



**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES
AND NCS PEARSON, INC.**

THIS IS AN AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), dated the _____ day of _____, 2021 by and between:

THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida with a business address of **601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33025** (hereinafter referred to as the "CITY")

and

NCS PEARSON, INC., a Foreign Profit Corporation, as listed with the Florida Division of Corporations, authorized to do business in the State of Florida, and with a principal address of **5601 Green Valley Drive, Bloomington, MN 55457** (hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACTOR"). CITY and CONTRACTOR may hereinafter be referred to collectively as the "Parties."

W I T N E S S E T H:

In consideration of the mutual terms and conditions, promises, covenants and payments hereinafter set forth, CITY and CONTRACTOR agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1
PREAMBLE

In order to establish the background, context and form of reference for this Agreement, and to generally express the objectives and intentions of the respective Parties herein, the following statements, representations, and explanations shall be accepted as predicates for the undertakings and commitments included within the provisions which follow, and may be relied upon by the Parties as essential elements of the mutual considerations upon which this Agreement is based.

1.1 The CITY desires to engage a firm to provide CITY's Charter Schools with **certification assessment and training for various industry certification and credentials programs**, as more particularly described in CONTRACTOR's proposal, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**, and by this reference made a part hereof.

1.3 Pursuant to CITY Code of Ordinance §35.18(C)(3), entitled "**City standard, single-source and sole source commodities and services**", certain sole-source services are exempt from competitive bidding. CONTRACTOR is the exclusive distributor of the services herein required, as more particularly described in Exhibit "A". The CITY desires to procure the services herein required from CONTRACTOR pursuant to CITY Code of Ordinances §35.48(C)(3).



1.4 Negotiations pertaining to the services to be performed by the CONTRACTOR were undertaken and this Agreement incorporates the results of such negotiation.

ARTICLE 2

SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to appoint CITY as the Certiport Authorized Test Center, as more particularly described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, in accordance with the scope of services outlines in the specifications, attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A". The Parties agree to do everything required by this Agreement, Addenda to this Agreement, and Commission award complete with proposal form.

2.2 CONTRACTOR shall furnish all services, equipment, and materials necessary and as may be required in the performance of this Agreement, except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, and all work performed under this Agreement shall be done in a professional manner.

2.3 CITY owns and operates a testing center with facilities that meet CONTRACTOR's testing center technical requirements, as well as CATCTM Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures described in Exhibit "A" and desires to have its facility recognized and appointed by Certiport as a "CACTM" in the Territory and/or Sector(s) as described in Exhibit "B".

2.4 CONTRACTOR hereby represents to CITY, with full knowledge that CITY is relying upon these representations when entering into this Agreement with CONTRACTOR, that CONTRACTOR has the professional expertise, experience and manpower to perform the services to be provided by CONTRACTOR pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

2.5 CONTRACTOR hereby represents to CITY that CONTRACTOR is properly licensed by the applicable federal, state, and local agencies to provide the services under this Agreement. Furthermore, CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain such licenses during the term of this Agreement. If CONTRACTOR's license is revoked, suspended, or terminated for any reason by any governmental agency, CONTRACTOR shall notify the CITY immediately.

2.6 **Compliance with Laws.** CONTRACTOR hereby warrants and agrees, that at all times material to the Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall perform its obligations in compliance with all applicable federal, state, local laws, rules and regulations, including §§ 501.171, 1002.22, 1002.221, and 1002.222, Florida Statutes, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C § 1232g ("FERPA"), its implementing regulations (34 C.F.R. Part 99), and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6506), as may be applicable. Non-compliance may constitute a material breach of Agreement. Specifically, CONTRACTOR agrees as follows:

2.6.1 The CITY shall retain all rights, including intellectual property rights, title, and interest in education records created, accessed, or utilized during the performance of Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall utilize the education records solely for the purposes of providing services as contemplated under this Agreement; and shall not share, publish, sell, distribute, target advertise, or display education records to any third party. The CITY grants



to CONTRACTOR and authorized third-parties a limited, non-exclusive license to use, access, and process education records solely for the purpose of providing and supporting the functions and use of CONTRACTOR services herein required.

2.6.2 CONTRACTOR agrees to hold any education records in strict confidence and not use or disclose, except as required by this Agreement or as required or permitted by law unless the parent of each student or a student age eighteen (18) or older whose education records are to be shared provides prior written consent for their release.

