptance of RTI’s Work set forth in the Subcontract.

“Provisional billing rate(s)” means the Subcontractor’s temporary indirect rate ceiling(s) used for the purpose of allowing interim reimbursement of incurred indirect fringe and general and administrative costs. The provisional billing rate(s) remain(s) in effect until a final billing rate is negotiated and settled by the parties for the period in accordance with FAR Part 42.700 and the FAR Allowable Cost and Payment clause or 2 CFR 200 Subpart E - Cost Principles, as applicable. The provisional billing rate(s) will be subject to retroactive redetermination and audit by RTI or RTI’s Client in order to preclude substantial overpayments to Subcontractor. Unless terms of the Agreement stipulate otherwise, the Subcontractor’s provisional billing rates represent RTI’s maximum liability for the reimbursement of indirect expenses.

“RTI” means the Research Triangle Institute or RTI International.

“RTI Project Manager” means the designated RTI person who has been provided the technical authority to manage the Work on behalf of RTI. The RTI Project Manager does not have authority to sign and bind RTI to contractual agreements.

“RTI Subcontract Administrator” means the designated RTI person(s) who has contractual authority over the Work being performed pursuant to the Subcontract. The RTI Subcontract Administrator is the only person authorized by RTI to make changes or amendments to the issued Subcontract.

“Site or Location” means the place(s) provided by Subcontractor where the Work is to be executed and any other places as may be specifically designated in the Subcontract as forming part of the Site or Location.

“Statement of Work/Technical Specifications” means the services defined and set forth in the Subcontract (hereinafter referred to as the “Work”), that the Subcontractor is responsible for delivering to RTI.

“Subcontract” means the document that the RTI Subcontract Administrator will use in accordance with the terms of this Agreement to authorize and reasonably request the Subcontractor to commence Work under and subject to the terms of this Agreement. The term “Subcontract” includes subagreements, subawards, contracts, and/or purchase orders issued under this Agreement. Subcontract(s) issued under this Agreement fully incorporate by reference the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement which are set forth herein. The term “Subcontract” will be applicable when RTI’s prime agreement is a contract and “Subaward” may be applicable when RTI’s prime agreement is a cooperative agreement or a grant in which the Subcontractor is a Subgrantee or Subrecipient. The term “Contract” will be applicable when RTI’s prime agreement is a Federally funded cooperative agreement or grant in which the Subcontractor is contractor, as defined by 2 CFR 200, who is a provider of services to RTI. The term “Purchase Order” may be applicable when a contractual document is issued by RTI for the purchase of goods and/or non-technical services.

“Subcontract Type” refers to the billing structure and includes Firm Fixed Price, Fixed Unit Rate, Time and Materials, Labor Hour, or Cost Reimbursement, and any category or hybrid thereof. A hybrid Subcontract

means a Subcontract that is a combination of two or more Subcontract types.

“Subcontractor” means the person or firm whose Cost and Technical Proposal has been accepted by RTI and the legal successors in title to such person, but not (except with the written consent of RTI) any assignee of such person or firm. The term “Supplier,” “Subrecipient” or “Contractor” may be used in place of Subcontractor where contextually appropriate and/or necessary.

**ARTICLE 2. Institutional Review Board [Insert if applicable. Applicable if Subcontract involves the use of human subjects]**

Institutional Review Board approval must be obtained before any contact with human subjects. All research involving human subjects, or data from or about human subjects, must be conducted in accordance with applicable federal regulations (45 CFR 46 and 21 CFR 50 and 56) and the protocol approved by the IRB. Research activities include contacting Human Subjects, conducting the survey and the collecting and storing of any Human Subject data resulting from this survey. Upon notice of IRB approval, RTI will provide notice to the Subcontractor to commence work. Once this notice is provided to Subcontractor, the Subcontractor may commence with the research activities.

**ARTICLE 3. Privity of Contract**

No privity between Subcontractor and RTI’s client, including the Federal Government, is established by this Subcontract. All communications regarding this Subcontract must be directed to RTI and not to RTI’s Client.

**ARTICLE 4. Independent Contractor**

The relationship of Subcontractor to RTI is that of an independent contractor, and nothing in this Subcontract shall be construed as creating any other relationship. Subcontractor shall comply with all laws and assume all risks incident to its status as an independent contractor. This includes, but is not limited to, responsibility for all applicable federal and state income taxes, associated payroll and business taxes, licenses and fees, and such insurance as is necessary for Subcontractor’s protection in connection with work performed under this Agreement. Neither Subcontractor nor anyone employed by it shall be, represent, act, and purport to act, or be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee, or servant of RTI.

**ARTICLE 5. Statement of Work/Budget**

Subcontractor shall furnish the necessary personnel, materials, services, equipment and facilities, and all other items necessary to accomplish all tasks specified in Subcontractor’s *Statement of Work/Budget*, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of this Subcontract.

**ARTICLE 6. Limitation of Funds/Costs (Applicable to Incrementally Funded)**

The parties agree that performance of the Subcontract will not cost RTI or RTI’s Client more than the cost specified in the Subcontract. Subcontractor agrees to perform the work set forth within the cost ceiling and the funding amount allocated to the Subcontract. In the event the Subcontract is not fully funded at the time of award, RTI, at its sole discretion, will incorporate additional funding to support the work requirements as funding is made available to RTI by RTI’s Client. This additional funding will be incorporated into the Subcontract by written modification. Funding allocations shall not exceed the cost ceiling established in the Subcontract. No costs will be incurred under except those costs specifically proposed by the Subcontractor to RTI. RTI is not obligated to reimburse the Subcontractor for costs incurred in excess of the total funding amount allotted by RTI to the Subcontract, and the Subcontractor is not obligated to continue performance or otherwise incur costs in excess of the amount of funding allotted to the Subcontract. For incrementally

funded Subcontracts funded via Federal Contracts, the Limitation of Funds Clause (FAR 52.232-22) shall also apply, and when such an individual Subcontract becomes fully funded, the Limitation of Cost Clause (FAR 52.232-20) shall then become applicable.

**ARTICLE 7. Period of Performance and Delays**

Subcontractor shall strictly adhere to the period of performance set forth in the Appendix A, Special Contract Requirements. Any changes to the period of performance shall only be authorized by RTI through the issuance of a written and fully executed Subcontract modification. In the event of any anticipated or actual delay in performance, Subcontractor shall: (i) promptly notify RTI in writing (within 5 business days) of the reasons for the delay and the actions being taken to overcome or minimize the delay; (ii) provide RTI with a written recovery schedule; and (iii) if requested by RTI, expedite performance or delivery to avoid or minimize delay to the maximum extent possible, unless Subcontractor is excused from prompt performance as provided in the “Excusable Delays” article of this Subcontract.

**ARTICLE 8. Consultants/Lower-Tier Subcontracts**

- A. PRIOR WRITTEN approval of the RTI Subcontract Administrator is required for obtaining services of consultants and lower-tier subcontractors. Costs for consultants and lower-tier subcontractors who have not received PRIOR WRITTEN approval in accordance with this Article will not be reimbursed. Inclusion in the Subcontractor’s budget or proposal does not constitute request or approval of consultants or lower-tier Subcontractors.
- B. When requesting the use of consultants or a lower-tier subcontractor, the Subcontractor shall furnish information concerning the need for such services, the reasonableness of the fees or costs, a copy of the proposed consulting agreement/subcontract, and any additional information required to make a determination of acceptability, including, as applicable, FAR 52.244-2. Cost-plus-a-percentage-of-cost subcontracts or purchase orders are prohibited. Once approved, Subcontractor should make every effort to provide prompt payment to any lower-tier consultants, subcontractors or any subrecipients for materials or labor.

