

**STATE OF TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES
CONTRACT FOR PRODUCTS AND RELATED SERVICES**

THE BAUEN GROUP LLC

1. Introduction

A. Parties

This Contract for products and related services is entered into between the State of Texas, acting by and through the Department of Information Resources (hereinafter “DIR”) with its principal place of business at 300 West 15th Street, Suite 1300, Austin, Texas 78701, and The Bauen Group LLC. (hereinafter “Vendor”), with its principal place of business at 723 Main Street, Suite 1030, Houston, Texas 77002.

B. Compliance with Procurement Laws

This Contract is the result of compliance with applicable procurement laws of the State of Texas. DIR issued a solicitation on the Comptroller of Public Accounts’ Electronic State Business Daily, Request for Offer (RFO) DIR-TSO-TMP-225, on February 27, 2015, for Software, including Software as a Service, Products and Related Services. Upon execution of this Contract, a notice of award for RFO DIR-TSO-TMP-225 shall be posted by DIR on the Electronic State Business Daily.

C. Order of Precedence

For purchase transactions under this Contract, the order of precedence shall be as follows: this Contract; Appendix A, Standard Terms and Conditions For Products and Related Services Contracts; Appendix B, Vendor’s Historically Underutilized Businesses Subcontracting Plan; Appendix C, Pricing Index; Appendix D, End User Software License Agreement; Exhibit 1, Vendor’s Response to RFO DIR-TSO-TMP-225, including all addenda; and Exhibit 2, RFO DIR-TSO-TMP-225, including all addenda; are incorporated by reference and constitute the entire agreement between DIR and Vendor governing purchase transactions. In the event of a conflict between the documents listed in this paragraph related to purchases, the controlling document shall be this Contract, then Appendix A, then Appendix B, then Appendix C, then Appendix D, then Exhibit 1, and finally Exhibit 2. In the event and to the extent any provisions contained in multiple documents address the same or substantially the same subject matter but do not actually conflict, the more recent provisions shall be deemed to have superseded earlier provisions.

2. Term of Contract

The term of this Contract shall be one (1) year commencing on the last date of approval by DIR and Vendor. Prior to expiration of the original term, DIR and Vendor may extend the Contract, upon mutual agreement, for up to three (3) optional one-year terms. Additionally, the parties by mutual agreement may extend the term for up to ninety (90) additional calendar days.

3. Product and Service Offerings

A. Products

Products available under this Contract are limited to software products as specified in Appendix C, Pricing Index. Vendor may incorporate changes to their product offering; however, any changes must be within the scope of products awarded based on the posting described in Section 1.B above. Vendor may not add a manufacturer's product line which was not included in the Vendor's response to the solicitation described in Section 1.B above.

B. Services

Services available under this Contract are limited to related services as specified in Appendix C, Pricing Index. Vendor may incorporate changes to their service offering; however, any changes must be within the scope of services awarded based on the posting described in Section 1.B above.

4. Pricing

Pricing to the DIR Customer shall be as set forth in Appendix A, Section 8, Pricing, Purchase Orders, Invoices and Payment, and as set forth in Appendix C, Pricing Index, and shall include the DIR Administrative Fee.

5. DIR Administrative Fee

A) The administrative fee to be paid by the Vendor to DIR based on the dollar value of all sales to Customers pursuant to this Contract is three quarters of one percent (.75%). Payment will be calculated for all sales, net of returns and credits. For example, the administrative fee for sales totaling \$100,000 shall be \$750.00.

B) All prices quoted to Customers shall include the administrative fee. DIR reserves the right to change this fee upwards or downwards during the term of this Contract, upon written notice to Vendor without further requirement for a formal contract amendment. Any change in the administrative fee shall be incorporated in the price to the Customer.

6. Notification

All notices under this Contract shall be sent to a party at the respective address indicated below.