2.6.3 CONTRACTOR shall ensure that, at all times, all of its employees who have access to any education records during the term of their employment shall abide strictly by its obligations under this Agreement, and that access to education records is limited only to its employees that require the information to carry out the responsibilities under this Agreement and shall provide said list of employees to CITY upon request.

2.6.4 CONTRACTOR shall safeguard each education record through administrative, physical and technological safety standards to ensure that adequate controls are in place to protect the education records and information in accordance with FERPA's privacy requirements. CONTRACTOR shall notify CITY immediately upon discovery of a breach of confidentiality of education records by telephone and email pursuant to Section 19.6 herein, and shall take all necessary notification steps as may be required by federal and Florida law, including, but not limited to, those required by §501.171, Florida Statutes.

2.6.5 CONTRACTOR shall fully cooperate with appropriate CITY staff to resolve any privacy investigations and concerns in a timely manner and prepare and distribute, at its own cost, any and all required breach notifications, under federal and Florida Law, or reimburse CITY any direct costs incurred by CITY for doing so, including, but not limited to, those required by §501.171, Florida Statutes.

2.6.6 CONTRACTOR shall only use, access, and process education records for the time necessary to render the services required by the Agreement. CONTRACTOR and authorized third-parties shall within thirty (30) days of termination of the relationship between the parties, transfer (if requested) or destroy any education records in their possession and thereafter cease to access and process education records. CONTRACTOR's limited license to use education records shall cease ninety (90) days after termination of the relationship between the parties.

2.6.7 The CITY may request from time to time access to Data possessed by CONTRACTOR, and may request to delete certain Data in CONTRACTOR database, such request by the CITY shall be made in writing, the CITY shall honor such request within a reasonable time.

2.7 CONTRACTOR shall comply with any and all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations now in effect, or hereinafter enacted during the term of this Agreement, which are applicable to CONTRACTOR, its employees, agents or subcontractors, if any, with respect to the



work and services described herein. A violation of any federal, state, or local law or regulation may be cause for breach, allowing the CITY to terminate this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3

TERM AND TERMINATION

3.1 CONTRACTOR shall perform the services associated with this Agreement, as identified in **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and made part hereof, for an initial **one (1) year** period commencing on **October 3, 2021** and ending on **October 2, 2022**.

3.2 This Agreement may be renewed for **additional one (1) year terms** upon mutual consent of the Parties, evidenced written amendments to this Agreement extending the term thereof.

3.3 **Post Contractual Obligations.** In the event that the term of this agreement expires, the CONTRACTOR agrees to continue providing services, at the current rates, on a month to month basis until the CITY establishes a new contract for services.

3.4 **Termination for Convenience.** This Agreement may be terminated by CITY for convenience, upon **thirty (30) days** of written notice by the terminating party to the other party for such termination in which event CONTRACTOR shall be paid its compensation for services performed to termination date, including services reasonably related to termination. In the event that CONTRACTOR abandons this Agreement or causes it to be terminated, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify CITY against loss pertaining to this termination.

3.5 **Default by CONTRACTOR.** In addition to all other remedies available to CITY, this Agreement shall be subject to cancellation by CITY for cause, should CONTRACTOR neglect or fail to perform or observe any of the terms, provisions, conditions, or requirements herein contained, if such neglect or failure shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt by CONTRACTOR of written notice of such neglect or failure.

ARTICLE 4

COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

4.1 The CITY hereby agrees to compensate CONTRACTOR for services performed by CONTRACTOR pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and in accordance with Exhibit A, an annual amount not to exceed **THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND 0/100 CENTS (\$32,868.00)**.

4.2 All payments shall be governed by the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, as set forth in Part VII, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes.

4.3 **Method of Billing and Payment.** The CITY shall within thirty (30) days, from the date the Director of Innovative Learning approves the Application for Payment, pay the CONTRACTOR the amount approved by the Director of Innovative Learning or his/her assignees. Payment will be made to CONTRACTOR at:



**Certiport, a business of NCS Pearson, Inc.
1276 South 820 East Suite 200
American Fork, UT 84003**

**ARTICLE 5
CHANGES IN SCOPE OF WORK**

5.1 CITY or CONTRACTOR may request changes that would increase, decrease, or otherwise modify the Scope of Services, as described in **Exhibit "A"**, to be provided pursuant to this Agreement. These changes may affect the monthly compensation accordingly. Such changes or additional services must be in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the CITY, and must be contained in a written amendment, executed by the Parties hereto, with the same formality, equality and dignity herewith prior to any deviation from the terms of this Agreement, including the initiation of any additional or extra work.