**ARTICLE 9. Assignment, Delegation, and Subcontracting**

- A. Subcontractor shall not assign or novate any of its rights or interests in this Subcontract without prior written consent of the RTI Subcontract Administrator. Subcontractor shall not delegate any of its duties or obligations under this Subcontract. Subcontractor may not assign its right to monies due or to become due. No assignment, delegation or subcontracting by Subcontractor, with or without the RTI Subcontract Administrator’s written consent, shall relieve Subcontractor of any of its obligations under this Subcontract or prejudice any of RTI’s rights against Subcontractor whether arising before or after the date of any assignment. This Article does not limit Subcontractor’s ability to purchase standard commercial supplies or raw materials.
- B. RTI shall be entitled to assign this Subcontract to any of its subsidiaries or other affiliates (including by operation of law, judicial process or otherwise) or any successor to RTI’s business or operations without prior notice to or consent from Subcontractor. RTI shall further be entitled to assign this Subcontract to its Prime Sponsor of the agreement under which this Subcontract is issued without prior notice to or consent from Subcontractor. Any other assignment by RTI shall require Subcontractor consent.

**ARTICLE 10. Technical Direction**

- A. The RTI Principal Investigator/Project Manager identified in Appendix A, *Special Contract Requirements*, does not have the authority to direct the Subcontractor to make changes in scope, period(s) of performance, place(s) of performance, cost, funding, or any other express Provisions of this Subcontract. All matters affecting the terms of this Subcontract and the administration thereof shall be referred to the RTI Subcontract Administrator. The RTI Subcontract Administrator is the only person with the authority to direct changes under this Subcontract. Any changes to the provisions of this Subcontract must be made by written modification in accordance with the Changes and Modifications Provision of this Subcontract.
- B. When, in the opinion of Subcontractor, technical direction calls for effort outside the scope of the Statement of Work, Subcontractor shall notify the RTI Subcontract Administrator and the RTI Principal Investigator/Project Manager of the technical direction in writing in accordance with the Changes and Modifications Article of this Subcontract.

**ARTICLE 11. Inspection and Acceptance**

- A. Acceptance of the work set forth in this Subcontract will be made by the RTI Principal Investigator/Project Manager as identified in Appendix A: *Special Contract Requirements* or his/her authorized designee. RTI and any Client including without limitation the federal government of the United States have the right to inspect and evaluate the work performed or being performed under this Subcontract, and the premises where the work is being performed, at all reasonable times and in a manner that will not unduly delay the work. .
- B. If RTI or a Client performs any inspection or test on the premises of the Subcontractor or a lower-tier subcontractor, the Subcontractor shall furnish, and shall require lower-tier subcontractors to furnish, without additional charge, all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safe and convenient performance of these duties. Upon request by RTI or a Client, Subcontractor shall provide RTI or the Client the records of inspection/test for any products and/or services furnished hereunder at any time during performance and any applicable warranty period.

**ARTICLE 12. Changes and Modifications**

- A. The RTI Subcontract Administrator may direct changes within the general scope of the Subcontract in any of the following: (i) technical requirements and descriptions, specifications, statement of work, drawings or designs; ; (ii) place of delivery, inspection or acceptance; ; (iii) amount of RTI-furnished property; and, if the Subcontract includes services; (iv) description of services to be performed; ; and (v) place of performance. Subcontractor shall comply immediately with such direction.
- B. If any change under this Article causes an increase or decrease in the Subcontractor's cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of this Subcontract, the parties shall negotiate an equitable adjustment in the price or schedule, or both, and the RTI Subcontract Administrator shall modify the Subcontract in writing accordingly.
- C. Subcontractor must assert its right to an adjustment under this Article to the RTI Subcontract Administrator in writing within 30 (thirty) calendar days from the date of Subcontractor's receipt of the written change order from the RTI Subcontract Administrator. In support of the claim for adjustment, Subcontractor shall provide a written statement describing the general nature of the requested adjustment, as well as a fully supported proposal with the total dollar amount of the requested adjustment. RTI may, at its sole discretion, consider any claim regardless of when asserted. RTI, or mutually agreeable third-party, may

examine Subcontractor's pertinent books and records to verify the amount of Subcontractor's claim. Failure of the parties to agree upon any adjustment shall not excuse Subcontractor from performing previously agreed upon work.

- D. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this article, the Subcontract ceiling and funded amount shall not be increased or deemed to be increased except by specific written modification of this Subcontract indicating the new Subcontract ceiling and authorized funded amount. Until such modification is made, Subcontractor shall not continue performance or incur costs beyond the period of performance or the authorized funded amount as set forth in the Special Contract Requirement (SCR) Appendix of this Subcontract.

**ARTICLE 13. Indirect Rate and Audit Indemnity (Applicable to Cost Type Subcontracts funded in whole or in part via Federal funds)**

Subcontractor shall provide the Subcontract Administrator with a copy of Subcontractor's Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement with the Government for the purpose of verifying compliance with Subcontractor's Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement with the Government. In the event Subcontractor will not provide indirect rate information to RTI due to proprietary restrictions, Subcontractor hereby agrees to certify to the following:

*"The indirect costs billed under this Subcontract do not exceed the indirect rates as determined in Subcontractor's Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement with the Government for the fiscal year in which the direct costs were incurred."*

If Subcontractor does not have a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement with the Government, Subcontractor shall invoice for indirect costs that do not exceed the indirect rates established in the Subcontract. Subcontractor shall maintain and provide upon request appropriate audit-level documentation to support claimed indirect rates.

In the event that a Government audit of Subcontractor financial records results in a determination that Subcontractor has failed to adhere to the requirements of this Article, 2 CFR 200 Subpart E and 48 CFR 31, and such audit results in the reduction of the price of the Subcontract, Subcontractor hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless RTI from and against any and all demands, claims, liabilities, fines, penalties, losses, damages, costs and expenses of whatsoever nature, including attorneys' fees, which may be asserted by the Government auditor. The Subcontractor shall promptly, within 30 days from date of the Government audit findings, reimburse RTI for any overpayments, including any interest and penalties, previously made by RTI to Subcontractor as a result of Subcontractor's failure to comply with the cost allocability, allowability and reasonableness standards set forth in 48 CFR 31 or 2 CFR 200 Subpart E, as applicable.

**ARTICLE 14. Submission and Payment of Invoices**

- A. T&M, Labor Hour and Cost Reimbursement Subcontracts: Subcontractor shall submit invoices monthly for reasonable, allowable, and allocable costs incurred in the performance of work under a Subcontract.
- B. Fixed Price Subcontracts: Subcontractor shall submit invoices in accordance with each individual



Subcontract's Milestone Payment Schedule contained therein.

- C. RTI shall make any payments due under this agreement within thirty (30) calendar days after its receipt of a proper invoice from Subcontractor provided Subcontractor complied with requirements of the Subcontract and such invoice from Subcontractor complies with all requirements, which may be amended from time to time after this Agreement's execution, delineated at the following link:  
[https://www.rti.org/sites/default/files/supplier\\_invoicing\\_instructions\\_for\\_rti\\_org.pdf](https://www.rti.org/sites/default/files/supplier_invoicing_instructions_for_rti_org.pdf)
- D. Allowable Costs for Subcontracts funded via Federal Contracts: Except as provided in this Article, payment for Subcontracts issued under Federal Contracts will be made in accordance with the following clauses of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), which are incorporated by reference. In each of the following clauses, "Contractor" means Subcontractor, "Contracting Officer" means the RTI Subcontract Administrator, and "Government" means RTI and "Disputes Clause" means the "Disputes Clause" of this Agreement.
- 1) FAR 52.216-7 Allowable Cost and Payment
  - 2) FAR 52.216-8 Fixed Fee (Applicable to Cost Plus Fixed Fee Subcontracts)
  - 3) FAR 52.216-10 Incentive Fee (Applicable to Cost Plus Incentive Fee Subcontracts)
  - 4) FAR 52.232-7 (Applicable to Time-and-Materials Subcontracts)

**E. Final Payment and Closeout**

Subcontractor's final invoice for the Subcontract and release and assignment shall be submitted to RTI within sixty (60) calendar days following completion of the period of performance of the Subcontract. In the event that quick closeout is requested by RTI, Subcontractor shall comply with FAR Part 42.708 to complete the Subcontract closeout. Payment of the **final invoice** will be withheld pending:

- Completion, submission, and acceptance by RTI of all work performed under the Subcontract's Statement of Work
- Completion of Subcontract Release and Assignment Form including patent/invention report, and property report; and
- Clear, visible, and proper marking of "**final invoice**" on the actual final invoice.

