



Consulting and Technical Services Plus (CATS+)

Task Order Request for Proposals (TORFP)

Project Manager to Support the
Expansion Instructional Toolkit

TORFP# R00B4400005

MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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KEY INFORMATION SUMMARY SHEET

This CATS+TORFP is issued to obtain the services necessary to satisfy the requirements defined in Section 2 - Scope of Work. All CATS+ Master Contractors approved to perform work in the functional area under which this TORFP is released are invited to submit a Task Order (TO) Proposal to this TORFP. Master Contractors choosing not to submit a proposal shall submit a Master Contractor Feedback form. The form is accessible via, your CATS+ Master Contractor login screen and clicking on TORFP Feedback Response Form from the menu. In addition to the requirements of this TORFP, the Master Contractors are subject to all terms and conditions contained in the CATS+ RFP issued by the Maryland Department of Information Technology (DoIT) and subsequent Master Contract Project Number 060B2490023, including any amendments.

TORFP Title:	Project Manager to Support the Expansion of the Instructional Toolkit
Functional Area:	Functional Area 10 – IT Management Consulting Services
TORFP Issue Date:	FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2013
Closing Date and Time:	Wednesday, August 14, 2013 no later than 2:00 PM ET
TORFP Issuing Agency:	Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) 200 West Baltimore Street Baltimore, MD 21201
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TO Project Number:	R00B4400005
TO Type:	Time and Materials
Period of Performance:	August/September 2013 – June 30, 2014 with the one year renewal option
MBE Goal:	0%
Small Business Reserve (SBR):	No
Primary Place of Performance:	MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 200 West Baltimore Street Baltimore, MD 21201
TO Pre-proposal Conference:	MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 200 West Baltimore Street Baltimore, MD 21201 Thursday, August 1, 2013 @ 10:00 AM ET See Attachment 5 for directions.

SECTION 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1.1 RESPONSIBILITY FOR TORFP AND TO AGREEMENT

The TO Procurement Officer has the primary responsibility for the management of the TORFP process, for the resolution of TO Agreement scope issues, and for authorizing any changes to the TO Agreement.

The TO Manager has the primary responsibility for the management of the work performed under the TO Agreement; administration functions, including issuing written directions; ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions of the CATS+ Master Contract; and, in conjunction with the selected Master Contractor, achieving on budget/on time/on target (e.g., within scope) completion of the Scope of Work.

1.2 TO AGREEMENT

Based upon an evaluation of TO Proposal responses, a Master Contractor will be selected to conduct the work defined in Section 2 - Scope of Work. A specific TO Agreement, Attachment 2, will then be entered into between the State and the selected Master Contractor, which will bind the selected Master Contractor (TO Contractor) to the contents of its TO Proposal, including the price proposal.

1.3 TO PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

The TO Procurement Officer will not accept submissions after the date and exact time stated in the Key Information Summary Sheet above. The date and time of submission is determined by the date and time of arrival in the TO Procurement Officer's e-mail box. The TO Proposal is to be submitted via e-mail attachment in PDF format and shall not exceed 10MB. The "subject" line in the e-mail submission shall state the TORFP #R00B3400086. The first file will be the TO Proposal technical response to this TORFP and shall be titled , "CATS+ TORFP #R00B3400086 Technical". The second file will be the financial response to this CATS+ TORFP and shall be titled, "CATS+ TORFP #R00B3400086 Financial". The following proposal documents shall be submitted with required signatures as .PDF files with signatures clearly visible:

- Attachment 1 – Price Proposal
- Attachment 3 - Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure
- Attachment 4 – Labor Classification Personnel Resume Summary
- Attachment 9 – Non-Disclosure Agreement (Offeror)
- Attachment 12 – Living Wage Affidavit of Agreement

1.4 ORAL PRESENTATIONS/INTERVIEWS

All Master Contractors and proposed staff will be required to make an oral presentation to State representatives. Significant representations made by a Master Contractor during the oral presentation shall be submitted in writing. All such representations will become part of the Master Contractor's proposal and are binding, if the Contract is awarded. The Procurement Officer will notify Master Contractor of the time and place of oral presentations.

1.5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The TO Contractor awarded the TO Agreement shall provide IT technical and/or consulting services for State agencies or component programs with those agencies, and shall do so impartially and without any conflicts of interest. Each Master Contractor shall complete and include a Conflict of Interest Affidavit in the form included as Attachment 3 of this TORFP with its TO Proposal. If the TO Procurement Officer makes a determination that facts or circumstances exist that give rise to or could in the future give rise to a conflict of interest within the meaning of COMAR 21.05.08.08A, the TO Procurement Officer may reject a Master Contractor's TO Proposal under COMAR 21.06.02.03B.

Master Contractors should be aware that the State Ethics Law, State Government Article, §15-508, might limit the selected Master Contractor's ability to participate in future related procurements, depending upon specific circumstances.

1.6 NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Certain system documentation may be available for potential Offerors to review at a reading room at MSDE – 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Offerors who review such documentation will be required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (Offeror) in the form of Attachment 9. Please contact the TO Procurement Officer of this TORFP to schedule an appointment.

In addition, certain documentation may be required by the TO Contractor awarded the TO Agreement in order to fulfill the requirements of the TO Agreement. The TO Contractor, employees and agents who review such documents will be required to sign, including but not limited to, a Non-Disclosure Agreement (TO Contractor) in the form of Attachment 10.

1.7 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY CEILING

Pursuant to Section 27 (C) of the CATS+ Master Contract, the limitation of liability per claim under this TORFP shall not exceed the total TO Agreement amount.

1.8 CONTRACT MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

DoIT is responsible for contract management oversight on the CATS+ Master Contract. As part of that oversight, DoIT has implemented a process for self-reporting contract management activities of CATS+ task orders (TO). This process shall typically apply to active TOs for operations and maintenance services valued at \$1 million or greater, but all CATS+ TOs are subject to review.

Attachment 11 is a sample of the TO Contractor Self-Reporting Checklist. DoIT will send initial checklists out to applicable TO Contractors approximately three months after the award date for a TO. The TO Contractor shall complete and return the checklist as instructed on the checklist. Subsequently, at six month intervals from the due date on the initial checklist, the TO Contractor shall update and resend the checklist to DoIT.

SECTION 2 - SCOPE OF WORK

2.1 PURPOSE

MSDE is issuing this CATS+ TORFP to obtain a project management resource to oversee the implementation of a Race to the Top (RTTT) project that expands the Online Instructional Toolkit (OIT). Given the sensitivity of data associated with this project, the TO Contractor Personnel assigned to this project shall comply with the requirements of CATS+ RFP Section 2.4.3.2 and sign non-disclosure agreements as described in Section 1.6 above.

2.2 REQUESTING AGENCY BACKGROUND

MSDE is a State agency that was established in 1916, and is overseen by The State Board of Education, to provide for the “general care and supervision of public education” in Maryland. MDSE is currently made up of 16 Divisions that oversee, develop, and support the delivery of PreK-12 education through 24 county schools systems.

MSDE exemplifies energetic leadership and innovative products and services to improve public education, library services, and rehabilitation services. The Agency has receives funds from the US Department of Education and other entities to implement educational reforms in Maryland and improve the collection and dissemination of information on school and student performance.