5.2 In no event will the CONTRACTOR be compensated for any services which have not been described either herein or in a separate written agreement executed by the Parties hereto.

**ARTICLE 6
INDEMNIFICATION**

6.1 The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the CITY, its trustees, elected and appointed officers, agents, servants, assigns and employees, consultants, separate contractors, any of their subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, agents and employees from and against claims, demands, or causes of action whatsoever, and the resulting losses, damages, costs and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, including paralegal expenses, liabilities, damages, orders, judgments, or decrees, sustained by the CITY arising out of or resulting from performance of the services herein required or the failure of the CONTRACTOR to take out and maintain insurance as required under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the CITY, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorneys' fees which may issue thereon.

6.2 Upon completion of all Services, obligations and duties provided for in this Agreement, or in the event of termination of this Agreement for any reason, the terms and conditions of this Article shall survive indefinitely.

6.3 CITY reserves the right to select its own legal counsel to conduct any defense in any such proceeding and all costs and fees associated therewith shall be the responsibility of CONTRACTOR or the CITY may select counsel from the insurance carrier panel.

6.4 Nothing contained herein is intended nor shall be construed to waive CITY's rights and immunities under the common law or Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time.



ARTICLE 7 **INSURANCE**

7.1 The CONTRACTOR expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the CONTRACTOR shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the CITY or its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities as herein provided.

7.2 CONTRACTOR shall not commence work under this Agreement until it has obtained all insurance required under this paragraph and such insurance has been approved by the Risk Manager of the CITY nor shall the CONTRACTOR allow any subcontractor to commence work on any subcontract until all similar such insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained and similarly approved.

7.3 Certificates of Insurance, reflecting evidence of the required insurance, shall be filed with the CITY's Risk Manager prior to the commencement of this Agreement. Policies shall be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida. The insurance company shall be rated no less than "A" as to management, and no less than "Class VI" as to financial strength according to the latest edition of Best's Insurance Guide published by A.M. Best Company.

7.4 ~~Certificates of Insurance shall provide for thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the CITY in case of cancellation or material changes in the policy limits or coverage states.~~ If the carrier cannot provide thirty (30) days' notice of cancellation, either the CONTRACTOR or their Insurance Broker must agree to provide notice.

7.5 The CONTRACTOR shall neither commence nor continue to provide any services pursuant to this Agreement unless all required insurance remains in full force and effect. CONTRACTOR shall be liable to CITY for any lapses in service resulting from a gap in insurance coverage.

7.6 REQUIRED INSURANCE. CONTRACTOR shall be required to obtain all applicable insurance coverage, as indicated below, prior to commencing any work pursuant to this Agreement:

Yes No

✓ ☐ 7.6.1 Comprehensive General Liability Insurance written on an occurrence basis including, but not limited to: coverage for bodily injury and property damage, personal & advertising injury, products & completed operations, and contractual liability. Coverage must be written on an occurrence basis, with limits of liability no less than:

1. Each Occurrence Limit - \$1,000,000
2. Fire Damage Limit (Damage to rented premises) - \$100,000
3. Personal & Advertising Injury Limit - \$1,000,000
4. General Aggregate Limit - \$2,000,000
5. Products & Completed Operations Aggregate Limit - \$2,000,000



Products & Completed Operations Coverage shall be maintained for the later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment under the Agreement. **The City of Pembroke Pines must be included as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY's additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.**

Yes No

- ✓ ☐ 7.6.2 Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance covering all employees, and/or volunteers of the CONTRACTOR engaged in the performance of the scope of work associated with this Agreement. In the case any work is sublet, the CONTRACTOR shall require the subcontractors similarly to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance for all the latter's employees unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the CONTRACTOR. Coverage for the CONTRACTOR and all subcontractors shall be in accordance with applicable state and/or federal laws that may apply to Workers' Compensation Insurance with limits of liability no less than:

1. Workers' Compensation: Coverage A – Statutory
2. Employers Liability: Coverage B \$500,000 Each Accident
\$500,000 Disease – Policy Limit
\$500,000 Disease – Each Employee

If CONTRACTOR claims to be exempt from this requirement, CONTRACTOR shall provide CITY proof of such exemption for CITY to exempt CONTRACTOR.