**ARTICLE 15. Travel**

For Subcontracts under nonfederal agreements, costs incurred for lodging, meals and incidental expenses shall be as agreed upon between the parties. For Subcontracts under Federal agreements, and to the extent travel is not restricted by the Subcontract, costs incurred for lodging, meals and incidental expenses shall be considered to be reasonable, allowable, and allocable only to the extent that they do not exceed, on a daily basis, the maximum per diem rates in effect on the day of travel as set forth in the current version of the Federal Travel Regulations (FTR).

**ARTICLE 16. Taxes**

All taxes applicable to the proceeds received by Subcontractor shall be the liability of Subcontractor, and RTI shall not withhold nor pay any amounts for federal, state or municipal income tax, social security, unemployment or workman's compensation unless required by law. RTI shall withhold and remit any amount, regardless of its description as a tax or otherwise, in countries where local laws require that such amounts be withheld and timely remitted by RTI. In accordance with law, RTI shall annually file with the Internal Revenue Service, or any other tax agency, whether domestic or not, any applicable tax forms

reflecting the gross annual payments made by RTI to Subcontractor. Gross annual payments shall be the total compensation for labor and reimbursement of expenses; therefore, it is the Subcontractor's responsibility to retain copies of expenses incurred during the performance of services under this Agreement for tax reporting purposes. It is the Subcontractor's responsibility to determine if a value added tax (VAT) is applicable to services provided to RTI, and to timely remit the VAT charged to RTI per the invoicing instructions included in Article 10. The invoice tendered to RTI for payment shall comply with the applicable local country's VAT regulations.

**ARTICLE 17. Record Retention and Access**

Subcontractor shall maintain books, records, documents, program and individual service records and other evidence of its compliance with laws and regulations as well as accounting and billing procedures with respect to this Agreement and the Scope of Work set forth herein. These records shall be subject at all reasonable times to monitoring, inspection, review or audit by authorized employees or agents of RTI, or by the United States government, as applicable. Subcontractor shall retain all such records concerning this contract for a period of five (5) years after the completion of the Subcontract. If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration date of this three-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

**ARTICLE 18. Confidential Information**

- A. During the term of this Subcontract, Subcontractor and its employees may receive or have access to data and information that is confidential and proprietary to RTI or its Client. All such data and information ("Confidential Information") made available to, disclosed to, or otherwise made known to Subcontractor as a result of services under this Subcontract shall be considered confidential and shall be considered the sole property of RTI and/or RTI's Client. Confidential Information may be used by Subcontractor or its employees only for purposes of performing the obligations hereunder and such persons shall be advised of the obligations set forth in this Agreement and shall agree to be obligated in like manner. Subcontractor shall not reveal, publish or otherwise disclose Confidential Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the disclosing party and shall use at least the same degree of care in safeguarding the Confidential Information as the party uses in safeguarding its own confidential information but in no event less than a reasonable standard of care. Nothing herein shall be construed or interpreted to limit or in any way restrict the rights of any Client including the federal government of the United States regarding data such Client owns or has a right to use, including the right to authorize Subcontractor's use of such data in direct contracts between Subcontractor and such Client.
- B. Confidential and/or proprietary information includes trade secrets, the structure, sequence, and organization of the Products, marketing plans, blueprints, techniques, processes, procedures and formulae, price lists, specifications, prints, and Product plans. Intellectual Property may include, without limitation, information relating to research and development, formulations, inventions, discoveries, improvements, methods, and processes, techniques, methodologies, know-how, algorithms, compositions, works, concepts, designs, ideas, prototypes, models, samples, writings, notes, patent applications, and trade secrets. Business practices may include, without limitation, information relating to business plans, financial information, products, and services, manufacturing processes and methods, costs, sources of supply, strategic marketing plans, customer lists, sales profits, pricing methods, personnel, and business relationships ("Confidential Information").

The foregoing obligations shall not apply to Confidential Information which:



- is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by Subcontractor;
  - becomes available to Subcontractor on a non-confidential basis from a third-party source which is not prohibited from disclosing such information by a legal, contractual or fiduciary agreement to a third party;
  - Subcontractor develops independently without use of the disclosing party's Confidential Information, as demonstrated by written records and evidence;
  - was in Subcontractor's possession or known to it prior to its receipt from the disclosing party; or
  - is required by law to be disclosed, provided Subcontractor notifies the disclosing party promptly and gives the disclosing party an opportunity to seek an appropriate protective order.
- C. These obligations of confidentiality and non-disclosure shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years after the termination of this Subcontract and indefinitely for any Trade Secrets. Subcontractor shall return or destroy all copies of any Confidential Information it has received from RTI within thirty (30) business days after the effective date of the termination. At the request of RTI, an authorized officer of the Subcontractor will certify in writing that it has complied with its obligations hereunder.
- D. In the event of any breach or suspected breach of the obligations contained herein, the Receiving Party shall, as applicable and at its expense: (a) notify the Disclosing Party as soon as practicable but no later than seventy-two (72) hours of determination; (b) reasonably cooperate with the Disclosing Party in investigating the occurrence, including making available all relevant records, logs, files, data reporting and other materials required of Disclosing Party to comply with applicable law or as otherwise reasonably required by Disclosing Party; (c) provide all notifications and credit monitoring that may be required of Receiving Party under applicable law; and (d) perform or take any other actions required of Receiving Party to comply with applicable law as a result of the occurrence.

**ARTICLE 19. Conflicts of Interest**

- A. Subcontractor warrants that, to the best of the Subcontractor's knowledge and belief, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to a conflict of interest or that the Subcontractor has disclosed all such relevant information.
- B. Subcontractor agrees that if an actual or potential conflict of interest is discovered after execution of this Subcontract, the Subcontractor will make a full disclosure in writing to the RTI Subcontract Administrator. This disclosure shall include a description of activities that the Subcontractor has taken or proposes to take, after consultation with the RTI Subcontract Administrator, to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict.

**[Insert the following paragraph if the prime is a PHS funded project]**

- C. Subcontractor has separately certified that it either has its own Financial Conflicts of Interest ("FCOI") policy compliant with 42 CFR § 50 Subpart F or 45 CFR § 94, or that it will comply with RTI's FCOI policy. If following its own compliant policy, Subcontractor warrants that it has submitted any required FCOI management plans to RTI and will continue to submit FCOI management plans throughout the term of this Subcontract as required. If following RTI's policy, individuals performing on behalf of Subcontractor that are responsible for the design, conduct, or reporting of research funded by the Public Health Service ("Investigators") shall complete RTI's FCOI training and submit Significant Financial Interest disclosure

forms prior to beginning work and either annually thereafter or as new reportable Significant Financial Interests are obtained, whichever occurs first.

- D. The RTI Subcontract Administrator may terminate this Subcontract for convenience, in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid a conflict of interest. If the Subcontractor was aware of a potential conflict of interest prior to award, or discovered an actual or potential conflict after award and did not disclose or misrepresented relevant information to the RTI Subcontract Administrator, RTI may terminate the contract for default, and/or forward the relevant information to the Government Contracting Officer, who may debar the Subcontractor from Government contracting, and/or pursue such other remedies as may be permitted by law or this Subcontract.