2.3 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

TO Procurement Officer – The TO Procurement Officer has the primary responsibility for the management of the TORFP process, for the resolution of TO Agreement scope issues, and for authorizing any changes to the TO Agreement.

TO Manager - The TO Manager has the primary responsibility for the management of the work performed under the TO Agreement; administration functions, including issuing written directions; ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions of the CATS+ Master Contract; and, in conjunction with the selected Master Contractor, achieving on-budget/on-time/on target (e.g., within scope) completion of the Scope of Work.

TO Manager will assign tasks to the personnel provided under this TORFP and will track and monitor the work being performed through the monthly accounting of hours deliverable for work types, actual work produced will be reconciled with the hours reported.

Project Manager - The Project Manager, the resource assigned by the TO Contractor, will fill the role of a functional project manager to manage daily execution activities relating to the expansion of the OIT. The Project Manager shall oversee the development of contractor work products used for aggregating instructional resources for teachers across the State of Maryland.

2.4 REQUIREMENTS

The Project Manager shall provide day-to-day management of the project, identifies issues and risks, and recommends possible issue and risk mitigation strategies associated with the project. The Project Manager shall also acts as a facilitator between a State agency and the OIT vendor, and is responsible for ensuring that work performed under other TOs is within scope, consistent with

requirements, and delivered on time and on budget. The Project Manager also identifies critical paths, tasks, dates, testing, and acceptance criteria and ensures that the project stays on track and meets all RTTT grant objectives.

The Project Manager will also define, develop, and implement project deliverables and carry out assigned duties that include but are not limited to:

- a. Developing project initiation and planning documents in accordance to SDLC standards. Documents may include the project charter, schedule, system boundary, and other related documentation.
- b. Working collaboratively with the OIT vendor and other RTTT project teams to define and prepare required documents, including functional requirements, testing, and acceptance delivery documentation to ensure that deliverables meet State requirements.
- c. Creating project work plans and maintaining issue logs relating to the execution of the project.
- d. Provide direction and oversight of technical and functional staff working on the project. Frequent communications to stakeholders will include RTTT Technical Program Director and the Director of Instructional Technology for the State of Maryland.

2.5 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Project Manager shall perform the duties outlined below:

ID #	Project Management Responsibilities	Associated Deliverable ID # (From section 2.6.2 below):
2.5.1	Monitor the loading of educator resources to a vendor provided online portal. The portal shall be used to aggregate instructional resources for teachers across the State.	
2.5.2	Perform day-to-day management of the project; identify issues and risks; and recommend possible issue and risk mitigation strategies associated with the project.	
2.5.3	Facilitate project execution activities, including meetings, between the State and the OIT vendor, ensuring that work performed under TOs is within scope, consistent with requirements, and delivered on time and on budget.	2.6.2.3
2.5.4	Identify critical paths, tasks, dates, testing, and acceptance criteria and ensures that the project meets all grant RTTT objectives.	2.6.2.2
2.5.5	Provide quarterly grant reporting data as required under RTTT grant reporting guidelines	2.6.2.4
2.5.6	Provide guidance and oversight consistent with PMI and PMBOK principles of project management and the State of Maryland SDLC. Manage and integrate project resources including oversight of the project team. Exercise PM best practices for the Project and oversee and perform project activities consistent with the nine knowledge areas including:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement Management - consisting of procurement planning, contracts planning, authoring solicitations, evaluation, requesting solicitation responses, selecting contractor(s), administering contract(s), and contract(s) closing activities. • Schedule Management - consisting of activity definition and sequencing, resource estimating, duration estimating, schedule development, and schedule control activities. • Integration Management - consisting of project plan development, project plan execution, and integrated change control activities. • Scope Management - consisting of project initiation, scope planning, scope definition and scope change control activities. • Cost Management - consisting of resource planning, cost estimating, budgeting and cost control activities. • Human Resources Management - consisting of organizational planning, project team acquisition and staff development activities. • Risk Management - consisting of risk management planning, risk identification, risk quantitative and qualitative analysis, response planning, monitoring, and control activities. • Quality Management - consisting of quality planning, quality assurance and quality control activities. <p>Communications Management - consisting of communications planning, information distribution, progress and performance reporting, and stakeholder communications management activities.</p>	
2.5.7	<p>Manage updates to the <i>Project Management Plan</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that plan components adequately document how the project will be executed, monitored and controlled. • Ensure that the plan adequately defines the managerial, technical, and supporting processes and activities necessary for sound project development. <p>Ensure that the plan adequately covers topics such as Scope Management, Schedule Management, Quality Management, Resource Management, Communications Management, Project Change Management, Risk Management, Procurement Management and others as deemed necessary to manage the project.</p>	2.6.2.5

2.5.8	Manage updates to the Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) consistent with PMBOK standards for all project work.	2.6.2.1
2.5.9	<p>Manage update to the Integrated Master Schedule based on the WBS (see 2.5.8 above) and usable for tracking project activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This schedule shall include all project management, agency and contractor(s) activities in sufficient detail to manage the project. • The schedule shall include milestones, deliverables, periods of performance, degrees of completion, and assigned resources for all project activities. • The activities duration in the master schedule shall be at appropriate level of granularity to manage and track project progress. As a general rule of thumb, activity durations on the master schedule shall be broken down to greater than 8 hours and less than 80 hours in duration. <p>Oversee appropriate updates to the Project Management Plan (see 2.5.7 above) and related project components as outlined in the SDLC.</p>	2.6.2.2
2.5.10	<p>Manage updates to the Risk Management Plan (RMP) and Risk Registry.</p> <p>At a minimum the RMP shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and prioritize potential risks to successful completion of the SDLC Phases. • Incorporate pertinent risk information found in team member status reports. <p>Include a Risk Registry of all project risks that will be updated throughout the project.</p>	2.6.2.6
2.5.11	<p>Manage updates to the Requirements Traceability Matrix (RTM) that describes and provides a numbering system for all project requirements for traceability through testing. The RTM shall include test scenarios and acceptance criteria for all technical and functional requirements. The PM shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate and ensure that the Project Team members participates in requirements development as needed and traces requirements through testing and implementation via updates to the RTM. • Ensure that RTM updates are in conjunction with weekly requirements / design reviews. • Work closely with the Project Team and any 	2.6.2.7

	<p>Contractors to develop or review and update detailed project requirements. Requirements activities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Stakeholder interviews; – Documenting before and after business processes; – Review of existing requirements documentation; – Joint Application Development (JAD) sessions; – COTS software “gap fit analysis”; – Demonstrations of existing similar systems (benchmarking); and – Requirements walkthroughs 	
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2.6 DELIVERABLES

2.6.1 DELIVERABLE SUBMISSION PROCESS

For each written deliverable, draft and final, the TO Contractor shall submit to the TO Manager one hard copy and one electronic copy compatible with the latest versions of Microsoft Office, Microsoft Project and/or Microsoft Visio applications.

Drafts of all final deliverables are required at least two weeks in advance of when all final deliverables are due. Written deliverables defined as draft documents shall demonstrate due diligence in meeting the scope and requirements of the associated final written deliverable. A draft written deliverable may contain limited structural errors such as poor grammar, misspellings or incorrect punctuation, but shall:

- A) Be presented in a format appropriate for the subject matter and depth of discussion.
- B) Be organized in a manner that presents a logical flow of the deliverable’s content.
- C) Represent factual information reasonably expected to have been known at the time of submittal.
- D) Present information that is relevant to the Section of the deliverable being discussed.
- E) Represent a significant level of completeness towards the associated final written deliverable that supports a concise final deliverable acceptance process.