Yes No

- ✓ ☐ 7.6.3 Comprehensive Auto Liability Insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles used in connection with the performance of work under this Agreement, with a combined single limit of liability for bodily injury and property damage no less than:

1. Any Auto (Symbol 1)
Combined Single Limit (Each Accident) - \$1,000,000
2. Hired Autos (Symbol 8)
Combined Single Limit (Each Accident) - \$1,000,000
3. Non-Owned Autos (Symbol 9)
Combined Single Limit (Each Accident) - \$1,000,000

If work under this Agreement includes transportation of hazardous materials, policy shall include pollution liability coverage equivalent to that provided by the latest version of the ISO pollution liability broadened endorsement for auto and the latest version of the ISO Motor Carrier Act endorsement, equivalents or broader language.

Yes No

- ☐ ✕ 7.6.3.1 If CONTRACTOR requests reduced limits under a Personal Auto Liability Policy and it is agreed to by the CITY, coverage shall include Bodily Injury limits of \$100,000 per person/\$300,000 per occurrence and Property Damage limits of \$300,000 per occurrence

Yes No



- ☐ ✕ 7.6.4 Umbrella/Excess Liability Insurance in the amount of \$_____ as determined appropriate by the CITY depending on the type of job and exposures contemplated. Coverage must be follow form of the General Liability, Auto Liability and Employer's Liability. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than the later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment pursuant to this Agreement. **The City of Pembroke Pines must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY's additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.**

Yes No

- ☐ ✕ 7.6.5 Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions Insurance with a limit of liability no less than \$1,000,000 per wrongful or negligent act. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services final payment pursuant to this Agreement. Retroactive date, if any, to be no later than the first day of service to the CITY.

Yes No

- ☐ ✕ 7.6.6 Environmental/Pollution Liability insurance shall be required with a limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per wrongful act. Coverage shall include: CONTRACTOR's completed operations, sudden, accidental and gradual pollution conditions. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than the later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment pursuant to this Agreement. Retroactive date, if any, to be no later than the first day of service to the CITY. **The City of Pembroke Pines must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY's additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.**

Yes No

- ✓ ☐ 7.6.7 Cyber Liability including Network Security and Privacy Liability with a limit of liability no less than \$1,000,000 per loss. Coverage shall include liability arising from: theft, dissemination and/or use of confidential information stored or transmitted in electronic form, unauthorized access to, use of, or tampering with computer systems, including hacker attacks or inability of an authorized third party to gain access to your services, including denial of service, and the introduction of a computer virus into, or otherwise causing damage to, a customer's or third person's computer, computer system, network, or similar computer-related property and the data, software and programs thereon. If vendor is collecting credit card information, it shall cover all PCI breach expenses. Coverage is to include the various state monitoring and state required remediation as well as meet the various state notification requirements. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than the later of three (3) years after delivery of goods/services or final payment of the Agreement. Retroactive date, if any, to be no later than the first day of service to the CITY. **The City of Pembroke Pines must be included as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY's additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.**

Yes No

- ☐ ✕ 7.6.8 Crime Coverage shall include employee dishonesty, forgery or alteration, and computer fraud in an amount of no less than \$1,000,000 per loss. If CONTRACTOR is physically located on CITY's premises, a third-party fidelity coverage extension shall apply.