Subcontractor further agrees to insert provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this Section, including this paragraph (d), in any lower-tier subcontract or consultant agreement hereunder.

**ARTICLE 20. Work for Hire**

The work contributed by Subcontractor exclusively hereunder shall be considered a "work made for hire" as defined by the copyright laws of the United States. RTI shall be the sole and exclusive owner and copyright proprietor of all rights and title in and to the results and proceeds of Subcontractor's Subcontract deliverables hereunder in whatever stage of completion. If for any reason the results and proceeds of Subcontractor's services hereunder are determined at any time not to be a "work made for hire", Subcontractor hereby irrevocably transfers and assigns to RTI all right, title and interest therein, including all copyrights, as well as all renewals and extensions thereto. Subcontractor agrees that RTI may make any changes or additions to the work prepared by Subcontractor hereunder, which RTI in its sole discretion may consider necessary, and may engage others to do any or all of the foregoing, with or without attribution to Subcontractor. Subcontractor represents that, except with respect to material furnished to Subcontractor by RTI, Subcontractor's services are original with Subcontractor, and does not knowingly violate the right of privacy or publicity, or any other rights of any person, firm, or Subcontractor. To the extent that the work is the subject of or a deliverable under a state or Federal contract, the terms of such contract shall supersede the terms of this paragraph.

**ARTICLE 21. Patents and Inventions**

Subject to Federal or state laws and regulations, to the extent applicable, all ideas, inventions (whether or not patentable), and improvements whatsoever, conceived, discovered, or developed by Subcontractor, Subcontractor's employees or Subcontractor's subcontractors or subrecipients, specifically and exclusively related to performance of this Subcontract, shall be and remain the sole and exclusive property of RTI. Subcontractor agrees to promptly disclose to RTI all such ideas, inventions, and improvements, and, on demand and at RTI's expense, assist and require and bind Subcontractor's employees to assist, in preparation, execution, and delivery of any disclosures, patent applications or other papers required by RTI to obtain and enforce patents in the United States and foreign countries, and to execute and deliver to RTI any reasonably stated assignment or other document which RTI deems necessary to perfect RTI's right, title and interest in and to said ideas, inventions, and improvements.

**ARTICLE 22. Right to Publish/Release of Information**

- A. Subcontractor agrees that it will not publish, have published or otherwise disseminate any information of whatever nature resulting from the work being performed under this Agreement except as may be

approved by the Subcontract Administrator; provided, however, that Subcontractor may for internal use only and without the approval of RTI disseminate such information within its own organization on a “need-to-know” basis.

- B. Subcontractor and RTI mutually agree not to use the other party’s name or make reference to the other party or any of its employees in publications, news releases, advertising, speeches, technical papers, photographs, sales promotions, or publicity purposes of any form related to this work or data developed hereunder, unless such materials have received prior written approval of the other party. Approvals shall not be unreasonably withheld. Unless specifically restricted in the Subcontract, use of either party’s name may be made in internal documents, annual reports, and data bases which are not available to the public and which identify the existence of the research project by title, principal investigator, sponsor, period of funding, amount of award and abstract of the project.
- C. Subcontractor shall not use or duplicate any proprietary information including trade secrets belonging to or supplied by RTI, except as authorized by RTI in the performance of services or work under this Agreement.
- D. Any program, document, data or information supplied by Subcontractor to Client through RTI may be used, copied or disclosed by Client as necessary in the normal course of its business, subject to any copyright of Subcontractor in such materials and any notices or legends appearing thereon, provided (1) Subcontractor is entitled to place such notices or legends and (2) no other provisions of this Subcontract (including, if applicable, any FAR Clauses set forth in, or incorporated into, this agreement) prohibit or limit the effectiveness of such copyright or notice or legend.
- E. Nothing herein shall be construed or interpreted to limit or in any way restrict the rights of any Client including the federal government of the United States regarding data such Client owns or has a right to use, including the right to authorize Subcontractor’s use of such data in direct contracts between Subcontractor and such Client.

**ARTICLE 23. Infringement Representation**

Subcontractor represents (a) that in preparing or presenting any deliverables under this Subcontract, Subcontractor will not knowingly infringe any intellectual property rights held by others; (b) that all deliverables developed by Subcontractor personnel under this Subcontract will be original works, and that Subcontractor will not incorporate any material not developed by Subcontractor personnel in preparing or presenting such works without clearly indicating such third party materials; and (c) that Subcontractor will notify RTI of any third party rights of which Subcontractor is aware that are necessary for RTI and RTI’s Client(s) to use any such deliverables in accordance with the Subcontract.

**ARTICLE 24. Indemnification**

- A. Subcontractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless RTI from any loss, damage, liability, claims, demands, suits, or judgments (“Claims”) including any reasonable attorney’s fees, and costs, as a result of any damage or injury to RTI or its employees, directors, officers, or agents, or properties, or for any injury to third persons (including, but not limited to Claims by Subcontractor’s employees, directors, officers or agents) or their property which is directly or indirectly caused by the negligence, willful misconduct, breach of this Subcontract, or violation of statutory duties of Subcontractor, or its employees, officers, directors, or agents, arising out of or in connection with the performance of this Subcontract unless such Claim is solely caused by, or resulting from, a material breach of this Agreement by RTI.

- B. RTI shall promptly notify Subcontractor of any claim which is covered by this provision. Subcontractor shall, in a diligent and timely manner, (i) brief RTI on all material information pertaining to a Claim and Subcontractor's efforts to defend against the Claim; and (ii) respond to reasonable inquiries by RTI regarding such Claim or defense. Any cooperation which an Indemnitee provides Subcontractor at Subcontractor's request with regard to defending against a Claim shall be at the sole expense of Subcontractor. RTI may, in its sole discretion, participate in any defense or settlement of a Claim and/or appoint adequate counsel, at Subcontractor's sole expense, to defend an Indemnitee against a Claim. Subcontractor shall not enter into any settlement, consent or other like resolution of a Claim without RTI's written approval, which RTI shall not unreasonably withhold. The issuance of such approval shall not waive or otherwise limit the indemnity rights of an Indemnitee under this Article.

**ARTICLE 25. Governing Law**

This Subcontract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina, excluding its principles of choice of laws, except as to any provisions hereof which are governed by the laws of the United States of America, as to which provisions such laws of the United States shall govern. If this Subcontract involves the sale of good, then this Subcontract excludes the application of the 1980 United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods.

**ARTICLE 26. Compliance with Laws**

Subcontractor, in the performance of this Subcontract, shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, orders, rules, regulations and ordinances of the United States and all countries where Subcontractor will be performing the Subcontract.

**ARTICLE 27. Excusable Delays**

- A. Neither Party hereto shall be in default because of any failure to perform under the terms of this Subcontract if the failure arises from any incident or circumstance beyond the affected Party's control. A United States (U.S.) government shutdown and any interruption in the U.S. government's operations shall constitute an incident or circumstance beyond the affected Party's control if the Party affected informs the other Party immediately in accordance with the requirements of Paragraph (B) below.
- B. If any such case occurs, the Party affected shall inform the other Party immediately indicating the presumable duration and extent of such contingency. Moreover, the Party affected shall promptly use all reasonable efforts to settle such contingencies so that the performance of its obligations under this Subcontract can be resumed as soon as possible.

**ARTICLE 28. Stop Work Order**

- A. RTI may at any time, by written notice to Subcontractor, require Subcontractor to stop all or any part of the work called for by this Subcontract. Upon receipt of the notice, Subcontractor shall immediately cease all work in accordance with the written notice and shall take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the written notice during the period of work stoppage.
- B. Once the Stop Work order is no longer necessary, RTI shall either terminate in accordance with the Termination/Cancellation Article of this Subcontract or cancel the stop work order by written notice to Subcontractor. Subcontractor shall resume work upon cancellation or expiration of any stop work order. In the event Subcontractor is given notice to continue performing work on the Subcontract, an equitable adjustment in accordance with the principles of the Changes and Modifications Article of this Subcontract shall be made to the Subcontract price, the delivery schedule, or both, if applicable, provided that the

claim for equitable adjustment is made as soon as possible but no later than twenty-five (25) calendar days after date of notice to continue.