Upon completion of a deliverable, the TO Contractor shall document each deliverable in final form to the TO Manager for acceptance. The TO Contractor shall memorialize such delivery in an Agency Receipt of Deliverable Form (Attachment 7). The TO Manager shall countersign the Agency Receipt of Deliverable Form indicating receipt of the contents described therein.

Upon receipt of a final deliverable, the TO Manager shall commence a review of the deliverable as required to validate the completeness and quality in meeting requirements. Upon completion of validation, the TO Manager shall issue to the TO Contractor notice of acceptance or rejection of the deliverables in an Agency Acceptance of Deliverable Form (Attachment 8). In the event of rejection, the TO Contractor shall correct the identified deficiencies or non-conformities. Subsequent project tasks may not continue until deficiencies with a deliverable are rectified and

accepted by the TO Manager or the TO Manager has specifically issued, in writing, a waiver for conditional continuance of project tasks. Once the State’s issues have been addressed and resolutions are accepted by the TO Manager, the TO Contractor will incorporate the resolutions into the deliverable and resubmit the deliverable for acceptance. Accepted deliverables shall be invoiced within 30 days in the applicable invoice format (Reference 2.10 Invoicing).

A written deliverable defined as a final document shall satisfy the scope and requirements of this TORFP for that deliverable. Final written deliverables shall not contain structural errors such as poor grammar, misspellings or incorrect punctuation, and shall:

- A) Be presented in a format appropriate for the subject matter and depth of discussion.
- B) Be organized in a manner that presents a logical flow of the deliverable’s content.
- C) Represent factual information reasonably expected to have been known at the time of submittal.
- D) Present information that is relevant to the Section of the deliverable being discussed.

The State required deliverables are defined below. Within each task, the TO Contractor may suggest other subtasks or deliverables to improve the quality and success of the project.

2.6.2 DELIVERABLE DESCRIPTIONS / ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

ID #	Deliverable Description	Acceptance Criteria	Due Date / Frequency
2.6.2.1	<i>Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)</i>	MS Word or Excel document (or mutually agreed upon document) that contains tiers showing project milestones or phases in the top level with a breakdown of major project tasks into manageable “work packages” underneath. Work packages at the bottom level should have no smaller than two-week durations and have measurable, testable, or observable outputs suitable for tracking project progress. Properly formatted and edited document that articulates the work products that are to be produced under the project, showing State and Contractor resources	Updated quarterly or as directed by the TO Manager
2.6.2.2	<i>Integrated Master Schedule (IMS)</i>	MS Project document (or mutually agreed upon document) that is based on the WBS and suitable for tracking project activities. At a minimum, the Master Schedule shall show milestones, deliverables, times of performance, degrees of completion and resources for all project activities during the SDLC. The activities durations in the master schedule should have the appropriate degree of granularity to manage and track project progress. This is a single, base-lined and periodically updated deliverable encompassing all project activities. The IMS shall include the work breakdown structure with associated milestones,	Update bi-weekly or as directed by the TO Manager

		activity relationships, critical path activities, milestones delivery dates, and execution activities. Finally, it shall align to the RTTT reporting template that outlines activities by grant year and reporting quarter	
2.6.2.3	<i>Meeting planning documentation to include agendas and meeting minutes</i>	Frequent project team meetings with: (a) internal State resources to review submitted deliverables, reporting, and issue escalation, and (b) external vendor resources to oversee content review and aggregation. Properly planned meeting agendas, with action items and status reporting of assigned tasks emerging out of the meeting	2 Business Days after meeting
2.6.2.4	<i>Quarterly grant reporting data for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act–ARRA 1512 reporting</i>	Completion of State provided ARRA templates each quarter. For more information see: (http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/section-1512.html) as required under RTTT grant reporting guidelines	Quarterly
2.6.2.5	<i>Project Management Plan</i>	MS Word document (or mutually agreed upon document) that defines how the project will be executed, monitored and controlled. The document will be developed with input from the project team and key stakeholders. The plan should address topics including Scope Management, Schedule Management, Financial Management, Quality Management, Resource Management, Communications Management, Project Change Management, Risk Management, and Procurement Management as defined in the PMBOK. The Project Management Plan shall comply with Maryland’s SDLC and Section 2.5 requirements for the deliverable.	Updated quarterly or as directed by the TO Manager
2.6.2.6	<i>Risk Management Plan (RMP) and Risk Registry</i>	MS Word or Excel document (or mutually agreed upon document) that describes the risk management procedures for the project. The RMP will include a table of potential risks and recommended risk responses, and will incorporate risk information found in deliverables provided by the Development Contractor. This is a single, periodically updated deliverable encompassing all project risks. A <i>Risk Registry</i> will be created for logging all project risk using MS Excel or other appropriate table format. The Risk Management Plan shall comply with Maryland’s SDLC and Section 2.5 requirements for the deliverable.	Update bi-weekly or as directed by the TO Manager
2.6.2.7	<i>Requirements Traceability Matrix (RTM)</i>	MS Word or Excel document (or mutually agreed upon document) that describes technical and functional requirements. At a minimum, requirements should be numbered for traceability, testable and the descriptions unambiguous. The	Updated bi-weekly or as directed by the TO Manager

		RTM should contain acceptance criteria for each requirement and a test method for verifying completion based on the criteria. The RTM shall comply with Maryland’s SDLC and Section 2.5 requirements for the deliverable.	
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2.7 REQUIRED PROJECT POLICIES, GUIDELINES AND METHODOLOGIES

The TO Contractor shall be required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, standards and guidelines affecting information technology projects, which may be created or changed periodically. The TO Contractor shall adhere to and remain abreast of current, new, and revised laws, regulations, policies, standards and guidelines affecting project execution. The following policies, guidelines and methodologies can be found at <http://doit.maryland.gov/policies/Pages/ContractPolicies.aspx> under “Policies and Guidance.” These may include, but are not limited to:

- The State of Maryland System Development Life Cycle (SDLC) methodology
- The State of Maryland Information Technology Security Policies
- The State of Maryland Information Technology Project Oversight
- The State of Maryland Enterprise Architecture
- The TO Contractor shall follow the project management methodologies that are consistent with the Project Management Institute’s Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK) Guide. TO Contractor’s staff and sub-Contractors are to follow a consistent methodology for all TO activities.

2.8 TO CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL EXPERTISE REQUIRED

The TO Contractor shall be capable of furnishing all necessary services required to successfully complete all tasks and work requirements and produce high quality deliverables described herein. The Master Contractor shall demonstrate, in its proposal, that it possesses such expertise in-house or has fostered strategic alliances with other firms for providing such services:

2.9 TO CONTRACTOR MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The proposed candidate shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. EDUCATION – BS in an IT discipline required.
2. Project Management Professional (PMP) certification required
3. At least three (3) years of vendor management experience managing commercially available off the shelf software implementations and content development and delivery projects
4. One year (1) experience working in a State of Maryland agency or other state agencies.