Yes No

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7.6.9 Garage Liability & Garage-keepers Legal Liability for those that manage parking lots for the CITY or service CITY vehicles. Coverage must be written on an occurrence basis, with limits of liability no less than \$1,000,000 per Occurrence, including products & completed operations. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than the later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment of this Agreement. **The City of Pembroke Pines must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY's additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.**

Yes No

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7.6.10 Liquor Liability for those in the business of selling, serving or furnishing of any alcoholic beverages, whether licensed or not, shall carry a limit of liability of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Coverage shall be maintained for the later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment under the Agreement. **The City of Pembroke Pines must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY's additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.**

Yes No

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7.6.11 Sexual Abuse & Molestation for any agreement involving a vulnerable population. Limits shall be no less than \$500,000 per occurrence. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than the later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment of this Agreement. Retroactive date, if any, to be no later than the first day of service to the CITY. **The City of Pembroke Pines must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY's additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.**

Yes No

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7.6.12 Builder's Risk Insurance shall be "All Risk" for one hundred percent (100%) of the completed value of the project that is the subject of this Agreement with a deductible of not more than five percent (5%) for Named Windstorm and \$20,000 per claim for all other perils. The Builder's Risk Insurance shall include interests of the CITY, the CONTRACTOR and subcontractors of the project. The CONTRACTOR shall include a separate line item for all costs associated with the Builder's Risk Insurance Coverage for the project. The CITY reserves the right at its sole discretion to utilize the CONTRACTOR's Builder's Risk Insurance or for the CITY to purchase its own Builder's Risk Insurance for the Project. Prior to the CONTRACTOR purchasing the Builder's Risk insurance for the project, the CONTRACTOR shall allow the CITY the opportunity to analyze the CONTRACTOR's coverage and determine who shall purchase the coverage. Should the CITY utilize the CONTRACTOR's Builder's Risk Insurance, the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all deductibles. If the CITY chooses to purchase the Builder's Risk Coverage on the project, the CONTRACTOR shall provide the CITY with a change order deduct for all premiums and costs associated with the Builder's Risk insurance in their schedule. Should the CITY choose to utilize the CITY's Builder's Risk Program, the CITY shall be responsible for the Named Windstorm Deductible and the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the All Other Perils Deductible.

If and when 100% is not available or reasonable, the CITY Risk Manager is to make the



determination as to what limits are appropriate for the given project.

Yes No

☐ * 7.6.13 Other Insurance

7.7 REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

7.7.1 The City of Pembroke Pines shall be included as an Additional Insured on each of the Liability Policies required herein.

7.7.2 Waiver of all Rights of Subrogation against the CITY.

7.7.4 CONTRACTOR's policies, excluding E&O / Cyber liability, shall be Primary & Non-Contributory.

7.7.5 All policies shall contain a "severability of interest" or "cross liability" clause without obligation for premium payment of the CITY.

7.7.6 The City of Pembroke Pines shall be named as a Loss Payee on all Property and/or Inland Marine Policies as their interest may appear.

7.8 Any and all insurance required of the CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement must also be required by any subcontractor in the same limits and with all requirements as provided herein, including including the CITY as an additional insured, in any work that is subcontracted unless such subcontractor is covered by the protection afforded by the CONTRACTOR and provided proof of such coverage is provided to CITY. The CONTRACTOR and any subcontractors shall maintain such policies during the term of this Agreement.

7.9 The CITY reserves the right to require any other additional types of insurance coverage and/or higher limits of liability it deems necessary based on the nature of work being performed under this Agreement.

7.10 The insurance requirements specified in this Agreement are minimum requirements and in no way reduce any liability the CONTRACTOR has assumed in the indemnification/hold harmless section(s) of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8 **NON-DISCRIMINATION & EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT**

During the performance of the Agreement, neither the CONTRACTOR nor any subcontractors shall discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, gender, national origin, sex, age, marital status, political affiliation, familial status, sexual orientation, or disability if qualified. CONTRACTOR will take affirmative action to ensure that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, color, gender, national origin, sex, age, marital status, political affiliation, familial status, sexual orientation, or disability if qualified. Such actions must include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. CONTRACTOR shall agree to post in conspicuous places, available to



employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause. CONTRACTOR further agrees that CONTRACTOR will ensure that subcontractors, if any, will be made aware of and will comply with this nondiscrimination clause.