- C. If the Subcontract includes Human Subjects research, the Subcontractor will take all necessary steps to bring the study to a medically safe termination. RTI understands that it is important that the welfare of human subjects is protected and that subjects are not put at risk. As soon as practicable but not more than seven (7) days after receipt of the Stop Work Order, Subcontractor shall present the facts and circumstances to RTI regarding requirements for medically safe termination of the study. The final decision on either stopping, continuing, or winding down the study will be made jointly by RTI and the Subcontractor. Expenses resulting from ensuring medically safe termination shall be subject to equitable adjustment in accordance with the principles of the Changes and Modifications Article of this Subcontract.

**ARTICLE 29. Disputes**

- A. Any dispute arising under this Subcontract shall be settled by mutual agreement of the parties or pursuant to paragraph (b) below.
- B. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute amongst themselves within a reasonable time, the parties may, by mutual agreement, settle such dispute by arbitration in accordance with the Rules of the American Arbitration Association in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, and judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrators may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, Subcontractor shall not acquire any direct claim of action against any Client including without limitation the federal government of the United States without the express, prior written consent of the Client's contracting officer. Any dispute involving the federal government of the United States shall be heard in a federal court.
- C. Pending completion of the Subcontract or final resolution of a dispute which releases Subcontractor from performance hereunder, the Subcontractor shall, at all times, proceed diligently with the performance of the Subcontract.

**ARTICLE 30. Litigation and Labor Disputes**

- A. Subcontractor shall provide written notice to RTI of any litigation that relates to the services directly or indirectly financed under this contract or that has the potential to impair the ability of the Subcontractor to fulfill the terms and conditions of this Subcontract, including but not limited to financial, legal or any other situation which may prevent the Subcontractor from meeting its obligations on the Subcontract.
- B. Whenever Subcontractor has knowledge that any actual or potential labor dispute is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this Subcontract, Subcontractor shall immediately (within 5 calendar days) give notice thereof, including all relevant information, to RTI.

**ARTICLE 31. Termination/Cancellation**

*Termination for Default*

- A. RTI may terminate this Subcontract or any part thereof in the event of any default by Subcontractor, breach of contract or insolvency, or if Subcontractor fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the Subcontract. In the event of termination for default, RTI shall not be liable to Subcontractor for any amount, and Subcontractor shall be liable to RTI for any and all damages sustained by reason of the default which gave rise to the termination. RTI shall have right thereafter to take possession of all materials, equipment and the like, the costs of which have been reimbursed by RTI to Subcontractor. RTI shall be

relieved of all further obligations hereunder. In the event that RTI incurs any additional costs as a result of the default by Subcontractor, RTI shall have the right to hold Subcontractor accountable for any such additional costs or damages incurred by RTI.

*Termination for Bankruptcy*

- B. If either party shall be adjudged bankrupt, or become insolvent or file for voluntary bankruptcy or be subjected to involuntary bankruptcy proceedings, or enter receivership proceedings, or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, then the other party, without prejudice to any of the other rights or remedies expressly provided by law, may cancel this Subcontract, or any part hereof, by written notice to the bankrupt party and shall have the right there to retain possession of all materials, equipment and the like, the cost of which has not been reimbursed by the bankrupt party to the other party. In such cases of termination, the other party shall be relieved of all further obligations hereunder.

*Termination for Convenience*

- C. RTI reserves the right, upon written notice, in its own best interest or at the direction of any client or ultimate government customer, and without liability may, upon written notice to Subcontractor, terminate this Subcontract, in whole or in part, at any time, whether or not Subcontractor is in default of any of its obligations hereunder. Upon such cancellation, Subcontractor agrees to waive any claim for damages, including loss of anticipated profits on account hereof. However, RTI agrees that Subcontractor shall be paid an amount which when added to all installments previously paid will equal the sum of all costs properly incurred up to the date of cancellation, and any reasonable cost incurred as a result of such cancellation as agreed to between RTI and Subcontractor. Subcontractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided. In no event shall such payments be greater than the original Subcontract price or authorized funding, whichever is less. All earned profit shall bear the same relationship to such incurred costs as the profit increment of the purchase price bears to the cost increment of such purchase price.
- D. Subcontractor shall provide RTI and Client, within thirty (30) days from the effective date of RTI's termination for convenience, any supporting information necessary to document the reasonableness of Subcontractor's claim for costs incurred. RTI and Client reserve the right to verify the amounts of any cost and profit increments claimed by Subcontractor, through an audit of Subcontractor's records.

**ARTICLE 32. Insurance** [For international subcontractors, update the levels below as appropriate per World Bank at the link in B.]

- A. Upon execution of this Agreement, Subcontractor certifies that it maintains and also that it shall require any lower-tier subcontractor or subrecipient to maintain throughout this Agreement the following insurance at, or in excess of, the limits detailed below.
- Worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance as required by the state or province where the work is performed.
  - Comprehensive automobile and vehicle liability insurance covering claims for injuries to members of the public and/or damages to property of others arising from use of motor vehicles, including on-site and off-site operations, and owned, non-owned, or hired vehicles, with \$1,000,000 combined single limits.
  - Commercial general liability insurance covering claims for injuries to members of the public or damage to property of others arising out of any negligent act or omission of the Subcontractor or of any of its



employees, agents, or lower-tier subcontractors or subrecipients, with \$1,000,000 combined single limits.

B. The required levels of insurance coverage for work performed outside of the United States by non-U.S. vendors shall be based on the customary insurance practices in the country of the vendor and the country where the work is being performed, as directed by the RTI Subcontract Administrator, and as provided by the World Bank. These requirements currently can be found at the following link: <http://www.worldbank.org/en/about/corporate-procurement/vendors/insurance-requirement>. This link is not maintained by RTI and as such may not remain active. In no event shall the failure of the link relieve the Subcontractor/Subrecipient from its obligation to maintain insurance at levels directed by the RTI Subcontract Administrator.

A. Subcontractor's insurance policy shall name as an additional insured:

"RTI International and its subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, and employees"

B. Subcontractor shall provide to RTI, upon Subcontract execution and upon each renewal or replacement thereof a certificate of insurance depicting the insurance requirements set forth in this Article. Subcontractor shall send the insurance certificate or renewal certificate(s) via mail or electronic mail (preferred). If the mail is used, please send certificates to the following address:

RTI International  
Global Supply Chain  
3040 Cornwallis Road  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709  
Attention: [INSERT SUBCONTRACT SPECIALIST NAME]  
Email: [INSERT]

**ARTICLE 33. Standards of Ethics and Business Conduct**

- A. RTI has established high ethical standards for its employees, subcontractors and vendors. RTI considers adherence to the RTI Code of Conduct as well as strict observance of all U.S. and non-U.S. laws and regulations to be both a legal requirement and an ethical obligation for its employees. All RTI Subcontractors are required to maintain a Code of Business Ethics and Conduct in compliance with FAR 52.203-13.
- B. If Subcontractor has a good faith reason to believe that any violation of its Code of Business Ethics and Conduct has been committed by an employee(s) of either RTI or Subcontractor or anyone affiliated with Subcontractor, Subcontractor shall report such violation to RTI by calling the RTI's Ethics Helpline toll-free at 1-877-212-7220 or sending an e-mail to [Ethics@rti.org](mailto:Ethics@rti.org).

**ARTICLE 34. Executive Order on Terrorism Financing**

Subcontractor is reminded that U.S. Executive Orders and U.S. law prohibits transactions with, and the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. It is the legal responsibility of Subcontractor to ensure compliance with these Executive Orders and laws. This provision must be included in all subcontracts issued under this Subcontract.

