


# Invitation to Bid

<b>LSUHSC Shreveport</b>			BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:	
<b>VENDOR NO. :</b> <b>SOLICITATION : 007267</b> <b>OPENING DATE : 01/24/2025</b>			<b>January 24, 2025      02:00 PM</b>	
		<b>Return Sealed Bid to:</b> Purchasing Department 1501 Kings Highway Shreveport LA 71103		
		<b>BUYER : Anderson, Alison</b> <b>BUYER EMAIL : alison.ransbottom@lsuhs.edu</b> <b>BUYER PHONE : 318/675-4325</b> <b>DATE ISSUED : 01/08/2025</b> <b>REQ. NO :</b> <b>FISCAL YEAR : 0</b>		
Forensic Tox-Testing - Re-bid				
INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS				
<p>1. READ THE ENTIRE BID, INCLUDING ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS.</p> <p>DIVERSE SUPPLIER</p> <p>(A) SUPPLIER UNDERSTANDS THAT LSU, AS THE STATE'S FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY, HAS AN INTEREST IN PROVIDING ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO DIVERSITY-OWNED BUSINESSES. THE UNIVERSITY IS DEDICATED TO PROMOTING THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF MINORITY, WOMEN, AND SMALL AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES ("DIVERSE BUSINESSES") BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN UNIVERSITY CONTRACTS.</p> <p>(B) IN SUPPORT OF THIS COMMITMENT, THE SUPPLIER SHALL USE GOOD FAITH AND BEST EFFORTS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO DIVERSE BUSINESSES THAT ARE EITHER CERTIFIED BY THE STATE OR ANOTHER CERTIFYING AGENCY IN A DIVERSE CATEGORY, AS A SUBCONTRACTOR OR SUPPLIER UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.</p> <p>(C) IF APPLICABLE, SUPPLIER SHALL PROVIDE LSU WITH A LIST OF DIVERSITY-OWNED BUSINESSES DURING EACH CONTRACT YEAR, THE LIST OF BUSINESSES SHOULD IDENTIFY:</p> <p>(1) THE NAME OF THE BUSINESS;</p> <p>(2) ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR ADDRESS;</p> <p>(3) THE OWNER(S); AND</p> <p>(4) THE SERVICES OR GOODS THAT IT MAY PROVIDE OR SUPPLY AND THE VALUE OF THE GOODS OR SERVICES PROCURED FROM THE BUSINESSES INCLUDED ON SUPPLIER'S LIST.</p> <p>(D) TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW, RULE, OR REGULATION WOULD REQUIRE THAT THIS SECTION BE MODIFIED OR VOIDED, THE PARTIES AGREE THAT SUCH PROVISION CAN BE AMENDED OR SEVERED FROM THE AGREEMENT WITHOUT AFFECTING ANY OF THE OTHER TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT.</p> <p>2. FILL IN ALL BLANK SPACES.</p> <p>3. ALL BID PRICES MUST BE TYPED OR WRITTEN IN INK. ANY CORRECTIONS, ERASURES OR OTHER FORMS OF ALTERATION TO UNIT PRICES SHOULD BE INITIALIZED BY THE BIDDER.</p> <p>4. BID PRICES SHALL INCLUDE DELIVERY OF ALL ITEMS F.O.B. DESTINATION OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED. BIDS CONTAINING "PAYMENT IN ADVANCE" OR "C.O.D." REQUIREMENTS MAY BE REJECTED. PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF PROPERLY EXECUTED INVOICE OR DELIVERY, WHICHEVER IS LATER.</p> <p>5. SPECIFY YOUR PAYMENT TERMS: _____ . CASH DISCOUNTS FOR LESS THAN 30 DAYS OR LESS THAN 1% WILL BE ACCEPTED, BUT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING AWARDS</p> <p>_____</p> <p>BY SIGNING THIS BID, THE BIDDER CERTIFIES:</p> <p>* THAT NEITHER THIS BUSINESS ENTITY NOR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS IS CURRENTLY LISTED AS EXCLUDED OR SANCTIONED BY EITHER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (OIG) OR THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA).</p> <p>* THAT IF THIS BUSINESS ENTITY OR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS APPEAR ON EITHER LISTING, MY BID WILL</p>				
<b>VENDOR PHONE NUMBER:</b>		<b>TITLE</b>		<b>DATE</b>
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS:</b>				
<b>SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED BIDDER</b> <b>(MUST BE SIGNED)</b>		<b>NAME OF BIDDER</b> <b>(TYPED OR PRINTED)</b>		

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BE REJECTED.

\* THAT IF AT ANY TIME DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT AWARDED AS A RESULT OF THIS INVITATION TO BID, THIS ENTITY OR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS APPEARS ON EITHER LISTING, MY COMPANY WILL NOTIFY THE CONTRACTING AGENCY, AND THE CONTRACT WILL BE TERMINATED. THE CONTRACTING AGENCY WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES RESULTING FROM SAID TERMINATION.

THE BIDDER FURTHER CERTIFIES:

\* COMPLIANCE WITH ALL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS.

\* THIS BID IS MADE WITHOUT COLLUSION OR FRAUD.

\* THAT ALL TAXES DULY ASSESSED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND IT'S SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING FRANCHISE TAXES, PRIVILEGE TAXES, SALES TAXES AND ALL OTHER TAXES FOR WHICH THE FIRM IS LIABLE HAVE BEEN PAID.

\* THAT IF MY BID IS ACCEPTED WITHIN \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS FROM BID CLOSING TIME, MY FIRM WILL FURNISH ANY OR ALL OF THE ITEMS (OR SECTIONS) AT THE PRICE OPPOSITE EACH ITEM (OR SECTION).

\* DELIVERY WILL BE MADE WITHIN \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER.

6. DESIRED DELIVERY: 10 DAYS ARO, UNLESS SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE

7. TO ASSURE CONSIDERATION, ALL BIDS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN AN ENVELOPE WITH THE BID NUMBER VISIBLE ON THE OUTSIDE. NO BID WILL BE OPENED TO DETERMINE CONTENT.

8. BIDS SUBMITTED ARE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO L.R.S. 39:1551-1736; PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS; EXECUTIVE ORDERS; STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS; SPECIAL CONDITIONS; AND SPECIFICATIONS LISTED IN THIS SOLICITATION.

PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATORY BOYCOTTS OF ISRAEL:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2018-15, EFFECTIVE MAY 22, 2018, FOR ANY CONTRACT FOR \$100,000 OR MORE AND FOR ANY CONTRACTOR WITH FIVE OR MORE EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTOR, OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR, SHALL CERTIFY IT IS NOT ENGAGING IN A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL, AND SHALL, FOR THE DURATION OF THIS CONTRACT, REFRAIN FROM A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. THE STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THIS CONTRACT IF THE CONTRACTOR, OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR, ENGAGES IN A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT.

9. IMPORTANT: THIS BID IS TO BE MANUALLY SIGNED IN INK BY A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE VENDOR (SEE NO.31).

10. INQUIRIES: ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BUYER AT THE PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE.

11. BID FORMS: ALL WRITTEN BIDS, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH FORMS PROVIDED, PROPERLY SIGNED (SEE #31). BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE ADDRESS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION PRIOR TO BID OPENING TIME IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED.

12. STANDARDS OR QUALITY. ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE BID SHALL CONFORM TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND THE SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THE SOLICITATION. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION, ANY MANUFACTURER'S NAME, TRADE NAME, BRAND NAME, OR CATALOG NUMBER USED IN THE SPECIFICATION IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIBING THE STANDARD OF QUALITY, PERFORMANCE, AND CHARACTERISTICS DESIRED AND IS NOT INTENDED TO LIMIT OR RESTRICT COMPETITION. BIDDER MUST SPECIFY THE BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER OF THE PRODUCT OFFERED IN HIS/HER BID. BIDS NOT SPECIFYING BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS OFFERING THE EXACT PRODUCTS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.

13. DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION. BIDDERS PROPOSING AN EQUIVALENT BRAND OR MODEL SHOULD SUBMIT WITH THE BID, INFORMATION (SUCH AS ILLUSTRATIONS, DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE, TECHNICAL DATA) SUFFICIENT FOR LSUHSC TO EVALUATE QUALITY, SUITABILITY, AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS IN THE SOLICITATION. FAILURE TO SUBMIT DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE BID TO BE REJECTED. ANY CHANGE MADE TO A MANUFACTURER'S PUBLISHED SPECIFICATION SUBMITTED FOR A PRODUCT SHALL BE VERIFIABLE BY THE MANUFACTURER. IF ITEM(S) BID DO NOT FULLY