ARTICLE 9

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

This Agreement does not create an employee/employer relationship between the Parties. It is the intent of the Parties that the CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor under this Agreement and not the CITY's employee for all purposes, including but not limited to, the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage and overtime payments, Federal Insurance Contribution Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the State Workers' Compensation Act, and the State unemployment insurance law. The CONTRACTOR shall retain sole and absolute discretion in the judgment of the manner and means of carrying out CONTRACTOR's activities and responsibilities hereunder provided, further that administrative procedures applicable to services rendered under this Agreement shall be those of CONTRACTOR, which policies of CONTRACTOR shall not conflict with CITY, State, or United States policies, rules or regulations relating to the use of CONTRACTOR's funds provided for herein. The CONTRACTOR agrees that it is a separate and independent enterprise from the CITY, that it has full opportunity to find other business, that it has made its own investment in its business, and that it will utilize a high level of skill necessary to perform the work. This Agreement shall not be construed as creating any joint employment relationship between the CONTRACTOR and the CITY and the CITY will not be liable for any obligation incurred by CONTRACTOR, including but not limited to unpaid minimum wages and/or overtime premiums.

ARTICLE 10

AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO FUNDING

This agreement shall remain in full force and effect only as long as the expenditures provided for in the Agreement have been appropriated by the City Commission of the City of Pembroke Pines in the annual budget for each fiscal year of this Agreement, and is subject to termination based on lack of funding.

ARTICLE 11

UNCONTROLLABLE FORCES

11.1 Neither CITY nor CONTRACTOR shall be considered to be in default of this Agreement if delays in or failure of performance shall be due to Uncontrollable Forces, the effect of which, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, the non-performing party could not avoid. The term "Uncontrollable Forces" shall mean any event which results in the prevention or delay of performance by a party of its obligations under this Agreement and which is beyond the reasonable control of the nonperforming party. It includes, but is not limited to fire, flood, earthquakes, storms, lightning, epidemic, pandemic, acts of God, war, riot, civil disturbance, sabotage, and



governmental actions.

11.2 Neither party shall, however, be excused from performance if nonperformance is due to forces, which are preventable, removable, or remediable, and which the nonperforming party could have, with the exercise of reasonable diligence, prevented, removed, or remedied with reasonable dispatch. The nonperforming party shall, within a reasonable time of being prevented or delayed from performance by an uncontrollable force, give written notice to the other party describing the circumstances and uncontrollable forces preventing continued performance of the obligations of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 12

GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida as now and hereafter in force. The venue for any and all actions or claims arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be in Broward County, Florida.

ARTICLE 13

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ARTICLE 14

DEFAULT OF CONTRACT & REMEDIES

14.1 **Default of Contract.** The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute a default and breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR:

14.3.1. The abandonment of the services herein required by CONTRACTOR for a period of seven (7) business days.

14.3.2 The abandonment, unnecessary delay, refusal of, or failure to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement or neglect, or refusal to comply with the instructions of the Director of Innovative Learning relative thereto.

14.3.3. The failure by CONTRACTOR to observe or perform any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Agreement to be observed or performed by CONTRACTOR, where such failure shall continue for a period of seven (7) days after written notice thereof by CITY to CONTRACTOR; provided, however, that if the nature of CONTRACTOR's default is such that more than seven (7) days are reasonably required for its cure, then CONTRACTOR shall not be deemed to be in default if CONTRACTOR commences such cure within said seven (7) day period and thereafter diligently prosecutes such cure to completion.

14.3.4. The assignment and/or transfer of this Agreement or execution or attachment thereon by CONTRACTOR or any other party in a manner not expressly permitted hereunder.



14.3.5. The making by CONTRACTOR of any general assignment or general arrangement for the benefit of creditors, or the filing by or against CONTRACTOR of a petition to have CONTRACTOR adjudged a bankruptcy, or a petition for reorganization or arrangement under any law relating to bankruptcy (unless, in the case of a petition filed against CONTRACTOR, the same is dismissed within sixty (60) days); or the appointment of a trustee or a receiver to take possession of substantially all of CONTRACTOR's assets, or for CONTRACTOR's interest in this Agreement, where possession is not restored to CONTRACTOR within thirty (30) days; for attachment, execution or other judicial seizure of substantially all of CONTRACTOR's assets, or for CONTRACTOR's interest in this Agreement, where such seizure is not discharged within thirty (30) days.

ARTICLE 15

BANKRUPTCY

It is agreed that if CONTRACTOR is adjudged bankrupt, either voluntarily or involuntarily, then this Agreement shall terminate effective on the date and at the time the bankruptcy petition is filed.

ARTICLE 16

MERGER; AMENDMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between CONTRACTOR and CITY, and all negotiations and oral understandings between the Parties are merged herein. This Agreement can be supplemented or amended only by a written document executed by both CONTRACTOR and CITY with the same formality and equal dignity herewith.