**ARTICLE 35. International Trade Compliance (Exports and Imports)**

- a. Each Party agrees to comply with applicable federal, state or local laws, orders, regulations and/or ordinances, including without limitation, those of their respective countries of incorporation or principal place of business, as applicable under these Terms, including without limitation, International Trade Compliance (ITC) Laws. "ITC Laws" mean the import, customs, export control, sanctions and U.S. anti-boycott laws, regulations, and orders applicable at the time of the import, export, re-export, transfer, disclosure, or provision of Technical Data, goods or Services including, without limitation, the (i) Export Administration Regulations ("EAR") administered by the Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, 15 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 730-774; (ii) International Traffic in Arms Regulations (the "ITAR") administered by the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, U.S. Department of State, 22 C.F.R. Parts 120-130; (iii) Foreign Assets Control Regulations and associated Executive Orders administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 31 C.F.R. Parts 500-598; (iv) Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 999, enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury; (v) International Emergency Economic Powers Act ("IEEPA"), 50 U.S.C., § 1701 et. Seq.; (vi) Customs regulations administered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 19 United States Code (U.S.C.) and Title 19 C.F.R.; and (vii) applicable import, customs and export laws and regulations of other countries, except to the extent they are inconsistent with the U.S. laws.
- b. **Export Licensing Responsibility.** If this Agreement requires either Party to obtain government-approved export authorization to facilitate activities and obligations set forth under this Agreement, the Parties shall mutually exercise reasonable efforts to support the preparation and management of the authorization in full compliance with applicable government regulations. The Parties shall without delay respond to requests for supporting documentation, including clarifying questionnaires or any other requested information necessary to secure government authorization. Each Party, as applicable, shall be individually responsible for obtaining required documentation or other information from any third party required by such Party to perform its obligations under this Agreement. Failure to obtain any required documentation or information from a third party shall result in the third party's exclusion from the government authorization. The Parties shall exchange copies of all government export authorizations related to the Technical Data, or Services, and all provisions or conditions or information relating to the authorization, including but not limited to, any restriction on sublicensing, retransfer, resale or re-export, any requirement for non-disclosure agreements, and any limitation on individuals having access to Technical Data, or Services. Each Party, as applicable, shall be individually responsible for compliance with all government export authorizations, including without limitation ensuring that all export-related paperwork and documentation (e.g., Destination Control Statements, Electronic Export Information filed via Automated Export System) are properly completed and timely filed.
- c. **Export and Import Classification.** Where known, or where either Party is the design authority for the Technical Data or Services that are subject to this Agreement, such Party shall provide the other Party with (i) the applicable Harmonized Tariff Schedule Number, (ii) either (a) the United States Munitions List ("USML") category of such Technical Data or Services that are controlled by the ITAR, or (b) the Export Control Classification Number ("ECCN") of such Technical Data or Services that are controlled by the EAR, including the ECCN of components comprising the Technical Data and/or Services if such classification differs from the ECCN of the Technical Data and/or Services, and (iii) any analogous classification under any other applicable law. Upon request, either Party shall provide the other Party annually with its DDTC registration expiration date.
- d. **Marking of Technical Information:** Sensitive, export-controlled technical information shall be marked as "Export-controlled, [ECCN or ITAR category ref.] applicable" in accordance with the above paragraph



classification and/or marked according to applicable U.S. government agency policy guidelines governing Controlled Unclassified Information "CUI".

- e. Client shall immediately notify the RTI Contractual Contact if Client, or any lower-tier subcontractor is, or becomes, listed in any Denied or Restricted Parties list or if Client's export privileges are otherwise denied, suspended or revoked in whole or in part by any U.S. Government entity or agency. The Client shall also notify RTI of any pending administrative enforcement action concerning Client, or any lower-tier subcontractor, that may result in inclusion on any restricted list.
- f. Client shall be responsible for all losses, costs, claims, causes of action, damages, liabilities and expenses, including attorney's fees, all expenses of litigation and/or settlement, and court costs, arising from any act or omission of Client, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors at any tier, in the performance of any of its obligations under this Section.
- g. The Subcontractor shall include the substance of this clause in all lower-tier subcontracts and subawards.

**ARTICLE 36. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act**

Subcontractor represents and warrants that it shall comply fully with the anti-bribery provisions of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, as amended ("FCPA"), as well as the a) UN Convention against Corruption (UNICAC), b) OECD Convention on the Bribery of Foreign Public Officials (OECD Convention); and c) any other applicable local anti-corruption laws, rules, and regulations if any part of this subcontract will be performed outside of the United States of America. Specifically, Subcontractor understands and agrees that it shall be unlawful for the Subcontractor and/or any officer, director, employee or agent of the Subcontractor to make any kind of offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment of any money, or offer, gift, promise to give, or authorization of the giving of anything of value to:

- (a) any foreign official (or foreign political party) for purposes of either influencing any act or decision of such foreign official in his official capacity, or inducing such foreign official to do or omit to do any act in violation of the lawful duty of such official, or securing any improper advantage, or inducing such foreign official to use his influence with a foreign government, or instrumentality thereof, to affect or influence any act or decision of such government or instrumentality in order to assist such person in obtaining or retaining business for or with, or directing business to any person; or
- (b) any person, while knowing that all or a portion of such money or thing of value will be offered, given, or promised, directly or indirectly, to any foreign official (or foreign political party), or to any candidate for foreign political office, for any of the prohibited purposes described above.

For purposes of this Agreement "foreign official" means any appointed, elected, or honorary official or employee of a) a foreign government (or if this Subcontract is to be performed outside the United States than of the Host Country) or political party, or b) of a public international organization, or any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of any such government or department, agency, or instrumentality, or for or on behalf of any such public international organization (e.g., the UN, DFID, or WHO, or the World Bank).

For purposes of this Article, the "government" includes any agency, department, embassy, or other governmental entity, and any company or other entity owned or controlled by the government.

**ARTICLE 37. Validity and Waiver**

The invalidity in whole or in part of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of other provisions. A waiver of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any

subsequent breach of that provision or a breach of any other provision of this Agreement. The failure of RTI to enforce at any time or from time to time any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof.

**ARTICLE 38. Combating Trafficking in Persons**

RTI, as well as the United States Government, has adopted a zero-tolerance policy prohibiting trafficking in persons, including any trafficking-related activities. Additional information regarding trafficking in persons may be found at the website for the U.S. Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons at <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/>.

Additionally, in the event this Subcontract is funded in whole or in part via Federal contract funds, the provisions set forth in FAR 52.222-50 (Combating Trafficking in Persons) and FAR 52.222-56 (Certification Regarding Trafficking in Persons Compliance Plan), may be applicable to this Subcontract.

**ARTICLE 39. Electronic Contracting**

The parties agree that if this Subcontract is transmitted electronically neither party shall contest the validity of this Subcontract, or any Acknowledgement thereof, on the basis that this Subcontract or Acknowledgement contains an electronic signature.

**ARTICLE 40. Debarment and Suspension**

In accepting this Subcontract, the Subcontractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this type of transaction by any Federal department or agency. Any change in the debarred or suspended status of the Subcontractor during the life of this Subcontract must be reported immediately to RTI. The Subcontractor agrees to incorporate the Debarment and Suspension certification into any lower-tier subcontract that they may enter into as a part of this Subcontract.

**ARTICLE 41. Survivability**

A. If this Subcontract expires, is completed, or is terminated, Subcontractor shall not be relieved of those obligations contained in the following Articles:

- Independent Contractor
- Governing Law
- Indemnification
- Infringement Representation
- Confidential Information
- Right to Publish/Release of Information
- Insurance
- International Trade Compliance
- Electronic Contracting
- HIPAA Business Associate Agreement
- Indirect Rate Indemnity [Only Applicable to Cost-Type Subcontracts]

B. Those U.S. Government [Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) or Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)] and Agency Supplementary Regulation(s) that by their nature should survive.