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<p>COMPLY WITH SPECIFICATIONS (INCLUDING BRAND AND/OR PRODUCT NUMBER), BIDDER MUST STATE IN WHAT RESPECT ITEMS(S) DEVIATE. FAILURE TO NOTE EXCEPTIONS ON THE BID FORM WILL NOT RELIEVE THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(S) FROM SUPPLYING THE ACTUAL PRODUCTS REQUESTED.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14. BID OPENING. BIDDERS MAY ATTEND THE BID OPENING, BUT NO INFORMATION OR OPINIONS CONCERNING THE ULTIMATE CONTRACT AWARD WILL BE GIVEN AT THE BID OPENING OR DURING THE EVALUATION PROCESS. BIDS MAY BE EXAMINED WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER BID OPENING. INFORMATION PERTAINING TO COMPLETED FILES MAY BE SECURED BY VISITING LSUHSC DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS. WRITTEN BID TABULATIONS WILL NOT BE FURNISHED.</li> <li>15. AWARDS. AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER. LSUHSC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AWARD ITEMS SEPARATELY, GROUP, OR IN TOTAL, AND TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES.</li> <li>16. PRICES. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY LSUHSC IN THE SOLICITATION, BID PRICES MUST BE COMPLETE, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION PREPAID BY BIDDER TO DESTINATION AND FIRM FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS. IF ACCEPTED, PRICES MUST BE FIRM FOR THE CONTRACTUAL PERIOD. BIDS OTHER THAN F.O.B. DESTINATION MAY BE REJECTED. PRICES SHOULD BE QUOTED IN THE UNIT (EACH, BOX, CASE, ETC.) AS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.</li> <li>17. DELIVERIES. BIDS MAY BE REJECTED IF THE DELIVERY TIME INDICATED IS LONGER THAN THAT SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.</li> <li>18. TAXES. VENDOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INCLUDING ALL APPLICABLE TAXES IN THE BID PRICE. LSUHSC AGENCIES ARE EXEMPT FROM ALL STATE AND LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES.</li> <li>19. NEW PRODUCTS. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR IN THE SOLICITATION, ALL PRODUCTS FOR PURCHASE MUST BE NEW, NEVER PREVIOUSLY USED, AND THE CURRENT MODEL AND/OR PACKAGING. NO REMANUFACTURED, DEMONSTRATOR, USED OR IRREGULAR PRODUCT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PURCHASE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION. THE MANUFACTURER'S STANDARD WARRANTY WILL APPLY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.</li> <li>20. CONTRACT CANCELLATION. THE STATE OF LOUISIANA HAS THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY CONTRACT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS, FOR CAUSE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT;</li> <li>(2) FAILURE OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE TO MEET SPECIFICATIONS, CONFORM TO SAMPLE QUALITY OR TO BE DELIVERED IN GOOD CONDITION;</li> <li>(3) MISREPRESENTATION BY THE CONTRACTOR;</li> <li>(4) FRAUD, COLLUSION CONSPIRACY OR OTHER UNLAWFUL MEANS OF OBTAINING ANY CONTRACT WITH THE STATE;</li> <li>(5) CONFLICT OF CONTRACT PROVISIONS WITH CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY PROVISIONS OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW;</li> <li>(6) ANY OTHER BREACH OF CONTRACT.</li> </ol> </li> <li>21. DEFAULT OF CONTRACT. FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE BID WILL CONSTITUTE A DEFAULT AND MAY CAUSE CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT. WHERE THE UNIVERSITY HAS DETERMINED THE CONTRACTOR TO BE IN DEFAULT, THE UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE ANY OR ALL PRODUCTS OR SERVICES COVERED BY THE CONTRACT ON THE OPEN MARKET AND TO CHARGE THE CONTRACTOR WITH COST IN EXCESS OF THE CONTRACT PRICE. UNTIL SUCH ASSESSED CHARGES HAVE BEEN PAID, NO SUBSEQUENT BID FROM THE DEFAULTING CONTRACTOR WILL BE CONSIDERED.</li> <li>22. ORDER OF PRIORITY. IN THE EVENT THERE IS A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS OR STANDARD CONDITIONS AND THE SPEICAL CONDITIONS, THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS SHALL GOVERN.</li> <li>23. APPLICABLE LAW. ALL CONTRACTS SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.</li> <li>24. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. BY SUBMITTING AND SIGNING THIS BID, BIDDER AGREES THAT HE/SHE WILL NOT DISCRIMINATE IN THE RENDERING OF SERVICES TO AND/OR EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, HANDICAP, DISABILITY, VETERAN STATUS, OR ANY OTHER NON-MERIT FACTOR.</li> <li>25. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS. ANY "QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITY" AS DEFINED BY THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT WHO HAS SUBMITTED A BID AND DESIRES TO ATTEND THE BID OPENING, MUST NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IN</li> </ol>	

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<p>WRITING NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING DATE OF THEIR NEED FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS. IF THE REQUEST CANNOT BE REASONABLY PROVIDED, THE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE INFORMED PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING.</p> <p>26. IDEMNITY. CONTRACTOR AGREES, UPON RECEIPT OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF A CLAIM OR ACTION, TO DEFEND THE CLAIM OR ACTION, OR TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURE, TO IDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS, LSUHSC, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS AND ITS EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS AND ACTIONS FOR BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. CONTRACTOR IS OBLIGATED TO INDEMNIFY ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE NO OBLIGATION AS SET FORTH ABOVE WITH RESPECT TO ANY CLAIM OR ACTION FROM BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE FAULT OF THE UNIVERSITY, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS OR ITS EMPLOYEES.</p> <p>27. INTERPRETATION OF DOCUMENT: ANY INTERPRETATION OF THE BID OR QUOTATION DOCUMENT WILL ONLY BE MADE BY AN ADDENDUM ISSUED IN WRITING BY THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT. SUCH ADDENDUM WILL BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO EACH PERSON RECEIVING A SET OF THE ORIGINAL BID OR QUOTATION DOCUMENTS. LSUHSC WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OTHER EXPLANATION OR INTERPRETATION OF THE DOCUMENTS.</p> <p>28. ACCEPTANCE OF BID: ONLY THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER OR A SIGNED CONTRACT CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE ON THE PART OF LSUHSC.</p> <p>29. ADHERENCE TO JCAHO STANDARDS: WHERE APPLICABLE, LSUHSC IS ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS AND AS SUCH ALL CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AND VENDORS AGREE TO ADHERE TO THE APPLICABLE STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION.</p> <p>30. PREFERENCE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES 39:1595, A PREFERENCE MAY BE ALLOWED FOR PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, PRODUCED, GROWN, OR ASSEMBLED IN LOUISIANA OF EQUAL QUALITY.</p> <p>DO YOU CLAIM THIS PREFERENCE?    YES _____ NO _____</p> <p>SPECIFY THE LINE NUMBER (S) _____</p> <p>SPECIFY LOCATION WITHIN LOUISIANA WHERE THIS PRODUCT IS MANUFACTURED, PRODUCED, GROWN OR ASSEMBLED _____</p> <p>(NOTE: IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED, INCLUDE ON SEPARATE SHEET.)</p> <p>DO YOU HAVE A LOUISIANA BUSNIESS WORK FORCE?    YES _____ NO _____</p> <p>IF SO, DO YOU CERTIFY THAT AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF YOUR LOUISIANA WORKFORCE IS COMPRISED OF LOUISIANA RESIDENTS?</p> <p>YES _____ NO _____</p> <p>FAILURE TO SPECIFY ABOVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE ELIMINATION FROM PREFERENCES.</p> <p>PREFERENCES SHALL NOT APPLY TO SERVICE CONTRACTS.</p> <p>31. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH L.R.S. 39:1594 (ACT 121), THE PERSON SIGNING THE BID MUST BE:</p> <p>31.1.A CURRENT CORPORATE OFFICER, PARTNERSHIP MEMBER OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A BID AS REFLECTED IN THE APPROPRIATE RECORDS ON FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>31.2.AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE VENDOR AS REFLECTED BY AN ACCOMPANYING CORPORATE RESOLUTION, CERTIFICATE OR AFFIDAVIT;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>31.3.AN INDIVIDUAL LISTED ON THE STATE OF LOUISIANA BIDDER'S APPLICATION AS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE BIDS.</p> <p>BY SIGNING THE BID, THE BIDDER CERTIFIES COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE.</p> <p>32. AUDIT OF RECORDS: THE STATE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR, FEDERAL AUDITORS, AND INTERNAL AUDITORS OF THE STATE SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO INSPECT AND AUDIT ALL TIMEKEEPING AND EXPENSE RECORDS OF THE CONTRACTING ENTITY OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTING ENTITY TO SUBSTANTIATE AMOUNTS INVOICED BY SUPPLIER WITH RESPECT TO THIS AGREEMENT. THE RIGHTS OF INSPECTION AND AUDIT SHALL COMMENCE AS OF THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT AND SHALL</p>	

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<p>CONTINUE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER PROJECT ACCEPTANCE OR AS REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAW. THE CONTRACTING ENTITY AND ANY SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTING ENTITY SHALL MAINTAIN ALL TIMEKEEPING AND EXPENSE RECORDS RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT FOR THE ENUMERATED FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD.</p> <p>33. CYBERSECURITY TRAINING: IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA. R.S. 42:1267(B)(3) AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA'S INFORMATION SECURITY POLICY, IF THE CONTRACTOR, ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR SUBCONTRACTORS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO STATE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSETS, THE CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR SUBCONTRACTORS WITH SUCH ACCESS MUST COMPLETE CYBERSECURITY TRAINING ANNUALLY, AND THE CONTRACTOR MUST PRESENT EVIDENCE OF SUCH COMPLIANCE ANNUALLY AND UPON REQUEST. THE CONTRACTOR MAY USE THE CYBERSECURITY TRAINING COURSE OFFERED BY THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF STATE CIVIL SERVICE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COST OR MAY USE ANY ALTERNATE COURSE APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES.</p> <p>FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ACCESS TO STATE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSETS" MEANS THE POSSESSION OF CREDENTIALS, EQUIPMENT, OR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCESS THE INTERNAL WORKINGS OF STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS OR NETWORKS. EXAMPLES WOULD INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO STATE-ISSUED LAPTOPS, VPN CREDENTIALS TO ACCESS THE STATE NETWORK, BADGING TO ACCESS THE STATE'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS CLOSETS OR SYSTEMS, OR PERMISSIONS TO MAINTAIN OR MODIFY IT SYSTEMS USED BY THE STATE. FINAL DETERMINATION OF SCOPE INCLUSIONS OR EXCLUSIONS RELATIVE TO ACCESS TO STATE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSETS WILL BE MADE BY THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES.</p>	