ARTICLE 17

EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY

17.1 CONTRACTOR certifies that it is aware of and complies with the requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time and briefly described herein below.

17.1.1 Definitions for this Section.

17.1.1.1 "Contractor" means a person or entity that has entered or is attempting to enter into a contract with a public employer to provide labor, supplies, or services to such employer in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration. "Contractor" includes, but is not limited to, a vendor or consultant.

17.1.1.2 "Subcontractor" means a person or entity that provides labor, supplies, or services to or for a contractor or another subcontractor in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration.



17.1.1.3 “E-Verify system” means an Internet-based system operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security that allows participating employers to electronically verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees.

17.1.2 **Registration Requirement; Termination.** Pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, effective January 1, 2021, Contractors, shall register with and use the E-verify system in order to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. Contractor shall register for and utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify System to verify the employment eligibility of:

17.1.2.1 All persons employed by a Contractor to perform employment duties within Florida during the term of the contract; and

17.1.2.2 All persons (including subvendors/subconsultants/subcontractors) assigned by Contractor to perform work pursuant to the contract with the City of Pembroke Pines. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that registration and use of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify System during the term of the contract is a condition of the contract with the City of Pembroke Pines; and

17.1.2.3 The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., "Employment Eligibility," as amended from time to time. This includes, but is not limited to registration and utilization of the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. Contractor shall also require all subcontractors to provide an affidavit attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the contract. Failure to comply will lead to termination of this Contract, or if a subcontractor knowingly violates the statute, the subcontract must be terminated immediately. Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Circuit Court no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the date of termination. Termination of this Contract under this Section is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. If this contract is terminated for a violation of the statute by the Contractor, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for a period of one (1) year after the date of termination.

ARTICLE 18

PUBLIC RECORDS

18.1 The City of Pembroke Pines is public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The Contractor shall comply with Florida’s Public Records Law. Specifically, the Contractor shall:

18.1.1 Keep and maintain public records required by the CITY to perform the service;



18.1.2 Upon request from the CITY's custodian of public records, provide the CITY with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;

18.1.3 Ensure that public records that are exempt or that are confidential and exempt from public record disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and, following completion of the contract, CONTRACTOR shall destroy all copies of such confidential and exempt records remaining in its possession after the CONTRACTOR transfers the records in its possession to the CITY; and

18.1.4 Upon completion of the contract, CONTRACTOR shall transfer to the CITY, at no cost to the CITY, all public records in CONTRACTOR's possession. All records stored electronically by the CONTRACTOR must be provided to the CITY, upon request from the CITY's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the CITY.

18.2 The failure of Contractor to comply with the provisions set forth in this Article shall constitute a Default and Breach of this Agreement and the CITY shall enforce the Default in accordance with the provisions set forth herein.

IF CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

**CITY CLERK
601 CITY CENTER WAY, 4th FLOOR
PEMBROKE PINES, FL 33025
(954) 450-1050
mgraham@ppines.com**

**ARTICLE 19
MISCELLANEOUS**

19.1 **Ownership of Documents.** Reports, surveys, studies, and other data provided in connection with this Agreement are and shall remain the property of CITY, whether or not the project for which they are made is completed.

19.2 **Legal Representation.** It is acknowledged that each party to this Agreement had the opportunity to be represented by counsel in the preparation of this Agreement, and accordingly,



the rule that a contract shall be interpreted strictly against the party preparing same shall not apply herein due to the joint contributions of both Parties.

19.3 **Records.** CONTRACTOR shall keep such records and accounts and require any and all subcontractors to keep records and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries as to personnel hours charged to this engagement, and any expenses for which CONTRACTOR expects to be reimbursed. Such books and records will be available at all reasonable times for examination and audit by CITY and shall be kept for a period of five (5) years after the completion of all work to be performed pursuant to this Agreement. Incomplete or incorrect entries in such books and records will be grounds for disallowance by CITY of any fees or expenses based upon such entries.