2.10 INVOICING

Invoicing will be based on a time and materials contract where invoice payments to the TO Contractor shall be governed by the terms and conditions defined in the CATS+ Master Contract. A

proper invoice for payment shall contain the TO Contractor's Federal Tax Identification Number, as well as the information described below, and shall be submitted to the TO Manager for payment approval. Payment of invoices will be withheld if a signed Acceptance of Deliverable form – Attachment 8, is not submitted.

2.10.1 INVOICE SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

This procedure consists of the following requirements and steps:

- A) The invoice shall identify the MSDE as the TO Requesting Agency, deliverable description, associated TO Agreement number, date of invoice, period of performance covered by the invoice, and a TO Contractor point of contact with telephone number.
- B) The TO Contractor shall send the original of each invoice and supporting documentation (itemized billing reference for employees and any subcontractor and signed Acceptance of Deliverable form – Attachment 8, for each deliverable being invoiced submitted for payment to the MSDE at the following address:
 - Maryland State Department of Education
 - Attention: Accounts Payable
 - 200 West Baltimore Street
 - Baltimore, MD 21201
- C) Invoices for final payment shall be clearly marked as “FINAL” and submitted when all work requirements have been completed and no further charges are to be incurred under the TO Agreement. In no event shall any invoice be submitted later than 60 calendar days from the TO Agreement termination date.

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SECTION 3 - TASK ORDER PROPOSAL FORMAT AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

3.1 REQUIRED RESPONSE

Each Master Contractor receiving this CATS+ TORFP shall respond within the submission time designated in the Key Information Summary Sheet. Each Master Contractor is required to submit one of two possible responses: 1) a proposal; or 2) a completed Master Contractor Feedback Form. The feedback form helps the State understand for future contract development why Master Contractors did not submit proposals. The form is accessible via the CATS+ Master Contractor login screen and clicking on TORFP Feedback Response Form from the menu.

3.2 FORMAT

If a Master Contractor elects to submit a TO Proposal, the Master Contractor shall do so in conformance with the requirements of this CATS+ TORFP. A TO Proposal shall contain the following sections in order:

3.2.1 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

A) Proposed Services

Executive Summary: A high level overview of the Master Contractor's understanding of the background, purpose, and objectives of the TORFP. The Executive Summary shall summarize the Master Contractor's capabilities and experience, and summarize the proposed methodology and solution for achieving the objectives of the TORFP.

- 1) Proposed Solution: A detailed narrative of the Master Contractor's proposed methodology and solution for completing the requirements and deliverables in Section 2 - Scope of Work. This section shall include a comprehensive schedule of tasks and estimated times frames for completing all requirements and deliverables, including any tasks to be performed by State or third party personnel.

B) Proposed Personnel

- 1) Identify and provide one resume for the proposed personnel by labor category. The resume shall feature prominently the proposed personnel's skills and experience as they relate to the Master Contractor's proposed solution and Section 2 – Scope of Work.
- 2) Certification that all proposed personnel meet the minimum required qualifications and possess the required certifications in accordance to Section 2.7.
- 3) Provide the names and titles of the Master Contractor's management staff who will supervise the personnel and quality of services rendered under this TO Agreement.
- 4) Complete and provide, at the interview, Attachment 4 – Labor Classification Personnel Resume Summary.

C) Subcontractors

- 1) Identify all proposed subcontractors, including MBEs, and their roles in the performance of Section 2 - Scope of Work.

D) Master Contractor and Subcontractor Experience and Capabilities

- 1) Provide up to three (3) references for projects or contracts the Master Contractor's proposed candidate has completed that were similar to Section 2 - Scope of Work. Each example shall include contact information for the client organization complete with the following:
 - a) Name of organization.
 - b) Point of contact name, title, and telephone number
 - c) Services provided as they relate to Section 2 - Scope of Work.
 - d) Start and end dates for each example project or contract. If the Master Contractor is no longer providing the services, explain why not.
- 2) State of Maryland Experience: If applicable, the Master Contractor shall submit a list of all contracts it currently holds or has held within the past five (5) years with any entity of the State of Maryland. For each identified contract, the Master Contractor shall provide:
 - a) Name of organization.
 - b) Point of contact name, title, and telephone number
 - c) Services provided as they relate to Section 2 - Scope of Work.
 - d) Start and end dates for each example project or contract. If the Master Contractor is no longer providing the services, explain why not.
 - e) Dollar value of the contract.
 - f) Whether the contract was terminated before the original expiration date.
 - g) Whether any renewal options were not exercised.

Note - State of Maryland experience can be included as part of Section D2 above as project or contract experience. State of Maryland experience is neither required nor given more weight in proposal evaluations.

E) Proposed Facility

- 1) Identify Master Contractor's facilities, including address, from which any work will be performed.

F) State Assistance

- 1) Provide an estimate of expectation concerning participation by State personnel.

G) Confidentiality

- 1) A Master Contractor should give specific attention to the identification of those portions of its proposal that it considers confidential, proprietary commercial information or trade secrets, and provide justification why such materials, upon

request, should not be disclosed by the State under the Public Information Act, Title 10, Subtitle 6, of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Contractors are advised that, upon request for this information from a third party, the TO Procurement Officer will be required to make an independent determination regarding whether the information may be disclosed.

3.2.2 FINANCIAL RESPONSE

- A) A description of any assumptions on which the Master Contractor's Financial Proposal is based (Assumptions shall not constitute conditions, contingencies, or exceptions to the price proposal);
- B) Attachment 1 Completed Financial Proposal with all rates fully loaded.

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SECTION 4 – TASK ORDER AWARD PROCESS

4.1 OVERVIEW

The TO Contractor will be selected from among all eligible Master Contractors within the appropriate functional area responding to the CATS+ TORFP. In making the TO Agreement award determination, the TO Requesting Agency will consider all information submitted in accordance with Section 3.

4.2 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following are technical criteria for evaluating a TO Proposal in descending order of importance.

1. Project manager with PMP credential
2. Experience overseeing vendor delivered solutions
3. Experience producing Microsoft project schedules and work plans
4. Experience leading cross-functional teams
5. Experience working for a State of Maryland Agency or other state agencies.

4.3 SELECTION PROCEDURES

- A) TO Proposals will be assessed throughout the evaluation process for compliance with the minimum personnel qualifications in Section 2.9 and quality of responses to Section 3.2.1 of the TORFP. TO Proposals deemed technically qualified will have their financial proposal considered. All others will be deemed not reasonably susceptible to award and will receive e-mail notice from the TO Procurement Officer of not being selected to perform the work.
- B) The State will require interviews with all qualified personnel proposed by each of the qualified Master Contractors.
- C) Qualified TO Proposal financial responses will be reviewed and ranked from lowest to highest price proposed.
- D) The most advantageous TO Proposal offer considering technical and financial submission shall be selected for the work assignment. In making this selection, the technical will have greater weight than the financial.

4.4 COMMENCEMENT OF WORK UNDER A TO AGREEMENT

Commencement of work in response to a TO Agreement shall be initiated only upon issuance of a fully executed TO Agreement, a Non-Disclosure Agreement (To Contractor), a Purchase Order, and by a Notice to Proceed authorized by the TO Procurement Officer. See Attachment 6 - Notice to Proceed (sample).