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<p>This bid is to be effective for twelve (12) months from date of award. At the option of LSUHSC-S and acceptance by the vendor, this bid can be renewed for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods at the same prices and terms.</p> <p>All prices are to be firm for the contractual period, but wherever there is a general reduction in price which is lower than the contract price, said reduction to be presented directly to LSUHSC-S.</p> <p>Approximate quantities as set forth are estimated, and the successful bidder to supply at bid prices actual requirements as ordered whether the total of such requirements are more or less than the quantities shown. No specific quantities are guaranteed. Only those quantities required will be ordered.</p> <p>All bids become a matter of public record at the bid opening. By submitting a bid, the bidder specifically assumes any and all risks and liability associated with information marked confidential in the bid and the release of the information.</p> <p><b>FISCAL FUNDING:</b></p> <p>The continuation of the contract is contingent upon the continuation of an appropriation of funds by the Legislature to fulfill the requirements of the contract. If the Legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of the contract, or if such Appropriation is reduced by the veto of the Governor or by any means provided in the Appropriations Act or Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 to prevent the total appropriation for the year from exceeding revenues for that year, or for any other lawful purpose, and the effect of such reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the contract, the contract shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.</p> <p>All bidders should be aware that our legislative process is such that it is often impossible to give prior notice of the non-appropriation of funds.</p> <p><b>TERMINATION:</b></p> <p><b>Termination of the Contract for Convenience:</b></p> <p>The State may terminate the contract at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to contractor of such termination or negotiating with the Contractor an effective date. The Contractor shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress, to the extent work has been performed satisfactorily.</p> <p><b>Termination of the Contract for Cause:</b></p> <p>The State may terminate the contract for cause based upon the failure of Contractor to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the contract, or failure to fulfill its performance obligations pursuant to the ITBV, provided that the State shall give the Contractor written notice specifying the Contractor's failure. If within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice, the Contractor shall not have corrected such failure or in the case of failure which cannot be corrected in the thirty (30) days, begun in good faith to correct such failure and thereafter proceeded diligently to complete such correction, then the State may, at its option, place the Contractor in default and the contract shall terminate on the date specified in such notice.</p>	

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<p>Vendor shall present to the Purchasing Department of LSUHSC-S a Certificate of Insurance prior to the commencement of work showing the attached coverage.</p> <p>*PLEASE ENSURE BID NUMBER IS VISIBLE ON OUTSIDE OF THE BID ENVELOPE/PACKAGE*</p>	

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<p>UNLESS SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE SHIP TO:</p> <p>1501 Kings Highway Shreveport LA 71103</p>					
Line No.	Description	Qty	UOM	Unit Price	Extended Amount
1	<p>Forensic Toxicology laboratory testing cases. per attached specifications.</p> <p>Specify brand, model bid(if applicable)</p>	400.00	EA		

## **General Specifications:**

LSUHSC-S desires to enter into a contract with a reference laboratory, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor." The Contractor to perform tests which LSUHSC-S cannot or does not choose to perform. LSUHSC-S also requires the following:

### **Professional Capabilities of Contractor Laboratory Required**

- Contractor must be certified/accredited by all of the following (**send copy with bid**):
  - A lab accredited to ISO 17025 in the discipline of forensic toxicology.
- Contractor must participate in College of American Pathologists accepted Proficiency Testing Programs.
- Contractor must be able to present in house Proficiency Testing and Quality Assurance documentation when requested.
- Contractor must complete Internal Chain of Custody, providing documentation as required.
- Contractor must provide Expert Witness Testimony via toxicologist with experience in forensic toxicology cases.
- Contractor Forensic Toxicology staff must be American Board of Forensic Toxicology and American Board of Clinical Chemistry certified - laboratory must have a minimum of 2 additional Board Certified Forensic Toxicologist that are certified by American Board of Forensic Toxicology to support the volume of cases.

### **Contractor On-Site Analytical Capabilities Must Include (unless indicated otherwise in bid):**

- Immunoassay
- Gas and liquid Chromatography with multiple detectors (gas chromatograph equipped with a nitrogen phosphorous detector, - gas chromatography with flame ionization detection, Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrophotometry, High-Pressure Liquid Chromatography with UV Detector, High Performance Liquid Chromatography /Fluorescence, High Performance Liquid Chromatography /Electronic Capture, High Performance Liquid Chromatography/ Electronic Capture, High Performance Liquid Chromatography/ Diode Array Detection)
- Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrophotometry
- Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry
- Liquid Chromatography/Time of Flight Mass Spectrometry
- List specific compounds and reporting limits required for testing
- Toxicology -contractor must exhibit proof of existing methods for two independent testing technologies for an analyte and quantitation capabilities
- Drug Identification - contractor must perform all reported testing by two independent tests and have capability of performing quantitation when necessary, by appropriate method: Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrophotometry, High Performance Liquid Chromatography or Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometry

### **Contractor Scope of Work Must Include:**

- **Supplies** - Contractor must supply collection kits specific for forensic cases, chain of custody forms, preprinted requisition forms, etc. as requested.
- **Confidentiality** - Contractor will be required to uphold confidentiality requirements at all times and show proof of chain of custody as requested.
- **Sensitivity and Specificity** - Contractor's methodology must meet or exceed requirements for each analyte as specified on attached tables.

- **Specimens:**

- Contractor must provide documentation of ability to handle routine and non-routine specimens listing typical turn-around-times for screen and confirmation testing:
  - Non- Biological Testing capabilities -drug identification with Drug Enforcement Administration licensure and a lab accredited to ISO 17025 in the discipline of forensic toxicology.
- Contractor must notify LSUHSC-S immediately regarding specimen or testing problems/ delays.
- Contractor must also fax results to secure fax line at 318-675-8155 upon completion and sent electronically via secured email or online portal. Final hardcopy of report to be mailed to:
 

LSUHSC-S Pathology Outreach Services Attn: Forensic Autopsy Services  
1501 Kings Hwy  
Shreveport, LA 71103
- Contractor must have the ability to positively ID remains via DNA testing under ISO 17025 accreditation and the Quality Assurance Standards (QAS) supplied by the FBI.
- Contractor must provide true forensic testing via two analytical techniques on two separate aliquots.
- Contractor to assume responsibility for meeting all applicable state and federal requirements regarding repol lable diseases (where applicable).
- **Contractor to provide a complete listing of minimum (analytical) sample volumes, as well as minimum recommended volumes, to accompany the bid.**

- **Result Reporting-**All repol l is of tests to be accompanied by interpretive comments (where applicable) for the benefit of our educational programs. **Contractor must submit an example report to display the interpretive comments.**

- **Other documentation** requirements:

- Contractor must be able to produce validation documentation of method development capabilities for unique analytes and validation documentation of methods on routine analytes upon request.
- Contractor must provide current directory of comprehensive scope of tests available with updates sent as new testing becomes available.

- **Specimen Storage** - Contractor must store all specimens for forensic cases for a minimum of one year and provide option for sample return to client upon request. Prior approval must be obtained before the destruction of any material.

- **Reporting Limits** - Contractor must report the testing repol ling limits for the compounds that are most important to ensure that the lowest limit of detection is received to support the death investigation on drug overdoses. See attached example.

## **Panels and Pricing**

Pricing should be based on an anticipated volume of up to 400 forensic cases. Quantities are estimated annual usage, not guaranteed usage. (INSERT Organization here) to order only those tests needed. (Note: Should additional discounts be available at higher volumes, bidder should indicate amount of applicable discount. **Contractor to supply (INSERT Organization here) with complete CPT coding information for all tests performed.**

**The nomenclature for the panels listed below is not significant. Equivalent panels and products along with Equivalent Laboratory Testing Facilities will be considered.**

1. Postmortem panel: Basic Drugs of Abuse and Alcohol (Alcohols, Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Cannabinoids, Cocaine, Fentanyl, Methadone, Opiates, Phencyclidine (PCP), and their metabolites)
2. Postmortem panel: Expanded Drugs of Abuse, Alcohol, and Therapeutic Agents (Alcohols, Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Cannabinoids, Cocaine, Fentanyl, Methadone, Opiates, Phencyclidine (PCP), Propoxyphene and their metabolites, Common Analgesics (opioid and non-opioid, Anesthetics, Anticathartic Agents, Anticholinergic Agents, Anticonvulsant Agents, Anti-depressants, Antiemetic Agents, Antihistamines, Antiparkinsonian Agents, Antipsychotic Agents, Antitussive Agents, Anxiolytics (Benzodiazepine and others), Cardiovascular Agents (non-digitalis), Hallucinogens, Hypnotosedatives (Barbiturate and others), Muscle Relaxants, Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Agents and Stimulants (Amphetamine-like and others).
3. SIDS Screen (bidder to provide list including scope with pricing and separate confirmatory pricing)
4. Carbon Monoxide (screen and forensic confirmatory)
5. Bidder to provide list including scope and separate confirmatory pricing for any other testing options.
6. As the need for tests not listed in contract arises (such as new tests which become available) these may be added to the contract. The price to be charged for such tests shall be market- competitive.