**ARTICLE 42. Order of Precedence**

In the event of any inconsistency between or among the provisions, articles, attachments, or requirements which constitute this Subcontract, the following order of precedence shall apply:

1. The relevant provisions of applicable law including without limitation the FAR and the DFAR
2. The incorporated FAR, DFAR, CFR and Agency Supplementary clauses, Appendix C
3. All Special Contract Requirements (SCRs) as set forth in Appendix A, including any attachments referenced or incorporated by those SCRs
4. The General Provisions contained in these Standard Subcontract Terms, Appendix B
5. The Statement of Work, Appendix D; and
6. All other attachments incorporated herein by reference.

**ARTICLE 43. Sustainability**

Subcontractor shall operate in a manner that complies with United States (U.S.), national, and local environmental laws, regulations and standards including, but not limited to, laws related to energy conservation, greenhouse gas emissions, air emissions, waste management, recycling, water discharge, toxic substances, and hazardous waste disposal. Subcontractor agrees to flow down this requirement in any lower-tier subcontract that it may enter into under this Subcontract.

**ARTICLE 44. Language Requirements**

The official text of this Subcontract is the English language text, whether or not counterparts hereof are written, executed, or translated into any other language. All notices, communications and submittals between the parties pursuant to the implementation of this Subcontract shall be in the English language, unless otherwise directed in writing by RTI. In the event that this Subcontract is translated into another language, the English version shall prevail.

**ARTICLE 45. HIPAA Business Associate Training Addendum**

In the event Subcontractor has been designated as a Business Associate, as defined by 45 CFR 160.103, via operation of another provision contained in this Subcontract, Subcontractor certifies that it has completed, or will complete, a training course as described in 45 CFR 164.530(b) for all employees associated with the work issued under this Subcontract and prior to such employees engaging in any work which involves Protected Health Information ("PHI"), as defined in 45 CFR 160.103.

**ARTICLE 46. Equal Opportunity Compliance**

During the performance of this Subcontract, Subcontractor agrees to comply with all Federal, state and local laws respecting discrimination in employment and non-segregation of facilities including, but not limited to, applicable provisions of Executive Order (herein "E.O.") 11246, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, E.O. 13496 and respective regulations including 41 CFR 60-1.4, 41 CFR 61-300.10, 29 CFR Part 471 Appendix A to Subpart A, 41 CFR 60-300.5 (Subcontractor and lower-tier subcontractors and vendors shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-300.5(a) if if/when this Subcontract exceeds \$100,000. This regulation prohibits discrimination against qualified protected veterans, and requires affirmative action by covered prime contractors, subcontractors, lower-tier subcontractors and vendors to employ and advance in employment qualified protected veterans) and 41 CFR 60-741.5 (Subcontractor and lower-tier subcontractors and vendors shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-741.5(a) if/when this Subcontract exceeds \$10,000. This regulation prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals on the basis of disability, and requires affirmative action by covered prime contractors,

subcontractors, lower-tier subcontractors and vendors to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.).

The above-mentioned referenced regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Moreover, these regulations require that covered prime contractors, subcontractors, lower-tier subcontractors and vendors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, protected veteran status or disability.

These equal opportunity clauses, and the employee notification clause, are hereby incorporated by reference.

**ARTICLE 47.**            Representations and Certifications (Applicable to Task Orders funded via Federal Contracts)

As set forth below, and then renewed on an annual basis for the duration of this Subcontract, Subcontractor shall provide current, accurate and complete representations and certifications. It shall be Subcontractor's responsibility to complete the RTI-provided Representations and Certifications form on annual basis as measured from the date the Representations and Certifications were initially made, and also to ensure the continued accuracy of Subcontractor's Representations and Certifications. In the event the status of any item which Subcontractor represented or certified changes prior to Subcontractor's required annual renewal, Subcontractor shall promptly notify RTI, which shall be no later than five (5) business days after said change in status.

Subcontractor shall be required to complete an RTI-provided Representations and Certifications form at the earlier of following events:

- During the initial proposal with RTI in response to a U.S. Government solicitation; or
- Prior to Agreement execution.

**ARTICLE 48.**            Anti-Kickback (Applicable to Subcontracts funded via Federal Contracts)

Subcontractor warrants that neither it nor any of its employees, agents, or representatives have offered or given, or will offer or give, any gratuities to RTI's employees, associates, agents or representatives for the purpose of securing this Subcontract or securing favorable treatment under this Subcontract. The Anti-Kickback Act of 1986, as referenced in FAR 52.203-7, is hereby incorporated into this Subcontract as a condition of acceptance. If you have reasonable grounds to believe that a violation, as described in paragraph (b) of FAR 52.203-7, may have occurred, you should report this suspected violation to Research Triangle Institute's Ethics Hotline at 1-877-212-7220 or by sending an e-mail to [Ethics@rti.org](mailto:Ethics@rti.org). Subcontractor may report a suspected violation anonymously.

As prescribed in FAR 52.203-7 (Anti-Kickback Procedures), and as later as amended, Subcontractor shall adhere to the following requirements and regulations for all Subcontracts exceeding \$150,000 which are funded via Federal Contracts:

A. Definitions.

"Kickback," as used in this clause, means any money, fee, commission, credit, gift, gratuity, thing of value, or compensation of any kind which is provided to any prime Contractor, prime Contractor employee,

subcontractor, subcontractor employee, vendor, vendor employee or consultant for the purpose of improperly obtaining or rewarding favorable treatment in connection with a prime contract or in connection with a subcontract relating to a prime contract.

“Person,” as used in this clause, means a corporation, partnership, business association of any kind, trust, joint-stock company, or individual.

“Prime Contract,” as used in this clause, means a contract or contractual action entered into by the United States for the purpose of obtaining supplies, materials, equipment, or services of any kind.

“Prime Contractor” as used in this clause, means a person who has entered into a prime contract with the United States.

“Prime Contractor employee,” as used in this clause, means any officer, partner, employee, or agent of a prime Contractor.

“Subcontract,” as used in this clause, means a contract or contractual action, including purchase orders, task orders and consultant contracts, entered into by a Prime Contractor or subcontractor for the purpose of obtaining supplies, materials, equipment, or services of any kind under a prime contract.

“Subcontractor,” as used in this clause,

(1) means any person, other than the prime Contractor, who offers to furnish or furnishes any supplies, materials, equipment, or services of any kind under a prime contract or a subcontract entered into in connection with such prime contract, and

(2) includes any person, vendor or consultant who offers to furnish or furnishes general supplies to the prime Contractor or a higher tier subcontractor.

“Subcontractor employee,” as used in this clause, means any officer, partner, employee, or agent of a subcontractor, vendor or consultant.

B. The 41 U.S.C. chapter 87, Kickbacks, prohibits any person from --

(1) Providing or attempting to provide or offering to provide any kickback;

(2) Soliciting, accepting, or attempting to accept any kickback; or

(3) Including, directly or indirectly, the amount of any kickback in the contract price charged by a prime Contractor to the United States or in the contract price charged by a subcontractor to a prime Contractor or higher tier subcontractor.

C. Administrative Procedures.

(1) The Subcontractor shall have in place and follow reasonable procedures designed to prevent and detect possible violations described in Paragraph B of this clause in its own operations and direct business relationships.

(2) When the Subcontractor has reasonable grounds to believe that a violation described in Paragraph B of this clause may have occurred, the Subcontractor shall promptly report in writing the possible violation to RTI.

(3) The Subcontractor shall cooperate fully with RTI and any Federal agency investigating a possible violation described in Paragraph B of this clause.