ATTACHMENT 1 – PRICE PROPOSAL

PROJECT MANAGER TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLKIT

PRICE PROPOSAL - FOR CATS+ TORFP # R00B4400005

	A	B	C
LABOR CATEGORY 2	Fully Loaded Hourly Labor Rate	ESTIMATED Class Hours Annually	Total Proposed CATS II TORFP Price
Project Manger	\$	2080 (Year 1)	\$
Project Manager	\$	2080 (Option Period 1)	\$
TOTAL BASE PERIOD			\$

VENDOR'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____ FAX NO. _____

FIN _____ DUNS NO _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____

PRINTED NAME _____

TITLE _____ DATE _____

ATTACHMENT 2 – TASK ORDER AGREEMENT

CATS+ TORFP# R00B4400005 OF MASTER CONTRACT #060B2490023

This Task Order Agreement (“TO Agreement”) is made this day of Month, 2013 by and between Task Order Contractor (TO Contractor) and the MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (MSDE).

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual premises and the covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions. In this TO Agreement, the following words have the meanings indicated:
 - a. “Agency” means the Maryland State Department of Education, as identified in the CATS+ TORFP # R00B3400086.
 - b. “CATS+ TORFP” means the Task Order Request for Proposals # R00B3400086, dated MONTH DAY, YEAR, including any addenda.
 - c. “Master Contract” means the CATS+ Master Contract between the Maryland Department of Information Technology and TO Contractor dated MONTH DAY, YEAR.
 - d. “TO Procurement Officer” means Albert Annan. The Agency may change the TO Procurement Officer at any time by written notice to the TO Contractor.
 - e. “TO Agreement” means this signed TO Agreement between MSDE and TO Contractor.
 - f. “TO Contractor” means the CATS+ Master Contractor awarded this TO Agreement, whose principal business address is _____.
 - g. “TO Manager” means TO Manager of the Agency. The Agency may change the TO Manager at any time by written notice to the TO Contractor.
 - h. “TO Proposal - Technical” means the TO Contractor’s technical response to the CATS+ TORFP dated date of TO Proposal – Technical.
 - i. “TO Proposal – Financial” means the TO Contractor’s financial response to the CATS+ TORFP dated date of TO Proposal - Financial.
 - j. “TO Proposal” collectively refers to the TO Proposal – Technical and TO Proposal – Financial.
2. Scope of Work
 - 2.1 This TO Agreement incorporates all of the terms and conditions of the Master Contract and shall not in any way amend, conflict with or supercede the Master Contract.
 - 2.2 The TO Contractor shall, in full satisfaction of the specific requirements of this TO Agreement, provide the services set forth in Section 2 of the CATS+ TORFP. These services shall be provided in accordance with the Master Contract, this TO Agreement, and the following Exhibits, which are attached and incorporated herein by reference. If there is any conflict among the Master Contract, this TO Agreement, and these Exhibits, the terms of the Master Contract shall govern. If there is any

conflict between this TO Agreement and any of these Exhibits, the following order of precedence shall determine the prevailing provision:

- a. The TO Agreement,
- b. Exhibit A – CATS+ TORFP
- c. Exhibit B – TO Proposal-Technical
- d. Exhibit C – TO Proposal-Financial

2.3 The TO Procurement Officer may, at any time, by written order, make changes in the work within the general scope of the TO Agreement. No other order, statement or conduct of the TO Procurement Officer or any other person shall be treated as a change or entitle the TO Contractor to an equitable adjustment under this Section. Except as otherwise provided in this TO Agreement, if any change under this Section causes an increase or decrease in the TO Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the work, whether or not changed by the order, an equitable adjustment in the TO Agreement price shall be made and the TO Agreement modified in writing accordingly. The TO Contractor must assert in writing its right to an adjustment under this Section within thirty (30) days of receipt of written change order and shall include a written statement setting forth the nature and cost of such claim. No claim by the TO Contractor shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this TO Agreement. Failure to agree to an adjustment under this Section shall be a dispute under the Disputes clause of the Master Contract. Nothing in this Section shall excuse the TO Contractor from proceeding with the TO Agreement as changed.

3. Time for Performance

Unless terminated earlier as provided in the Master Contract, the TO Contractor shall provide the services described in the TO Proposal and in accordance with the CATS+ TORFP on receipt of a Notice to Proceed from the TO Manager. The term of this TO Agreement is for a period of _____, commencing on the date of Notice to Proceed and terminating on **Month Day, Year**.

4. Consideration and Payment

4.1 The consideration to be paid the TO Contractor shall be done so in accordance with the CATS+ TORFP and shall not exceed the total amount of the task order. Any work performed by the TO Contractor in excess of the not-to-exceed ceiling amount of the TO Agreement without the prior written approval of the TO Manager is at the TO Contractor's risk of non-payment.

4.2 Payments to the TO Contractor shall be made as outlined Section 2 of the CATS+ TORFP, but no later than thirty (30) days after the Agency's receipt of an invoice for services provided by the TO Contractor, acceptance by the Agency of services provided by the TO Contractor, and pursuant to the conditions outlined in Section 4 of this Agreement.

4.3 Each invoice for services rendered must include the TO Contractor's Federal Tax Identification Number which is _____. Charges for late payment of invoices other than as prescribed by Title 15, Subtitle 1, of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as from time-to-time amended, are prohibited. Invoices must be submitted to the Accounts Payable, Maryland State Department of Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD. 21201.

4.4 In addition to any other available remedies, if, in the opinion of the TO Procurement Officer, the TO Contractor fails to perform in a satisfactory and timely manner, the TO Procurement Officer may refuse or limit approval of any invoice for payment, and may cause payments to the TO Contractor to be

reduced or withheld until such time as the TO Contractor meets performance standards as established by the TO Procurement Officer.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this TO Agreement as of the date hereinabove set forth.

TO Contractor Name

By: Type or Print TO Contractor POC

Date

Witness: _____

MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

By: Albert Annan, TO Procurement Officer

Date

Witness: _____

**ATTACHMENT 3 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT AND
DISCLOSURE**

- A) "Conflict of interest" means that because of other activities or relationships with other persons, a person is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the State, or the person's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be otherwise impaired, or a person has an unfair competitive advantage.
- B) "Person" has the meaning stated in COMAR 21.01.02.01B(64) and includes a bidder, Offeror, Contractor, consultant, or subcontractor or sub-consultant at any tier, and also includes an employee or agent of any of them if the employee or agent has or will have the authority to control or supervise all or a portion of the work for which a bid or offer is made.
- C) The bidder or Offeror warrants that, except as disclosed in §D, below, there are no relevant facts or circumstances now giving rise or which could, in the future, give rise to a conflict of interest.
- D) The following facts or circumstances give rise or could in the future give rise to a conflict of interest (explain in detail—attach additional sheets if necessary):
- E) The bidder or Offeror agrees that if an actual or potential conflict of interest arises after the date of this affidavit, the bidder or Offeror shall immediately make a full disclosure in writing to the procurement officer of all relevant facts and circumstances. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the bidder or Offeror has taken and proposes to take to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict of interest. If the contract has been awarded and performance of the contract has begun, the Contractor shall continue performance until notified by the procurement officer of any contrary action to be taken.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date: _____

By: _____
(Authorized Representative and Affiant)

SUBMIT AS A .PDF FILE WITH TO RESPONSE

ATTACHMENT 4 – LABOR CLASSIFICATION PERSONNEL RESUME SUMMARY

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Master Contractors must comply with all personnel requirements under the Master Contract RFP 060B2490023.
2. Only labor categories proposed in the Master Contractors Financial Proposal may be proposed under the CATS+ TORFP process.
3. For each person proposed in any of the labor categories, complete one Labor Category Personnel Resume Summary to document how the proposed person meets each of the minimum requirements. This summary is required at the time of the interview.