19.4 **Assignments; Amendments.** This Agreement, and any interests herein, shall not be assigned, transferred or otherwise encumbered, under any circumstances, by CONTRACTOR without the prior written consent of CITY. For purposes of this Agreement, any change of ownership of CONTRACTOR shall constitute an assignment which requires CITY approval. However, this Agreement shall run to the benefit of CITY and its successors and assigns. It is further agreed that no modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document executed with the same formality and of equal dignity herewith.

19.5 **No Contingent Fees.** CONTRACTOR warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONTRACTOR to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONTRACTOR any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For the breach or violation of this provision, CITY shall have the right to terminate the Agreement without liability at its discretion, to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.

19.6 **Notice.** Whenever any party desires to give notice unto any other party, it must be given by written notice, sent by certified United States mail, with return receipt requested, addressed to the party for whom it is intended and the remaining party, at the places last specified, and the places for giving of notice shall remain such until they shall have been changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this section. For the present, CONTRACTOR and CITY designate the following as the respective places for giving of notice:

CITY: Charles F. Dodge, City Manager
City of Pembroke Pines
601 City Center Way, 4th Floor
Pembroke Pines, Florida 33025
Telephone No. (954) 450-1040

Copy To: Samuel S. Goren, City Attorney



Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A.
3099 East Commercial Boulevard, Suite 200
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308
Telephone No. (954) 771-4500
Facsimile No. (954) 771-4923

CONTRACTOR: Certiport, a business of NCS Pearson, Inc.
Attention: VP Channel Operations
1276 South 820 East Suite 200
American Fork, Utah 84003
Telephone No. (801) 847-3100
Facsimile No. (801) 492-4118

Copy To: Certiport, a business of NCS Pearson, Inc.
Attention: Legal
5601 Green Valley Drive Bloomington,
Minnesota 55437
Telephone No. (952) 681-3406
Telephone No. (952) 681-3140

19.7 **Binding Authority.** Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of either party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.

19.8 **Headings.** Headings herein are for the convenience of reference only and shall not be considered in any interpretation of this Agreement.

19.9 **Exhibits.** Each Exhibit referred to in this Agreement forms an essential part of this Agreement. The exhibits if not physically attached should be treated as part of this Agreement and are incorporated herein by reference.

19.10 **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement or application thereof to any person or situation shall to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, and the application of such provisions to persons or situations other than those as to which it shall have been held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and shall continue in full force and effect, and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

19.11 **Extent of Agreement.** This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between CITY and CONTRACTOR and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral.

19.12 **Waiver.** Failure of CITY to insist upon strict performance of any provision or condition of this Agreement, or to execute any right therein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or



relinquishment for the future of any such provision, condition, or right, but the same shall remain in full force and effect.

19.13 **Attorneys' Fees.** In the event that either party brings suit for enforcement of this Agreement, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and court costs, except as otherwise provided under the indemnification provisions set forth herein above.

19.14 **Counterparts and Execution.** This Agreement may be executed by hand or electronically in multiple originals or counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Parties shall be legally binding, valid and effective upon delivery of the executed documents to the other party through facsimile transmission, email, or other electronic delivery.

19.15 **Compliance with Statutes.** It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to be aware of and comply with all statutes, ordinances, rules, orders, regulations and requirements of all local, City, state, and federal agencies as applicable.

19.15.1 **Compliance with Jessica Lunsford Act** CONTRACTOR shall comply with Chapter 1012, Florida Statutes, which requires Level II background screening for vendors performing services at a Florida public school or for a public school district, if applicable.

19.16 **Scrutinized Companies.** CONTRACTOR, its principals or owners, certify that they are not listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or is engaged in business operations with Syria. In accordance with Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, as amended, a company is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with any agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of:

19.16.1 Any amount if, at the time bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, the company is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel; or

19.16.2 One million dollars or more if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, the company:

19.16.2.1 Is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes; or

19.16.2.2 Is engaged in business operations in Syria.



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IN WITNESS OF THE FOREGOING, the Parties have set their hands and seals the day and year first written above.

CITY:

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

MARLENE D. GRAHAM, CITY CLERK

BY: _____
MAYOR FRANK C. ORTIS

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: _____
CHARLES F. DODGE, CITY MANAGER

Print Name: _____
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

CONTRACTOR:

NCS PEARSON, INC.

Signed By: Bill Brothers
Bill Brothers (Sep 18, 2021 10:04 MDT)

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Name: Bill Brothers

Title: Director Finance Business Partnering