(4) RTI may

(i) offset the amount of the kickback against any monies owed by the United States under the Subcontract and/or

(ii) direct that the Subcontractor withhold from sums owed a lower-tier subcontractor under the Subcontract the amount of the kickback. RTI may order that monies withheld under subdivision (C)(4)(ii) of this clause be paid over to the Government unless the Government has already offset those monies under subdivision (C)(4)(i) of this clause. In either case, the Subcontractor, via RTI, shall notify the Contracting Officer when the monies are withheld.

(5) The Subcontractor agrees to incorporate the substance of this clause, including subparagraph

(C)(5) in all subcontracts under this Subcontract which exceed \$150,000.

**ARTICLE 49.**        Employment Eligibility Verification (Applicable to Subcontracts funded via Federal Contracts)

As prescribed in FAR 52.222-54 (Employment Eligibility Verification), and as later as amended, Subcontractor shall adhere to the following requirements and regulations for all Subcontracts exceeding \$3,000 which are funded via Federal Contracts:

A. Definitions. As used in this clause—

“Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item” —

(1) Means any item of supply that is—

(i) A commercial item (as defined in paragraph (1) of the definition at 2.101);

(ii) Sold in substantial quantities in the commercial marketplace; and

(iii) Offered to the Government, without modification, in the same form in which it is sold in the commercial marketplace; and

(2) Does not include bulk cargo, as defined in 46 U.S.C. 40102(4) such as agricultural products and petroleum products. Per 46 CFR 525.1(c)(2), “bulk cargo” means cargo that is loaded and carried in bulk onboard ship without mark or count, in a loose unpackaged form, having homogenous characteristics. Bulk cargo loaded into intermodal equipment, except LASH or Seabee barges, is subject to mark and count and, therefore, ceases to be bulk cargo.

“Employee assigned to the Subcontract” means an employee who was hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), who is directly performing work, in the United States, under a Subcontract that is required to include the clause prescribed at 22.1803.

An employee is not considered to be directly performing work under a Subcontract if the employee—

(1) Normally performs support work, such as indirect or overhead functions; and

(2) Does not perform any substantial duties applicable to the Subcontract.

“Subcontract” means any contract, as defined in 2.101, entered into by a subcontractor to furnish supplies or services for performance of a subcontract. It includes but is not limited to purchase orders, task orders, consultant contracts and changes and modifications to purchase orders, task orders and consultant contracts.

“Subcontractor” means any supplier, distributor, vendor, consultant or firm that furnishes supplies or services to or for a prime contractor or another subcontractor.

“United States,” as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(38), means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

B. Enrollment and verification requirements.

(1) If the Subcontractor is not enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of Subcontract award, the Subcontractor shall—

(i) Enroll. Enroll as a Federal Contractor in the E-Verify program within 30 calendar days of Subcontract award;

(ii) Verify all new employees. Within 90 calendar days of enrollment in the E-Verify program, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of all new hires of the Subcontractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the Subcontract, within 3 business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph B (3) of this section); and

(iii) Verify employees assigned to the Subcontract. For each employee assigned to the Subcontract, initiate verification within 90 calendar days after date of enrollment or within



30 calendar days of the employee's assignment to the Subcontract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph B (4) of this section).

(2) If the Subcontractor is enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of Subcontract award, the Subcontractor shall use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of—

(i) All new employees.

(A) Enrolled 90 calendar days or more. The Subcontractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the Subcontractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the Subcontract within 3 business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph B (3) of this section); or

(B) Enrolled less than 90 calendar days. Within 90 calendar days after enrollment as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify, the Subcontractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the Subcontractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the Subcontract, within 3 business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph B (3) of this section); or

(ii) Employees assigned to the Subcontract. For each employee assigned to the Subcontract, the Subcontractor shall initiate verification within 90 calendar days after date of Subcontract award or within 30 days after assignment to the Subcontract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph B (4) of this section).

(3) If the Subcontractor is an institution of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)); a State or local government or the government of a Federally recognized Indian tribe; or a surety performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency pursuant to a performance bond, the Subcontractor may choose to verify only employees assigned to the Subcontract, whether existing employees or new hires. The Subcontractor shall follow the applicable verification requirements at B (1) or B (2), respectively, except that any requirement for verification of new employees applies only to new employees assigned to the Subcontract.

(4) Option to verify employment eligibility of all employees. The Subcontractor may elect to verify all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), rather than just those employees assigned to the Subcontract. The Subcontractor shall initiate verification for each existing employee working in the United States who was hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), within 180 calendar days of—

(i) Enrollment in the E-Verify program; or

(ii) Notification to E-Verify Operations of the Subcontractor's decision to exercise this option, using the contact information provided in the E-Verify program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

(5) The Subcontractor shall comply, for the period of performance of this Subcontract, with the requirement of the E-Verify program MOU.

(i) The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Social Security Administration (SSA) may terminate the Subcontractor's MOU and deny access to the E-Verify system in accordance with the terms of the MOU. In such case, the Subcontractor will be referred to a suspension or debarment official.

(ii) During the period between termination of the MOU and a decision by the suspension or debarment official whether to suspend or debar, the Subcontractor is excused from its obligations under paragraph B of this clause. If the suspension or debarment official determines not to suspend or debar the Subcontractor, then the Subcontractor must reenroll in E-Verify.

C. Web site. Information on registration for and use of the E-Verify program can be obtained via the Internet

at the Department of Homeland Security Web site: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify> .

D. Individuals previously verified. The Subcontractor is not required by this clause to perform additional employment verification using E-Verify for any employee—

- (1) Whose employment eligibility was previously verified by the Subcontractor through the E-Verify program;
- (2) Who has been granted and holds an active U.S. Government security clearance for access to confidential, secret, or top secret information in accordance with the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual; or
- (3) Who has undergone a completed background investigation and been issued credentials pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) -12, Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors.

E. Subcontracts. The Subcontractor shall include the requirements of this clause, including this paragraph E (appropriately modified for identification of the parties), in each subcontract that—

- (1) Is for—
  - (i) Commercial or noncommercial services (except for commercial services that are part of the purchase of a COTS item (or an item that would be a COTS item, but for minor modifications), performed by the COTS provider, and are normally provided for that COTS item); or
  - (ii) Construction;
- (2) Has a value of more than \$3,000; and
- (3) Includes work performed in the United States.

**ARTICLE 50. Service Contract Reporting Requirements**

As set forth in Appendix C, RTI's prime contract incorporates either FAR 52.204-14 or 52.204-15 into this award. Accordingly, Subcontractor shall provide to the RTI Subcontract Administrator the following detailed information for this Subcontract no later than October 15:

- (i) Subcontract number (including subcontractor name and DUNS number), and
- (ii) The number of first-tier subcontractor direct-labor hours expended on the services performed during the previous Government fiscal year.

Reporting is required according to the following thresholds:

- (i) All cost-reimbursement, time-and-materials, and labor-hour service contracts and orders with an estimated total value above the simplified acquisition threshold.
- (ii) All fixed-price service contracts awarded and orders issued according to the following thresholds:
  - (A) Awarded or issued in Fiscal Year 2014, with an estimated total value of \$2.5 million or greater.
  - (B) Awarded or issued in Fiscal Year 2015, with an estimated total value of \$1 million or greater.
  - (C) Awarded or issued in Fiscal Year 2016, and subsequent years, with an estimated total value of \$500,000 or greater.

The information provided by Subcontractor will be made available to the public as required by section 743 of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010.

**ARTICLE 51. Cost Accounting Standards**

Cost Accounting Standards, as set forth FAR 52.230-2, are hereby deemed to be applicable to this



**ARTICLE 52. Entire Agreement**

Both parties acknowledge that they have read this Subcontract, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and further agree that it is the entire agreement between the parties hereto which supersedes all prior agreements, written or oral, relating to the subject matter hereof. No modification or waiver of any provision shall be binding unless in writing signed by an Authorized Representative of the Party against whom such modification or waiver is sought to be enforced.