If sent to the State:

Dana L. Collins, CTPM, CTCM
Manager, Contract and Vendor Management
Department of Information Resources
300 W. 15th St., Suite 1300
Austin, Texas 78701
Phone: (512) 936-2233
Facsimile: (512) 475-4759
Email: dana.collins@dir.texas.gov

If sent to the Vendor:

Walter Silin
The Bauen Group LLC
723 Main Street, Suite 1030
Houston, TX 77002
Phone Number: (713) 255-7470
Fax: (713) 483-5160
Email: wsilin@bauengroup.us

7. Software License Agreements

A. Software License Agreement

1) Customers acquiring software licenses under the Contract shall hold, use and operate such software subject to compliance with the End User Software License Agreement set forth in Appendix D of this Contract. No changes to the End User Software License Agreement terms and conditions may be made unless previously agreed to between Vendor and DIR. Customers may not add, delete or alter any of the language in Appendix D; provided however, that a Customer and Vendor may agree to additional terms and conditions that do not diminish a term or condition in the End User Software License Agreement, or in any manner lessen the rights or protections of Customer or the responsibilities or liabilities of Vendor. Order Fulfiller shall make the End User Software License Agreement terms and conditions available to all Customers at all times.

2) Compliance with the End User Software License Agreement is the responsibility of the Customer. DIR shall not be responsible for any Customer's compliance with the End User Software License Agreement. If DIR purchases software licenses for its own use under this Contract, it shall be responsible for its compliance with the End User Software License Agreement terms and conditions.

B. Shrink/Click-wrap License Agreement

Regardless of any other provision or other license terms which may be issued by Vendor after the effective date of this Contract, and irrespective of whether any such provisions have been proposed prior to or after the issuance of a Purchase Order for products licensed under this Contract, or the fact that such other agreement may be affixed to or accompany software upon delivery (shrink-wrap), the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract shall supersede and govern the license terms between Customers and Vendor. **It is the Customer's responsibility to read the Shrink/Click-wrap License Agreement and determine if the Customer accepts the license terms as amended by this Contract. If the Customer does not agree with the license terms, Customer shall be responsible for negotiating with the reseller to obtain additional changes in the Shrink/Click-wrap License Agreement language from the software publisher.**

C. Conflicting or Additional Terms

In the event of a conflict, any linked documents may not take precedence over the printed or referenced documents comprising this contract; provided further that any update to such linked documents shall only apply to purchases or leases of the associated Vendor product or service offering after the effective date of the update; and, provided further, that, if Vendor has responded to a solicitation or request for pricing, no update of such linked documents on or after the initial date of Vendor's initial response shall apply to that purchase unless Vendor directly informs Customer of the update before the purchase is consummated.

In the event that different or additional terms or conditions would otherwise result from accessing a linked document, agreement to said linked document shall not be effective until reviewed and approved in writing by Customer's authorized signatory.

Vendor shall not [without prior written agreement from Customer's authorized signatory,] require any document that: 1) diminishes the rights, benefits, or protections of the Customer, or that alters the definitions, measurements, or method for determining any authorized rights, benefits, or protections of the Customer; or 2) imposes additional costs, burdens, or obligations upon Customer, or that alters the definitions, measurements, or method for determining any authorized costs, burdens, or obligations upon Customer.

If Vendor attempts to do any of the foregoing, the prohibited documents will be void and inapplicable to the contract between DIR and Vendor or Vendor and Customer, and Vendor will nonetheless be obligated to perform the contract without regard to the prohibited documents, unless Customer elects instead to terminate the contract, which in such case may be identified as a termination for cause against Vendor.

The foregoing requirements apply to all contracts, including, but not limited to, contracts between Customer and a reseller who attempts to pass through documents and obligations from its Manufacturer or Publisher.

8. Authorized Exceptions to Appendix A, Standard Terms and Conditions for Product and Related Services Contracts or any Appendices.

A. Appendix A, Section 5, Intellectual Property is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety as follows:

This contract does not contemplate, authorize or support acquisition of custom software products or services. If Vendor and Customer seek to contract for such product or service, they must use a separate contract or seek amendment with DIR of this contract. If DIR and Vendor decide to authorize customized software or hardware products; then the intellectual property language will be negotiated and applied.

This Contract is executed to be effective as of the date of last signature.

THE BAUEN GROUP LLC

Authorized By: Signature on File

Name: Walter Silin

Title: CEO

Date: 9/16/16

The State of Texas, acting by and through the Department of Information Resources

Authorized By: Signature on File

Name: Hershel Becker

Title: Chief Procurement Officer

Date: 9/16/16

Office of General Counsel: db 9/16/16