For example: If you propose John Smith, who is your subcontractor, and you believe he meets the requirements of the Group Facilitator, you will complete the top section of the form by entering John Smith's name and the subcontractor's company name. You will then complete the right side of the Group Facilitator form documenting how the individual meets each of the requirements. Where there is a time requirement such as three months experience, you must provide the dates from and to showing an amount of time that equals or exceeds mandatory time requirement; in this case, three months.

4. Each form also includes examples of duties to perform. The proposed person must be able to fulfill those duties.
5. For each subject matter expert, the State will identify the particular area of expertise and the Master Contractor shall provide proof the individual has qualifications within that area of expertise.
6. Additional information may be attached to each Labor Category Personnel Resume Summary that may assist a full and complete understanding of the individual being proposed.

**ATTACHMENT 4 – LABOR CLASSIFICATION PERSONNEL RESUME SUMMARY
(CONTINUED)**

Proposed Individual’s Name/Company:	How does the proposed individual meet each requirement?
LABOR CLASSIFICATION TITLE – (INSERT LABOR CATEGORY NAME)	
Education: (Insert the education description from the CATS+ RFP from Section 2.10 for the applicable labor category.)	
Experience: (Insert the experience description from the CATS+ RFP from Section 2.10 for the applicable labor category.)	
Duties: (Insert the duties description from the CATS+ RFP from Section 2.10 for the applicable labor category.)	

The information provided on this form for this labor class is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Contractor’s Contract Administrator:

Signature _____ Date

Proposed Individual:

Signature _____ Date

**SUBMIT WITH TECHNICAL PROPOSAL
SIGNATURE REQUIRED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE TECHNICAL
PROPOSAL**

ATTACHMENT 5 – DIRECTIONS

TO THE PRE-TO PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

The Pre-Proposal Conference will be held:

Thursday, August 1, 2013 @ 10:00 AM ET

Maryland State Department of Education

8th Floor, CR 6/7

200 West Baltimore Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

From Interstate 95 (Washington, D. C.)

95 to Exit 53 – “Route 395 North/Downtown”. On 395, take exit “Downtown/Inner Harbor”, which is the left lane. Stay in left lane. “Downtown/Inner Harbor” exit becomes Howard Street. Cross Conway, Camden, and Pratt Streets. After Pratt, get in the right lane. Cross Lombard Street, turn right at next light which is Baltimore Street. You can turn right from both lanes, but the left lane of Howard Street puts you into the left lane of Baltimore Street and gives easy access to the parking lot, and directly across from the First Mariners Arena (Formerly the Baltimore Arena).

From Interstate 95 (North of Baltimore—Philadelphia/New York)

95 South to Baltimore. Pass the exits to 695 – Baltimore Beltway. As soon as you pass the 695 exits, get in the right two lanes. Stay to the right and follow signs to 95 South/Ft. McHenry Tunnel. (The left two lanes go to 895 and the “old” Harbor Tunnel.) When you exit the Ft. McHenry tunnel stay on the right and take the first exit – 395/Baltimore/Downtown. On the exit ramp you should begin to move to the left and continue to follow the signs that say “Downtown/Inner Harbor”. “Downtown/Inner Harbor” exit becomes Howard Street. Cross Conway, Camden, and Pratt Streets. After Pratt, get in the right lane. Cross Lombard Street, turn right at next light which is Baltimore Street. You can turn right from both lanes, but the left lane of Howard Street puts you into the left lane of Baltimore Street and gives easy access to the parking lot next to the building. MSDE is in the middle of the block, on the left, right next to the parking lot, and directly across from the First Mariners Arena (formerly the Baltimore Arena).

From Annapolis – Route 50

Route 50 West to Route 97 North to Baltimore to exit “695 (Baltimore Beltway) West” to Baltimore. Exit 7B from the Beltway to Baltimore-Washington Parkway “295 North to Baltimore”. Follow directions below for 295 North to Baltimore.

From the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (Route 295)

295 North to Baltimore – all the way into Baltimore City. The name of the road/street changes from BW Parkway to Russell Street to Paca Street. As you come into the city you will pass the site of the new Camden Yards (Oriole Ballpark) on the right, you will cross Pratt Street, Lombard Street, and Redwood Street. At Baltimore Street turn right. Cross Eutaw Street and Howard Street. MSDE is in the middle of the block, on the left, right next to the parking lot, and directly across from the 1st Mariners Arena (Formerly the Baltimore Arena).

**ATTACHMENT 6
NOTICE TO PROCEED**

Month Day, Year

TO Contractor Name
TO Contractor Mailing Address

Re: CATS+ Task Order Agreement #**R00B4400005**

Dear **TO Contractor Contact**:

This letter is your official Notice to Proceed as of Month Day, Year, for the above-referenced Task Order Agreement. Mr. / Ms. _____ of _____ (Agency Name) will serve as the TO Manager and your contact person on this Task Order. He / She can be reached at telephone _____.

Enclosed is an original, fully executed Task Order Agreement and purchase order.

Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Richburg

Task Order Procurement Officer

Enclosures (2)

cc: Val Emrich, **Donnell Josiah, PhD**

Procurement Liaison Office, Department of Information Technology

Project Management Office, Department of Information Technology

ATTACHMENT 7
AGENCY RECEIPT OF DELIVERABLE FORM

I acknowledge receipt of the following:

TORFP Title: **Project Manager to Support the Expansion Instructional Toolkit**

TO Agreement Number: #R00B4400005

Title of Deliverable: _____

TORFP Reference Section # _____

Deliverable Reference ID # _____

Name of TO Manager: **Val Emrich**

TO Manager Signature Date Signed

Name of TO Contractor's Project Manager: _____

TO Contractor's Project Manager Signature Date Signed

SUBMIT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 2.5.1 OF THE TORFP.

ATTACHMENT 8
AGENCY ACCEPTANCE OF DELIVERABLE FORM

Agency Name: **Maryland State Department of Education**

TORFP Title: **Project Manager to Support the Expansion of the Instructional Toolkit**

TO Manager: **Val Emrich, 410-767-0382**

To:

The following deliverable, as required by TO Agreement #**R00B4400005**, has been received and reviewed in accordance with the TORFP.

Title of deliverable: _____

TORFP Contract Reference Number: Section # _____

Deliverable Reference ID # _____

This deliverable:

Is accepted as delivered.

Is rejected for the reason(s) indicated below.

REASON(S) FOR REJECTING DELIVERABLE:

OTHER COMMENTS:

TO Manager Signature

Date Signed

ISSUED BY THE TO MANAGER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 2.5.1 OF THE TORFP.

ATTACHMENT 9 – NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (OFFEROR)

This Non- Disclosure Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made this ___ day of _____ 200_, by and between _____ (hereinafter referred to as "the OFFEROR ") and the State of Maryland (hereinafter referred to as "the State").