Test	Contents/ Type	Turn-Around-Time (TAT) in clays	Price	Higher volume pricing
Postmortem panel: Basic Drugs of Abuse and Alcohol	(Screen) Alcohols, Amphetamines. Barbiturates. Benzodiazepines, Cannabinoids, Cocaine, Fentanyl. Methadone. Opiates, Phencyclidine (PCP), and their metabolites			

Postmortem panel: Expanded Drugs of Abuse, Alcohol, and Therapeutic Agents	(Screen) Alcohols, Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Cannabinoids, Cocaine, Fentanyl, Methadone, Opiates, Phencyclidine (PCP), Propoxyphene and their metabolites, Common Analgesics (opioid and non-opioid, Anesthetics, Antiasthmatic Agents, Anticholinergic Agents, Anticonvulsant Agents, Anti-depressants, Antiemetic Agents, Antihistamines, Antiparkinsonian Agents, Antipsychotic Agents, Antitussive Agents, Anxiolytics (Benzodiazepine and others), Cardiovascular Agents (non-digitalis), Hallucinogens, Hypnosedatives (Barbiturate and others), Muscle Relaxants, Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Agents and Stimulants (Amphetamine-like and others)			
Environmental Exposure Screen	<i>(Contractor to list contents of screen)</i>			
Fire Death Profile	<i>(Contractor to list contents of screen)</i>			
SIDS Screen	<i>(Contractor to list contents of screen)</i>			
Carbon Monoxide	<i>(Contractor to list contents of screen)</i>			
Carbon Monoxide	Confirmatory			

Bidder to provide list including scope and separate confirmatory pricing for any other testing options.	Attach complete listing with TAT and pricing			
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Confirmation Compound	Method	Reporting Limit"	Compound Class	Screen Method
10-Hydroxycarbazepine	LC-MS/MS:	0.5 mcg/mL	Oxcarbazepine/Eslicarbazepine Acetate as Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
11-Hydroxy Delta-9 THC	LC-MS/MS:	1 ng/mL	Cannabinoids	ELISA: SC05BLDA
2-Furanyl fentanyl	LC-MS/MS:	0.05 ng/mL	Designer Opioids (2018 Scope)	LC/TOF-MS:
<b>4-ANPP</b>	LC-MS/MS:	0.1 ng/mL	Designer Opioids (2018 Scope)	LC/TOF-MS:
6-Beta-Naltrexol - Free	LC-MS/MS:	0.5 ng/mL	Naltrexone and Metabolite - Free Unconjugated)	LC/TOF-MS:
6-Monoacetyl morphine - Free	LC-MS/MS:	1 ng/mL	Opiates - Free (Unconjugated)	LC/TOF-MS:
7-Amino Clonazepam	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
7-Amino Flunitrazepam	LC-MS/MS:	2 ng/mL	Flunitrazepam and Metabolites	LC/TOF-MS:
9-Hydroxyrisperidone	LC-MS/MS: LCRI01A	1 ng/mL	Risperidone and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Acetaminophen	HPLC: HPPAN01A	0.5 mcg/mL	Acetaminophen	LC/TOF-MS:
Acetone	Headspace GC:	5 mg/dL	Alcohols and Acetone	Headspace GC :
Acetyl Fentanyl	LC-MS/MS:	0.1 ng/mL	Fentanyl and Acetyl Fentanyl	LC/TOF-MS:
Acryl Fentanyl	LC-MS/MS:	0.05 ng/mL	Designer Opioids (2018 Scope)	LC/TOF-MS:
Alfentanil	LC-MS/MS:	0.1 ng/mL	Alfentanil and Sufentanil	LC/TOF-MS:
Alpha-Hydroxyalprazolam	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Alprazolam	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Amitriptyline	GC: GCPAD01A	20 ng/mL	Amitriptyline and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Amobarbital	GC/MS : MSBAR01A	0.2 mcg/mL	Barbiturates	ELISA: SC05BLDA
Amoxapine	GC : GCPAD01A	20 ng/mL	Amoxapine	LC/TOF-MS:
Amphetamine	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Amphetamines	LC/TOF-MS:
Aripiprazole	LC-MS/MS: LCARI01A	20 ng/mL	Aripiprazole	LC/TOF-MS:
Atomoxetine	GC/MS: MSATO01A	20 ng/mL	Atomoxetine	LC/TOF-MS:
BZP	GC/MS: MSTFM01A	10 ng/mL	Piperazine Designer Drugs	LC/TOF-MS:
Benzoylcegonine	GC/MS : MSCOC04A	50 ng/mL	Cocaine and Metabolites	LC/TOF-MS:
Benzotropine	LC-MS/MS:	1 ng/mL	Benzotropine	LC/TOF-MS:
Brompheniramine	GC : GCPAD02A	40 ng/mL	Brompheniramine	LC/TOF-MS:
Bupivacaine	GC : GCSPE01A	0.1 mcg/mL	Bupivacaine	LC/TOF-MS:
Buprenorphine - Free	LC-MS/MS:	0.5 ng/mL	Synthetic Opioids - Free (Unconjugated)	LC/TOF-MS:

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Bupropion	LC-MS/MS:	10 ng/mL	Bupropion and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Bupirone	LC-MS/MS:	0.5 ng/mL	Bupirone	LC/TOF-MS:
Butabarbital	GC/MS : MSBAR01A	0.2 mcg/mL	Barbiturates	ELISA : SC05BLDA
Butabital	GC/MS: MSBAR01A	0.2 mcg/mL	Barbiturates	ELISA : SC05BLDA
Butorphanol - Free	LC-MS/MS:	0.5 ng/mL	Synthetic Opioids - Free (Unconjugated)	LC/TOF-MS:
Butyrylfentanyl	LC-MS/MS:	0.05 ng/mL	Designer Opioids (2018 Scope)	LC/TOF-MS:
Carbamazepine	LC-MS/MS:	0.2 mcg/mL	Carbamazepine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Carbamazepine-10,11-Epoxyde	LC-MS/MS:	0.2 mcg/mL	Carbamazepine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Cartentanil	LC-MS/MS:	0.05 ng/mL	Designer Opioids (2018 Scope)	LC/TOF-MS:
Carisoprodol	GC/MS : MSMEP01A	0.2 mcg/mL	Carisoprodol and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Cephalexine	LC-MS/MS: LCIPC01A	5 ng/mL	Ipecac Use Markers	LC/TOF-MS:
Chlordiazepoxide	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Chlorpheniramine	LC-MS/MS: LCDIP01A	10 ng/mL	Chlorpheniramine	LC/TOF-MS:
Chlorpromazine	GC : GCPAD02A	20 ng/mL	Chlorpromazine	LC/TOF-MS:
Citalopram / Escitalopram	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Citalopram	LC/TOF-MS:
Clobazam	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Clomipramine	GC : GCPAD01A	20 ng/mL	Clomipramine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Clonazepam	LC-MS/MS:	2 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Clonazepam	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Designer Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Clonidine	LC-MS/MS:	0.1 ng/mL	Clonidine	LC/TOF-MS:
Clozapine	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Clozapine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Cocacethylene	GC/MS : MSCOC04A	20 ng/mL	Cocaine and Metabolites	LC/TOF-MS:
Cocaine	GC/MS : MSCOC04A	20 ng/mL	Cocaine and Metabolites	LC/TOF-MS:
Codeine - Free	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Opiates - Free (Unconjugated)	LC/TOF-MS:
Cyclobenzaprine	LC-MS/MS:	1 ng/mL	Cyclobenzaprine	LC/TOF-MS:
Delorazepam	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Designer Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Delta-9 Carboxy THC	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Cannabinoids	ELISA: SC05BLDA
Delta-9 THC	LC-MS/MS:	0.5 ng/mL	Cannabinoids	ELISA: SC05BLDA
Desalkylflurazepam	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Desethylwardenafil	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Vardenafil and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Desipramine	GC : GCPAD02A	20 ng/mL	Imipramine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Desmethylelomipramine	GC : GCPAD01A	20 ng/mL	Clomipramine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Desmethyldoxepin	GC : GCPAD01A	20 ng/mL	Doxepin and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Desmethylloperamide	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Loperamide and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Desmethyisertaline	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Sertaline and Desmethyisertaline	LC/TOF-MS:
Desmethytrimipramine	GC : GCPAD02A	20 ng/mL	Trimipramine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Dextro / Levo Methorphan	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	O/L Methorphan, Dextrophan & levorphanol	LC/TOF-MS:

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Dextrophan / Levorphanol	LC-MS/MS:	2 ng/mL	0/L Methorphan. Dextrophan & levorphanol	LC/TOF-MS:
Diazepam	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Dibutylone	LC-MS/MS:	10 ng/mL	Substituted Cathinone	LC/TOF-MS:
Diclazepam	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Designer Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Dicloclomine	GC: GCDYC01A	1 ng/mL	Dicloclomine	LC/TOF-MS:
Dihydrocodeine / Hydrocodol - Free	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Opiates - Free {Unconjugated}	LC/TOF-MS:
Diltiazem	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Diltiazem	LC/TOF-MS:
Diphenhydramine	LC-MS/MS: LCDIP01A	50 ng/mL	Diphenhydramine	LC/TOF-MS:
Donepezil	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Donepezil	LC/TOF-MS:
Doxepin	GC: GCPAD01A	20 ng/mL	Doxepin and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Doxylamine	GC: GCPAD01A	100 ng/mL	Doxylamine	LC/TOF-MS:
Duloxetine	LC-MS/MS:	30 ng/mL	Duloxetine	LC/TOF-MS:
EDDP	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Methadone and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Emetine	LC-MS/MS: LCIPC01A	5 ng/mL	Ipecac Use Markers	LC/TOF-MS:
Ephedrine	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Amphetamines	LC/TOF-MS:
Estazolam	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Eszopiclone / Zopiclone	LC-MS/MS:	2 ng/mL	Eszopiclone / Zopiclone	LC/TOF-MS:
Ethanol	Headspace GC:	10 mg/dL	Alcohols and Acetone	Headspace GC:
Etizolam	LC-MS/MS:	2 ng/mL	Designer Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Fentanyl	LC-MS/MS:	0.1 ng/mL	Fentanyl and Acetyl Fentanyl	LC/TOF-MS:
Flecainide	HPLC: HPTRA01A	0.1 mcg/mL	Flecainide	LC/TOF-MS:
Flubromazepam	LC-MS/MS:	2 ng/mL	Designer Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Flunitrazepam	LC-MS/MS:	2 ng/mL	Flunitrazepam and Metabolites	LC/TOF-MS:
Fluoxetine	GC/MS: MSATO01A	20 ng/mL	Fluoxetine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Fluphenazine	LC-MS/MS:	0.5 ng/mL	Fluphenazine	LC/TOF-MS:
Flurazepam	LC-MS/MS:	2 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Fluvoxamine	GC: GCSP01A	10 ng/mL	Fluvoxamine	LC/TOF-MS:
Glimepiride	LC-MS/MS:	25 ng/mL	Glimepiride	LC/TOF-MS:
Glipizide	LC-MS/MS:	40 ng/mL	Hypoglycemics	LC/TOF-MS:
Glyburide	LC-MS/MS:	40 ng/mL	Hypoglycemics	LC/TOF-MS:
Guafenesin	LC-MS/MS:	0.2 mcg/mL	Guafenesin	LC/TOF-MS:
Haloperidol	LC-MS/MS:	1 ng/mL	Haloperidol	LC/TOF-MS:
Hydrocodone - Free	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Opiates - Free (Unconjugated)	LC/TOF-MS:
Hydromorphone - Free	LC-MS/MS:	1 ng/mL	Opiates - Free (Unconjugated)	LC/TOF-MS:
Hydroxybupropion	LC-MS/MS:	100 ng/mL	Bupropion and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Hydroxyethylflurazepam	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Hydroxytriazolam	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Hydroxyzine	LC-MS/MS: LCDIP01A	5 ng/mL	Hydroxyzine	LC/TOF-MS:

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lloperidone	LC-MS/MS: LCZ1P01A	0.25 ng/mL	lloperidone	LC/TOF-MS:
Imipramine	GC: GCPAD02A	20 ng/mL	Imipramine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Isobutyrylfentanyl	LC-MS/MS:	0.05 ng/mL	Designer Opioids (2018 Scope)	LC/TOF-MS:
Isopropanol	Headspace GC:	5 mg/dL	Alcohols and Acetone	Headspace GC:
Ketamine	GC/MS: MSATO01A	40 ng/mL	Ketamine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
LSD	LC-MS/MS:	0.1 ng/mL	LSD	LC/TOF-MS:
Lacosamide	LC-MS/MS:	0.5 mcg/mL	Lacosamide	LC/TOF-MS:
Lamotrigine	LC-MS/MS:	0.2 mcg/mL	Lamotrigine	LC/TOF-MS:
Levetiracetam	HPLC: HPLEV01A	2 mcg/mL	Levetiracetam	LC/TOF-MS:
Loperamide	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Loperamide and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Lorazepam	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Loxapine	LC-MS/MS: LCNIF01A	5 ng/mL	Loxapine	LC/TOF-MS:
MOA	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Amphetamines	LC/TOF-MS:
MDEA	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Amphetamines	LC/TOF-MS:
<b>MOMA</b>	LC-MS/MS:	10 ng/mL	<b>MOMA/</b> Methedrone	LC/TOF-MS:
MOPV	LC-MS/MS:	10 ng/mL	Bath Salts	LC/TOF-MS:
Maprotiline	GC: GCPA001A	20 ng/mL	Maprotiline	LC/TOF-MS:
Memantine	LC-MS/MS:	10 ng/mL	Memantine	LC/TOF-MS:
Meperidine	GC: GCPAD02A	0.04 mcg/mL	Meperidine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Mephedrone	LC-MS/MS:	10 ng/mL	Bath Salts	LC/TOF-MS:
Meprobamate	GC/MS: MSMEP01A	1 mcg/mL	Carisoprodol and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Mescaline	GC: GCPA005A	0.04 mcg/mL	Mescaline	LC/TOF-MS:
Mesoridazine	GC: GCPAD06A	200 ng/mL	Thioridazine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Metaxalone	LC-MS/MS:	0.025 mcg/mL	Metaxalone	LC/TOF-MS:
Methadone	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Methadone and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Methamphetamine	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Amphetamines	LC/TOF-MS:
Methanol	Headspace GC:	5 mg/dL	Alcohols and Acetone	Headspace GC:
Methaqualone	GC/MS: MSPOX01A	0.1 mcg/mL	Methaqualone	LC/TOF-MS:
Methcathinone	LC-MS/MS:	10 ng/mL	Methcathinone	LC/TOF-MS:
Methedrone	LC-MS/MS:	10 ng/mL	<b>MOMA/</b> Methedrone	LC/TOF-MS:
Methocarbamol	HPLC: HPACS02A	2 mcg/mL	Methocarbamol	LC/TOF-MS:
Methylone	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Bath Salts	LC/TOF-MS:
Methylphenidate	LC-MS/MS: LCRTT01A	4 ng/mL	Methylphenidate and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Mexiletine	GC: GCAOH01A	0.05 mcg/mL	Mexiletine	LC/TOF-MS:
Midazolam	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Mirtazapine	GC: GCPA001A	10 ng/mL	Mirtazapine	LC/TOF-MS:
Mitragynine	LC-MS/MS: LCMTT01/I	5 ng/mL	Mitragynine	LC/TOF-MS:
Morphine - Free	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Opiates - Free (Unconjugated)	LC/TOF-MS:
N-Desmethylsildenafil	LC-MS/MS:	2 ng/mL	Sildenafil and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:

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N-Ethyl Pentylone	LC-MS/MS:	10 ng/mL	Substituted Cathinone	LC/TOF-MS:
Nalbuphine - Free	LC-MS/MS:	0.5 ng/mL	Synthetic Opioids - Free (Unconjugated)	LC/TOF-MS:
Naltrexone - Free	LC-MS/MS:	0.5 ng/mL	Naltrexone and Metabolite - Free Unconjugated)	LC/TOF-MS:
Naproxen	HPLC : HPNSA01A	0.3 mcg/ml	Naproxen	LC/TOF-MS:
Nifedipine	LC-MS/MS : LCNIF01A	5 ng/ml	Nifedipine	LC/TOF-MS:
Norbuprenorphine - Free	LC-MS/MS:	0.5 ng/ml	Synthetic Opioids - Free (Unconjugated)	LC/TOF-MS:
Norclozapine	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Clozapine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Nordiazepam	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Norfentanyl	LC-MS/MS:	0.2 ng/mL	Fentanyl and Acetyl Fentanyl	LC/TOF-MS:
Norflunitrazepam	LC-MS/MS:	2 ng/mL	Flunitrazepam and Metabolites	LC/TOF-MS:
Norfluooxetine	GC/MS: MSATO01A	20 ng/mL	Fluoxetine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Norketamine	GC/MS : MSATO01A	40 ng/mL	Ketamine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Normeperidine	GC : GCPAD02A	0.02 mcg/ml	Meperidine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Norpropoxyphene	GC/MS : MSPOX01A	0.1 mcg/mL	Propoxyphene and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Norpseudoephedrine	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Amphetamines	LC/TOF-MS:
Nortriptyline	GC : GCPAD01A	20 ng/mL	Amitriptyline and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
O-Desmethyltramadol	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Tramadol and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
O-Desmethylvenlafaxine	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Venlafaxine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Olanzapine	GC : GCOLA01A	3 ng/mL	Olanzapine	LC/TOF-MS:
Orphenadrine	GC : GCPAD02A	100 ng/mL	Orphenadrine	LC/TOF-MS:
Oxazepam	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Oxycodone - Free	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Opiates - Free (Unconjugated)	LC/TOF-MS:
Oxymorphone - Free	LC-MS/MS:	1 ng/mL	Opiates - Free (Unconjugated)	LC/TOF-MS:
PMA	LC-MS/MS:	10 ng/mL	PMA	LC/TOF-MS:
Paroxetine	LC-MS/MS:	10 ng/mL	Paroxetine	LC/TOF-MS:
Pentobarbital	GC/MS : MSBAR01A	0.2 mcg/mL	Barbiturates	ELISA : SC05BLDA
Perphenazine	LC-MS/MS:	0.2 ng/mL	Perphenazine	LC/TOF-MS:
Phenazepam	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Phenazepam	LC/TOF-MS:
Phencyclidine	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Phencyclidine	LC/TOF-MS:
Pheniramine	GC : GCPAD01A	40 ng/ml	Pheniramine	LC/TOF-MS:
Phenobarbital	HPLC : HPACS01A	0.5 mcg/mL	Primidone, Phenobarbital and PEMA	LC/TOF-MS:
Phenobarbital	GC/MS: MSBAR01A	0.2 mcg/mL	Barbiturates	ELISA : SC05BLDA
Phentermine	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Amphetamines	LC/TOF-MS:
Phenylethylmalonamide (PEMA)	HPLC : HPACS01A	0.5 mcg/ml	Primidone, Phenobarbital and PEMA	LC/TOF-MS:
Phenylpropanolamine	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Amphetamines	LC/TOF-MS:
Phenytion	HPLC : HPACS01A	0.5 mcg/ml	Phenytion	LC/TOF-MS:
Primidone	HPLC: HPACS01A	0.5 mcg/mL	Primidone, Phenobarbital and PEMA	LC/TOF-MS:
Prochlorperazine	LC-MS/MS:	1 ng/mL	Prochlorperazine	LC/TOF-MS:

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<b>Promazine</b>	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/ml	Promazine	LC/TOF-MS:
Promethazine	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/ml	Promethazine	LC/TOF-MS:
Propoxyphene	GC/MS : MSPOX01A	0.1 mcg/mL	Propoxyphene and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Pseudoephedrine	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Amphetamines	LC/TOF-MS:
Psilocin	LC-MS/MS:	10 ng/mL	Psilocin	LC/TOF-MS:
Quetiapine	LC-MS/MS:	50 ng/mL	Quetiapine	LC/TOF-MS:
Quinidine	LC-MS/MS:	100 ng/mL	Quinidine	LC/TOF-MS:
Ramelteon	LC-MS/MS:	1 ng/mL	Ramelteon and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Ramelteon M-11	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Ramelteon and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Risperidone	LC-MS/MS : LCRI:S01A	1 ng/mL	Risperidone and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Risperidone and 9-Hydroxyrisperidone - Total	LC-MS/MS : LCRI:S01A	ng/mL	Risperidone and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
<b>Ritalinic Acid</b>	LC-MS/MS: LCRT01A	20 ng/ml	Methylphenidate and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Salicylate	LC-MS/MS:	5 mcg/mL	Salicylate	ELISA : SC05BLDA
Salvinorin B	LC-MS/MS:	1 ng/mL	Salvinorin B	LC/TOF-MS:
Secobarbital	GC/MS : MSBAR01A	0.2 mcg/mL	Barbiturates	ELISA : SC05BLDA
Sertraline	LC-MS/MS:	10 ng/mL	Sertraline and Desmethylsertraline	LC/TOF-MS:
Sildenafil	LC-MS/MS:	2 ng/mL	Sildenafil and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Strychnine	GC : GCFLU01A	20 ng/mL	Strychnine	LC/TOF-MS:
Sufentanil	LC-MS/MS:	0.1 ng/mL	Alfentanil and Sufentanil	LC/TOF-MS:
Suvorexant	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Suvorexant	LC/TOF-MS:
<b>TFMPP</b>	GC/MS: MSTFM01A	10 ng/mL	Piperazine Designer Drugs	LC/TOF-MS:
<b>Tadalafil</b>	LC-MS/MS:	10 ng/mL	<b>Tadalafil</b>	LC/TOF-MS:
Tapentadol - Free	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Tapentadol - Free	LC/TOF-MS:
Temazepam	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Tetrahydrozoline	LC-MS/MS:	0.1 ng/mL	Tetrahydrozoline	LC/TOF-MS:
<b>Theophylline</b>	HPLC : HPAN01A	0.5 mcg/mL	Theophylline	LC/TOF-MS:
Thioridazine	GC : GCPAD06A	200 ng/mL	Thioridazine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Tiletamine	GC : GCNIS01A	0.05 mcg/mL	Tiletamine	LC/TOF-MS:
Topiramate	LC-MS/MS: LCDIP01A	200 ng/mL	Topiramate	LC/TOF-MS:
Tramadol	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Tramadol and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Trazodone	GC : GCPAD06A	0.2 mcg/mL	Trazodone	LC/TOF-MS:
Triazolam	LC-MS/MS:	2 ng/mL	Benzodiazepines	LC/TOF-MS:
Trifluoperazine	LC-MS/MS:	0.2 ng/mL	Trifluoperazine	LC/TOF-MS:
Trihexyphenidyl	GC: GC2ML01A	1 ng/mL	Trihexyphenidyl	LC/TOF-MS:
Trimipramine	GC : GCPAD02A	20 ng/mL	<b>Trimipramine and Metabolite</b>	LC/TOF-MS:
Triprolidine	GC : GCPAD05A	60 ng/mL	Triprolidine	LC/TOF-MS:
<b>U-47700</b>	LC-MS/MS:	0.05 ng/mL	Designer Opioids (2018 Scope)	LC/TOF-MS:
Vardenafil	LC-MS/MS:	5 ng/mL	Vardenafil and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:
Venlafaxine	LC-MS/MS:	20 ng/mL	Venlafaxine and Metabolite	LC/TOF-MS:

Confirmation Compound	Method	Reporting Limit*	Compound Class	Screen Method
Verapamil	GC: GCPAD01A	20 ng/ml	Verapamil	LC/TOF-MS:
Xylazine	GC: GCMIS01A	0.4 mcg/ml	Xylazine	LC/TOF-MS:
Yohimbine	LC-MS/MS:	4 ng/ml	Yohimbine	LC/TOF-MS:
Zaleplon	LC-MS/MS:	4 ng/ml	Zaleplon	LC/TOF-MS:
Ziprasidone	LC-MS/MS: LCZIP01A	2 ng/ml	Ziprasidone	LC/TOF-MS:
Zolazepam	GC: GCMIS01A	0.05 mcg/ml	Zolazepam	LC/TOF-MS:
Zolpidem	LC-MS/MS:	4 ng/ml	Zolpidem	LC/TOF-MS:
Zonisamide	LC-MS/MS:	0.5 mcg/ml	Zonisamide	LC/TOF-MS:
mCPP	GC/MS: MSTFM01A	10 ng/ml	Piperazine Designer Drugs	LC/TOF-MS:
para-Fluorobutylfentanyl	LC-MS/MS:	0.05 ng/ml	Designer Opioids (2018 Scope)	LC/TOF-MS:
para-Fluoroisobutylfentanyl	LC-MS/MS:	0.05 ng/ml	Designer Opioids (2018 Scope)	LC/TOF-MS:

## BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

This Business Associate Agreement ("BAA") is made and entered into on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 ("Effective Date") by and between LSU Health Shreveport ("Covered Entity"), and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Business Associate"), for purposes of complying with the privacy and security regulations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 ("HIPAA"), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 ("HITECH Act"), and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") and corresponding regulations and guidance, all as may be amended from time to time.

### RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, Business Associate acknowledges that Covered Entity has in its possession data that contains Individually identifiable health information as defined by HIPAA and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, Covered Entity and Business Associate have entered into, are entering into, or may subsequently enter into, agreements or other documented arrangements (collectively, the "Business Arrangements") pursuant to which Business Associate may provide services for Covered Entity that may require Business Associate to access, create and/or Use health information that is protected by state and/or federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Administrative Simplification provisions of HIPAA, HHS promulgated the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information (the "Privacy Rules"), at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, requiring certain Individuals and entities subject to the Privacy Rules ("Covered Entity") to protect the privacy of certain Individually identifiable health information ("PHI"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to HIPAA, HHS has issued the Security Rules (the "Security Rules"), at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164, for the protection of electronic protected health information ("EPHI"); and

**WHEREAS**, the HITECH Act provides additional requirements in order to provide for the security of PHI and EPHI; <sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the privacy and security of PHI and EPHI (collectively, "PHI"), created or maintained by or on behalf of the Covered Entity, the Privacy Rules and Security Rules require a Covered Entity to enter into a business associate agreement with certain Individuals and entities who provide services for or on behalf of the Covered Entity when those services require the Use, Disclosure, creation, maintenance, and/or transmission of PHI; and

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<sup>1</sup>See, particularly, "Modifications to the HIPAA Privacy, Security, Enforcement, and Breach Notification Rules Under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act and the genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act; Other Modifications to the HIPAA Rules," 78 Federal Register, No. 17 (January 25, 2013) Final Rule (the "HIPAA Omnibus Final Rule").

**WHEREAS**, Business Associate and Covered Entity desire to enter into this BAA in order to comply with HIPAA and the HITECH Act Rules (collectively, the "Privacy and Security Rules").