OFFEROR warrants and represents that it intends to submit a TO Proposal in response to CATS+ TORFP #R000B4400005 for Project Manager to Support the Expansion Instructional Toolkit. In order for the OFFEROR to submit a TO Proposal, it will be necessary for the State to provide the OFFEROR with access to certain confidential information including, but not limited, to _____. All such information provided by the State shall be considered Confidential Information regardless of the form, format, or media upon which or in which such information is contained or provided, regardless of whether it is oral, written, electronic, or any other form, and regardless of whether the information is marked as “Confidential Information”. As a condition for its receipt and access to the Confidential Information described above, the OFFEROR agrees as follows:

1. OFFEROR will not copy, disclose, publish, release, transfer, disseminate or use for any purpose in any form any Confidential Information received, except in connection with the preparation of its TO Proposal.
2. Each employee or agent of the OFFEROR who receives or has access to the Confidential Information shall execute a copy of this Agreement and the OFFEROR shall provide originals of such executed Agreements to the State. Each employee or agent of the OFFEROR who signs this Agreement shall be subject to the same terms, conditions, requirements and liabilities set forth herein that are applicable to the OFFEROR.
3. OFFEROR shall return the Confidential Information to the State within five business days of the State’s Notice of recommended award. If the OFFEROR does not submit a Proposal, the OFFEROR shall return the Confidential Information to **Dorothy M. Richburg, Maryland State Department of Education** on or before the due date for Proposals.
4. OFFEROR acknowledges that the disclosure of the Confidential Information may cause irreparable harm to the State and agrees that the State may obtain an injunction to prevent the disclosure, copying, or other impermissible use of the Confidential Information. The State’s rights and remedies hereunder are cumulative and the State expressly reserves any and all rights, remedies, claims and actions that it may have now or in the future to protect the Confidential Information and/or to seek damages for the OFFEROR’S failure to comply with the requirements of this Agreement. The OFFEROR consents to personal jurisdiction in the Maryland State Courts.
5. In the event the State suffers any losses, damages, liabilities, expenses, or costs (including, by way of example only, attorneys’ fees and disbursements) that are attributable, in whole or in part to any failure by the OFFEROR or any employee or agent of the OFFEROR to comply with the requirements of this Agreement, OFFEROR and such employees and agents of OFFEROR shall hold harmless and indemnify the State from and against any such losses, damages, liabilities, expenses, and/or costs.
6. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland.
7. OFFEROR acknowledges that pursuant to Section 11-205.1 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, a person may not willfully make a false or fraudulent statement or representation of a material fact in connection with a procurement contract. Persons making such statements are guilty of a felony and on conviction subject to a fine of not more than \$20,000 and/or imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or both. OFFEROR further acknowledges that this Agreement is a statement made in connection with a procurement contract.
8. The individual signing below warrants and represents that they are fully authorized to bind the OFFEROR to the terms and conditions specified in this Agreement. If signed below by an individual employee or agent of the OFFEROR under Section 2 of this Agreement, such individual acknowledges that a failure to comply with the requirements specified in this Agreement may result in personal liability.

FFEROR: _____ BY: _____

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SUBMIT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 1.6 OF THE TORFP

ATTACHMENT 10 – NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (TO CONTRACTOR)

THIS NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made as of this ___ day of _____, 200___, by and between the State of Maryland ("the State"), acting by and through its Maryland State Department of Education (the “Department”), and _____ (“TO Contractor”), a corporation with its principal business office located at _____ and its principal office in Maryland located at _____.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the TO Contractor has been awarded a Task Order Agreement (the “TO Agreement”) for **Project Manager to Support the Expansion Instructional Toolkit** TORFP No. **R00B3400086** dated _____, (the “TORFP”) issued under the Consulting and Technical Services procurement issued by the Department, Project Number 060B2490023; and

WHEREAS, in order for the TO Contractor to perform the work required under the TO Agreement, it will be necessary for the State to provide the TO Contractor and the TO Contractor’s employees and agents (collectively the “TO Contractor’s Personnel”) with access to certain confidential information regarding _____ (the “Confidential Information”).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of being given access to the Confidential Information in connection with the TORFP and the TO Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which the parties acknowledge, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. Confidential Information means any and all information provided by or made available by the State to the TO Contractor in connection with the TO Agreement, regardless of the form, format, or media on or in which the Confidential Information is provided and regardless of whether any such Confidential Information is marked as such. Confidential Information includes, by way of example only, information that the TO Contractor views, takes notes from, copies (if the State agrees in writing to permit copying), possesses or is otherwise provided access to and use of by the State in relation to the TO Agreement.
2. TO Contractor shall not, without the State’s prior written consent, copy, disclose, publish, release, transfer, disseminate, use, or allow access for any purpose or in any form, any Confidential Information provided by the State except for the sole and exclusive purpose of performing under the TO Agreement. TO Contractor shall limit access to the Confidential Information to the TO Contractor’s Personnel who have a demonstrable need to know such Confidential Information in order to perform under the TO Agreement and who have agreed in writing to be bound by the disclosure and use limitations pertaining to the Confidential Information. The names of the TO Contractor’s Personnel are attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A. Each individual whose name appears on Exhibit A shall execute a copy of this Agreement and thereby be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement to the same extent as the TO Contractor. TO Contractor shall update Exhibit A by adding additional names as needed, from time to time.
3. If the TO Contractor intends to disseminate any portion of the Confidential Information to non-employee agents who are assisting in the TO Contractor’s performance of the TORFP or who will otherwise have a role in performing any aspect of the TORFP, the TO Contractor shall first obtain the written consent of the State to any such dissemination. The State may grant, deny, or condition any such consent, as it may deem appropriate in its sole and absolute subjective discretion.
4. TO Contractor hereby agrees to hold the Confidential Information in trust and in strictest confidence, to adopt or establish operating procedures and physical security measures, and to take all other measures necessary to protect the Confidential Information from inadvertent release or disclosure to unauthorized third parties and to prevent all or any portion of the Confidential Information from falling into the public domain or into the possession of persons not bound to maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information.
5. TO Contractor shall promptly advise the State in writing if it learns of any unauthorized use, misappropriation, or disclosure of the Confidential Information by any of the TO Contractor’s Personnel or the TO Contractor’s former Personnel. TO Contractor shall, at its own expense, cooperate with the State in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief against any such person(s).

6. TO Contractor shall, at its own expense, return to the Department, all copies of the Confidential Information in its care, custody, control or possession upon request of the Department or on termination of the TO Agreement.
7. A breach of this Agreement by the TO Contractor or by the TO Contractor's Personnel shall constitute a breach of the TO Agreement between the TO Contractor and the State.
8. TO Contractor acknowledges that any failure by the TO Contractor or the TO Contractor's Personnel to abide by the terms and conditions of use of the Confidential Information may cause irreparable harm to the State and that monetary damages may be inadequate to compensate the State for such breach. Accordingly, the TO Contractor agrees that the State may obtain an injunction to prevent the disclosure, copying or improper use of the Confidential Information. The TO Contractor consents to personal jurisdiction in the Maryland State Courts. The State's rights and remedies hereunder are cumulative and the State expressly reserves any and all rights, remedies, claims and actions that it may have now or in the future to protect the Confidential Information and/or to seek damages from the TO Contractor and the TO Contractor's Personnel for a failure to comply with the requirements of this Agreement. In the event the State suffers any losses, damages, liabilities, expenses, or costs (including, by way of example only, attorneys' fees and disbursements) that are attributable, in whole or in part to any failure by the TO Contractor or any of the TO Contractor's Personnel to comply with the requirements of this Agreement, the TO Contractor shall hold harmless and indemnify the State from and against any such losses, damages, liabilities, expenses, and/or costs.
9. TO Contractor and each of the TO Contractor's Personnel who receive or have access to any Confidential Information shall execute a copy of an agreement substantially similar to this Agreement and the TO Contractor shall provide originals of such executed Agreements to the State.
10. The parties further agree that:
 - a. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland;
 - b. The rights and obligations of the TO Contractor under this Agreement may not be assigned or delegated, by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the State;
 - c. The State makes no representations or warranties as to the accuracy or completeness of any Confidential Information;
 - d. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement;
 - e. Signatures exchanged by facsimile are effective for all purposes hereunder to the same extent as original signatures; and
 - f. The Recitals are not merely prefatory but are an integral part hereof.

TO Contractor/TO Contractor's Personnel:

Maryland State Department of Education:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

SUBMIT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 1.6 OF THE TORFP

ATTACHMENT 11 – TO CONTRACTOR SELF-REPORTING CHECKLIST

*The purpose of this checklist is for CATS+ Master Contractors to self-report on adherence to procedures for task orders (TO) awarded under the CATS+ master contract. Requirements for TO management can be found in the CATS+ master contract RFP and at the TORFP level. The Master Contractor is requested to complete and return this form by the **Checklist Due Date** below. Master Contractors may attach supporting documentation as needed. Please send the completed checklist and direct any related questions to contractoversight@doit.state.md.us with the TO number in the subject line.*

Master Contractor:	
Master Contractor Contact / Phone:	
Procuring State Agency Name:	
TO Title:	
TO Number:	
TO Type (Fixed Price, T&M, or Both):	
Checklist Issue Date:	
Checklist Due Date:	
Section 1 – Task Orders with Invoices Linked to Deliverables	
A) Was the original TORFP (Task Order Request for Proposals) structured to link invoice payments to distinct deliverables with specific acceptance criteria? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, skip to Section 2.)	
B) Do TO invoices match corresponding deliverable prices shown in the accepted Financial Proposal? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why) _____	
C) Is the deliverable acceptance process being adhered to as defined in the TORFP? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why) _____	
Section 2 – Task Orders with Invoices Linked to Time, Labor Rates and Materials	
A) If the TO involves material costs, are material costs passed to the agency without markup by the Master Contractor? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why) _____	
B) Are labor rates the same or less than the rates proposed in the accepted Financial Proposal? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why) _____	
C) Is the Master Contractor providing timesheets or other appropriate documentation to support invoices? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why) _____	
Section 3 – Substitution of Personnel	
A) Has there been any substitution of personnel? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, skip to Section 4.)	

<p>B) Did the Master Contractor request each personnel substitution in writing? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why) _____</p>
<p>C) Does each accepted substitution possess equivalent or better education, experience and qualifications than incumbent personnel? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why) _____</p>
<p>D) Was the substitute approved by the agency in writing? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why) _____</p>
<p>Section 4 – MBE Participation</p>
<p>A) What is the MBE goal as a percentage of the TO value? (If there is no MBE goal, skip to Section 5) _____ %</p>
<p>B) Are MBE reports D-5 and D-6 submitted monthly? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why) _____</p>
<p>C) What is the actual MBE percentage to date? (divide the dollar amount paid to date to the MBE by the total amount paid to date on the TO) _____ % (Example - \$3,000 was paid to date to the MBE sub-contractor; \$10,000 was paid to date on the TO; the MBE percentage is 30% (3,000 ÷ 10,000 = 0.30))</p>
<p>D) Is this consistent with the planned MBE percentage at this stage of the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why) _____</p>
<p>E) Has the Master Contractor expressed difficulty with meeting the MBE goal? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If yes, explain the circumstances and any planned corrective actions) _____</p>
<p>Section 5 – TO Change Management</p>
<p>A) Is there a written change management procedure applicable to this TO? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why) _____</p>
<p>B) Does the change management procedure include the following? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Sections for change description, justification, and sign-off Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Sections for impact on cost, scope, schedule, risk and quality (i.e., the impact of change on satisfying TO requirements) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> A formal group charged with reviewing / approving / declining changes (e.g., change control board, steering committee, or management team)</p>
<p>C) Have any change orders been executed? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If yes, explain expected or actual impact on TO cost, scope, schedule, risk and quality) _____</p>
<p>D) Is the change management procedure being followed? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, explain why) _____</p>

ATTACHMENT 12 – LIVING WAGE AFFIDAVIT OF AGREEMENT

Contract No. _____
Name of Contractor _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

If the Contract is Exempt from the Living Wage Law

The Undersigned, being an authorized representative of the above named Contractor, hereby affirms that the Contract is exempt from Maryland's Living Wage Law for the following reasons: (check all that apply)

- Bidder/Offeror is a nonprofit organization
- Bidder/Offeror is a public service company
- Bidder/Offeror employs 10 or fewer employees and the proposed contract value is less than \$500,000
- Bidder/Offeror employs more than 10 employees and the proposed contract value is less than \$100,000

If the Contract is a Living Wage Contract

A. The Undersigned, being an authorized representative of the above named Contractor, hereby affirms our commitment to comply with Title 18, State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and, if required, to submit all payroll reports to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry with regard to the above stated contract. The Bidder/Offeror agrees to pay covered employees who are subject to living wage at least the living wage rate in effect at the time service is provided for hours spent on State contract activities, and to ensure that its Subcontractors who are not exempt also pay the required living wage rate to their covered employees who are subject to the living wage for hours spent on a State contract for services. The Contractor agrees to comply with, and ensure its Subcontractors comply with, the rate requirements during the initial term of the contract and all subsequent renewal periods, including any increases in the wage rate established by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, automatically upon the effective date of the revised wage rate.

B. _____ (initial here if applicable) The Bidder/Offeror affirms it has no covered employees for the following reasons (check all that apply):

- All employee(s) proposed to work on the State contract will spend less than one-half of the employee's time during every work week on the State contract;
- All employee(s) proposed to work on the State contract will be 17 years of age or younger during the duration of the State contract; or
- All employee(s) proposed to work on the State contract will work less than 13 consecutive weeks on the State contract.

The Commissioner of Labor and Industry reserves the right to request payroll records and other data that the Commissioner deems sufficient to confirm these affirmations at any time.

Name of Authorized Representative: _____
Signature of Authorized Representative: _____
Date: _____ Title: _____
Witness Name (Typed or Printed): _____
Witness Signature & Date: _____

EXHIBIT A

**TO CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS WHO WILL BE GIVEN ACCESS TO THE
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Printed Name and Address
of Employee or Agent

Signature

Date

Summary of Recommendations

1. Review and address edits in Section 2.5 and references to deliverables.
2. Review all comments in solicitation and address actions provided by ITPO. Once edits are complete, Agency may release.