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth in this BAA, and other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, and in furtherance of the mutual intent of the parties to comply with the Privacy and Security Rules, Covered Entity and Business Associate agree as follows:

- A. Definitions. Terms used herein, but not otherwise defined, shall have the meaning ascribed by the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules.
1. Breach shall mean an acquisition, access, Use, or Disclosure of PHI that is not provided by this BAA and/or not permitted by the Privacy and Security Rules, and which compromises the security or privacy of PHI, unless an exception applies. However, a Breach does not include:
    - (a) Unintentional acquisition, access, or Use of PHI by an employee, workforce member, or other Individual acting under the authority of Business Associate if such acquisition, access, or Use was made in good faith and within the course and scope of the employment or other professional relationship of such employee, workforce member, or other Individual with Business Associate, and that Individual does not further Use or Disclose the PHI in violation of the Privacy and Security Rules; or
    - (b) Inadvertent Disclosure of PHI between employees of Business Associate, if they are authorized to access PHI and do not further Use or Disclose the PHI in violation of the Privacy and Security Rules; or
    - (c) Unauthorized Disclosures in which an unauthorized person to whom Protected Health Information is Disclosed would not reasonably have been able to retain the information.

Except as provided in Paragraph (A)(1) above, any acquisition, access, use or disclosure of PHI or EPHI in a manner not permitted by the Privacy and Security Rules is presumed to be a Breach unless Covered Entity or Business Associate, as applicable, demonstrates that the protected health information has been compromised.

The parties intend the foregoing definition of "Breach" to be consistent with the HIPAA Privacy Rules and Security Rules, the HITECH Act, and HHS' interpretations of those rules. To the extent that any part of the above definition is inconsistent with any of those laws, the laws and HHS interpretations of same shall govern.

2. Business Associate. "Business Associate" shall generally have the same meaning as that term is defined at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, and in reference to the Party to this Agreement, shall mean \_\_\_\_\_. "Business Associate" also includes a Subcontractor of Business Associate that creates, receives, maintains or transmits PHI on behalf of Business Associate.
3. Covered Entity. "Covered Entity" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "covered entity" is defined at 45 C.F.R. 160.103, and in reference to the Party to this Agreement, shall mean LSU Health Shreveport.
4. Designated Record Set. "Designated Record Set" shall mean a group of records maintained by or for a Covered Entity that is: (i) the medical records and billing records about Individuals maintained by or for a covered health care provider; (ii) the enrollment, payment, claims adjudication, and case or medical management record systems maintained by or for a health plan; or (iii) Used, in whole or in part, by or for the Covered Entity to make decisions about Individuals. For purposes of this definition, the term "record" means any item, collection, or grouping of information that includes protected health information and is maintained, collected, Used, or disseminated by or for a Covered Entity.
5. Electronic PHI ("E PHI") is a subset of information covered by the Privacy Rule, i.e., all individually identifiable health information (PHI) that a Covered Entity creates, receives, maintains or transmits in electronic form. The Security Rule does not apply to PHI that is transmitted orally or in writing.
6. Individual. "Individual" shall mean the person who is the subject of the protected health information.
7. Privacy and Security Rules. The Privacy Rule, Security Rule and the HITECH Act are referred to collectively herein as the "Privacy and Security Rules," and this defined term is meant to include any subsequent amendments to said statutes and regulations, and interpretations of same issued by HHS.
8. Protected Health Information ("PHI"). "Protected Health Information" or "PHI" shall mean individually identifiable health information that is transmitted or maintained in any form or medium, including electronic protected health information ("E PHI"). For purposes of this BAA, PHI includes only individually identifiable health information created and/or maintained by Covered Entity, as that is provided to Business Associate by Covered Entity.
9. Required by Law. "Required by Law" shall mean a mandate contained in law that compels a Use or Disclosure of PHI.
10. Secretary. "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of HHS, or his or her Designee.
11. Security Incident means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system

operations in an information system. It may or may not include a Breach of PHI or EPHI.

12. Unsecured PHI and EPHI. "Unsecured PHI" shall mean PHI that is not secured through the use of technologies or methodologies that render PHI unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized Individuals, which technologies or methodologies are specified in guidance issued by the Secretary of HHS at 74 Fed. Reg. 42741-43 (August 24, 2009), and as such may be updated or amended from time to time.

13. Use. "Use" shall mean, with respect to Individually Identifiable Health Information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination, or analysis of such information within an entity that maintains such information.

B. Purposes for which PHI May Be Disclosed to Business Associate. In connection with the services provided by Business Associate to or on behalf of Covered Entity, as described in this BAA, Covered Entity may Disclose PHI to Business Associate.

C. Obligations of Business Associate. Business Associate agrees to comply with applicable federal and state confidentiality and security laws, specifically including without limitation, the Privacy and Security Rules applicable to Business Associates, as delineated in said Rules, including, but not limited to:

1. Knowledge of the Privacy and Security Rules. Business Associate agrees to review and understand the Privacy and Security Rules as they apply to Business Associate, and to comply with applicable requirements of the Privacy and Security Rules, as well as any applicable amendments.

2. Use and Disclosure of PHI. Business Associate agrees not to Use or Disclose PHI except as necessary to provide services to or on behalf of Covered Entity pursuant to this BAA or as Required by Law, and further agrees to make Uses, Disclosures and requests for PHI consistent with the Covered Entity's minimum necessary policies and procedures.

Furthermore, Business Associate agrees not to Use or Disclose PHI in a manner that would violate Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164, if done by the Covered Entity, nor shall Covered Entity request Business Associate to make such Uses or Disclosures; provided, however, that Business Associate may Use and Disclose PHI (a) in providing data aggregation services relating to the health care operations of the Covered Entity; or (b) as necessary for the proper management and administration of Business Associate, or to carry out its legal responsibilities; or (c) to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate, provided:

(a) the Use or Disclosure is Required by Law; or

(b) Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person or entity to whom the PHI is Disclosed that: (i) the PHI will be held

confidential and further Used and Disclosed only as Required by Law or for the purpose for which it was Disclosed to that person or entity; and (ii) the person or entity will notify Business Associate of any instances, of which it is aware, as a result of which the confidentiality of the PHI has been breached.

Business Associate agrees to provide information to members of its workforce using or Disclosing PHI regarding the confidentiality requirements of the Privacy and Security Rules and this BAA and to notify the designated Privacy Officer of Covered Entity of any instances, of which it is aware, in which the PHI is Used or Disclosed for a purpose that is not otherwise provided for in this BAA or for a purpose not expressly permitted by the Privacy and Security Rules.

3. Minimum Necessary. Business Associate shall ensure that all Uses and Disclosures of PHI are subject to the principle of "minimum necessary Use and Disclosure," i.e., only PHI that is the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the Use, Disclosure, or request is Used or Disclosed.
4. De-identified Information. Business Associate may Use and Disclose De-identified Health Information if (a) the Use is disclosed to Covered Entity and permitted by Covered Entity in its sole discretion; and (b) the de-identification is in compliance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(d), and the De-identified Health Information meets the standards and implementation specifications for de-identification under 45 C.F.R. § 164.514(a) and (b), as amended from time to time.
5. Policies and Safeguards to Protect PHI. Business Associate shall maintain reasonable and appropriate safeguards to ensure that PHI is not Used or Disclosed other than as provided by this BAA or as Required by Law, including, specifically Subpart C of 45 C.F.R. Part 164. Specifically, Business Associate shall implement administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately:
  - (a) Ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all PHI that Business Associate creates, receives, maintains or transmits electronically, or in any other form, on behalf of Covered Entity;
  - (b) Identify and protect against reasonably anticipated threats to the security or integrity of the information;
  - (c) Protect against reasonably anticipated, impermissible Uses or Disclosures; and
  - (d) Ensure compliance by Business Associate's work force by implementing certain "required" and "addressable" implementation specifications designed to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of EPHI within Business Associate's organization.

6. Internal Practices, Policies and Procedures. Except as otherwise specified herein, Business Associate shall make available its internal practices, policies and procedures relating to the Use and Disclosure of PHI, received from or on behalf of Covered Entity to the Secretary or his or her agents for the purpose of determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy and Security Rules, or any other health oversight agency, or to Covered Entity. Records requested that are not protected by an applicable legal privilege will be made available in the time and manner specified by Covered Entity or the Secretary.
7. Agents and Subcontractors of Business Associate. If Business Associate Discloses PHI received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity to agents, including subcontractors, Business Associate shall require the agent or subcontractor to agree in writing to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements as apply to Business Associate under this BAA and the Privacy and Security Rules. Business Associate shall ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of the Covered Entity. Business Associate shall be liable to Covered Entity for any acts, failures or omissions of the agent or subcontractor in providing the services as if they were Business Associate's own acts, failures or omissions, to the extent permitted by law. Business Associate further expressly warrants that its agents or subcontractors will be specifically advised of, and will comply in all respects with, the terms of this BAA. At no time will Business Associate subcontract or otherwise assign work related to the Covered Entity's PHI to any company providing that service outside the jurisdiction of United States law.
8. Individual Rights Regarding Designated Record Sets. If Business Associate maintains a Designated Record Set on behalf of Covered Entity, Business Associate agrees as follows:
  - (a) *Individual's Right to Copy or Inspect PHI.* Business Associate agrees that if it maintains a Designated Record Set for Covered Entity that is not maintained by Covered Entity, it will permit an Individual to inspect or copy PHI about said Individual in that Designated Record Set as directed by Covered Entity to meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.524. Under the Privacy Rule, Covered Entity is required to take action on such requests as soon as possible, but not later than thirty (30) days following receipt of the request. Business Associate agrees to make reasonable efforts to assist Covered Entity in meeting this deadline. The information shall be provided in the form or format requested if it is readily producible in such form or format, or in summary form, if the Individual has agreed in advance to accept the information in summary form. A reasonable, cost-based fee for copying health information may be charged. If Covered Entity maintains the requested records, Covered Entity, rather than Business Associate, shall permit access according to its policies and procedures implementing the Privacy and Security Rules.

- (b) *Individual Right to Amendment.* Business Associate agrees that, if it maintains PHI in a Designated Record Set, it will make such amendments to that PHI as may be requested and directed by Covered Entity pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 164.526, or take other measures as necessary to satisfy the Covered Entity's obligations under 45 C.F.R. § 164.526. If Business Associate maintains a record in a Designated Record Set that is not also maintained by Covered Entity, Business Associate agrees that it will accommodate an Individual's request to amend PHI only in conjunction with a determination by Covered Entity that the amendment is appropriate according to 45 C.F.R. § 164.526.
- (c) *Accounting of Disclosures.* Business Associate agrees to maintain documentation of the information required to provide an accounting of Disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528, and to make this information available to Covered Entity upon Covered Entity's request, in order to allow Covered Entity to respond to an Individual's request for accounting of Disclosures. Under the Privacy Rule, Covered Entity is required to take action on such requests as soon as possible but not later than sixty (60) days following receipt of the request. Business Associate agrees to Use its best efforts to assist Covered Entity in meeting this deadline. Such accounting must be provided without cost to the Individual or Covered Entity if it is the first accounting requested by an Individual within any twelve (12) month period; however, a reasonable, cost-based fee may be charged for subsequent accountings if Business Associate informs the Individual in advance of the fee and is afforded an opportunity to withdraw or modify the request. Such accounting is limited to Disclosures that were made in the six (6) years prior to the request (not including Disclosures prior to the compliance date of the Privacy Rule) and shall be provided for as long as Business Associate maintains the PHI.
9. Business Associates' Performance of Covered Entity's Obligations under Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. § 164. To the extent Business Associate is to carry out one or more of the Covered Entity's obligations under Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Business Associate agrees to comply with the requirements of Subpart E that apply to the Covered Entity in the performance of such obligations.
10. Notice of Privacy Practices. Business Associate shall abide by the limitations of Covered Entity's Notice of Privacy Practices ("Notice"), of which it has knowledge. Any Use or Disclosure permitted by this BAA may be amended by changes to Covered Entity's Notice; provided, however, that the amended Notice shall not affect permitted Uses and Disclosures on which Business Associate relied prior to receiving notice of such amended Notice.
11. Data Aggregation. In the event Business Associate provides services for more than one Covered Entity, Business Associate is permitted to Use and Disclose PHI for data aggregation purposes after receiving written approval from the

Covered Entity and subject to the further limitation that the aggregated information does not extend to patient specific level of detail.

12. Withdrawal of Authorization. If the Use or Disclosure of PHI in this BAA is based upon an Individual's specific authorization for the Use or Disclosure of his or her PHI, and the Individual revokes such authorization, the effective date of such authorization has expired, or such authorization is found to be defective in any manner that renders it invalid, Business Associate shall, if it has notice of such revocation, expiration, or invalidity, cease the Use and Disclosure of the Individual's PHI except to the extent it has relied on such Use or Disclosure, or if an exception under the Privacy Rule expressly applies.
13. Security Incident. Business Associate agrees to immediately report to Covered Entity any successful "Security Incident," as defined by the HIPAA Security Rule, and to provide information to Covered Entity regarding unsuccessful Security Incidents, within thirty (30) days of a request for such report from Covered Entity.
14. Reporting Breaches of Unsecured PHI. If Business Associate has a Breach of Unsecured PHI, both as defined in Section A, Business Associate will report such Breach as provided in this Subsection. For purposes of this Subsection, a Breach shall be treated as discovered by the Business Associate as of the first day on which such Breach is known to the Business Associate, or by exercising reasonable diligence, would have been known to the Business Associate. A Business Associate shall be deemed to have knowledge of a Breach if the Breach is known or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known to any person, other than the person committing the Breach, who is an employee, officer, or other agent of the Business Associate (determined in accordance with Federal common law of agency).
  - (a) *Reporting to Covered Entity*. Business Associate will report the Breach of Unsecured PHI to Covered Entity within five (5) days of Business Associate's discovering the Breach. Such report will include the following information:
    - (i) The identification of each Individual whose Unsecured PHI has been, or is reasonably believed by Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed during the Breach, including the Individuals' contact information if available to the Business Associate;
    - (ii) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the discovery of the Breach, if known;
    - (iii) A description of the types of Unsecured PHI involved in the Breach (such as name, Social Security number, date of birth, home address, or account number);

- (iv) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing or has done to investigate the Breach, mitigate losses to Individuals and Covered Entity, and protect against any further breaches; and
- (v) Contact procedures for Individuals to ask questions or learn additional information about the Breach, which shall include a toll- free telephone number and an e-mail, website, or postal address at Business Associate. If Business Associate will report to Individuals directly under Subsection (b), Business Associate will include its notice in draft form.

(b) *Reporting to Individuals.*

- (i) Reporting by Business Associate. If PHI originating from more than one Covered Entity is involved in a Breach, the Business Associate will conduct the reporting on behalf of such Covered Entities, consistent with this subsection (b), so as to avoid duplicative reporting to Individuals by Covered Entities.
- (ii) Timing of Report. Business Associate will make such report without unreasonable delay after approval of the content under Subsection (C)(14)(b)(iii) by Covered Entity, if required, so that the parties can meet the requirement to report a breach no later than sixty (60) days after Business Associate discovers the breach. However, Business Associate may delay reporting to Individuals if a law enforcement official determines that reporting will impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security, in which case reporting may be delayed in the same manner as provided under 45 C.F.R. § 164.528(a)(2).
- (iii) Content of Report. Business Associate will include the following information in the report to Individuals:
  - a. A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the discovery of the Breach, if known;
  - b. A description of the types of Unsecured PHI involved in the Breach (such as name, Social Security number, date of birth, home address, or account number, etc.);
  - c. A brief description of what Business Associate is doing or has done to investigate the Breach, mitigate losses to Individuals and protect against any further breaches;

- d. Steps Individuals should take to protect themselves from potential harm resulting from the Breach; and
- e. Contact procedures for Individuals to ask questions or learn additional information about the Breach, which shall include a toll-free telephone number and an e-mail, website, or postal address of Business Associate.

If the Report mentions the Covered Entity, Covered Entity will have the right to approve the Report in advance, which approval Covered Entity will not unreasonably withhold, condition or delay.

- (iv) Method of Reporting to Individuals. Business Associate will provide the report to Individuals in writing, by first class mail, sent to the last known address of the Individual (or to the next of kin or personal representative, to the extent known, if the Individual is deceased). If an Individual has specified a preference for electronic mail in communications with the Business Associate, then Business Associate will use electronic mail. In cases where there is insufficient or out-of-date information to provide the written notice required, Business Associate will include a conspicuous posting on its website; or if it does not have a website, provide the required information to major print or broadcast media in geographic areas where the Individuals affected by the Breach likely reside. The website posting or media announcement will include a toll-free phone number so that affected Individuals may learn whether or not their unsecured PHI may have been included in the Breach.
- (c) *Reporting to the Media.* If Business Associate believes that the Unsecured PHI of more than five hundred (500) Individuals residing within a state or jurisdiction of operation has been accessed, acquired, or Disclosed in the Breach, Business Associate will, within sixty (60) days of discovering the breach, provide notice to major print or broadcast media in geographic areas where the Individuals affected by the Breach likely reside. The media announcement will include a toll-free phone number so that affected Individuals may learn whether or not their Unsecured PHI may have been included in the Breach. If the Report mentions the Covered Entity, Covered Entity will have the right to approve the Report in advance, which approval Covered Entity will not unreasonably withhold, condition or delay.
- (d) *Reporting to HHS.* If Business Associate believes that the Unsecured PHI of more than five hundred (500) Individuals residing within its jurisdiction of operation has been acquired or Disclosed in the Breach, Business Associate will notify the Secretary of HHS at the same time it makes its report to the Individuals If the Report mentions the Covered Entity,

Covered Entity will have the right to approve the Report in advance, which approval Covered Entity will not unreasonably withhold, condition or delay.

- (e) *Reimbursement to Covered Entity for Reporting Costs.* Business Associate will reimburse Covered Entity for any reasonable expenses Covered Entity incurs in notifying Individuals of a Breach caused by Business Associate or its subcontractors or agents, and for any reasonable expenses required to mitigate harm to Individuals.

15. Covered Entity's Obligation to Keep Business Associate Informed. Covered entity shall notify Business Associate of:

- (a) Any limitation(s) in the Notice of Privacy Practices of Covered Entity under 45 C.F.R. § 164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect Business Associate's Use or Disclosure of PHI.
- (b) Any changes in, or revocation of, the permission by an Individual to Use or Disclose his or her PHI, to the extent that such changes may affect Business Associate's Use or Disclosure of PHI.
- (c) Covered entity shall notify Business Associate of any restriction on the Use or Disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to or is required to abide under 45 C.F.R. § 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's Use or Disclosure of PHI.

D. Term and Termination.

- 1. Term. This BAA shall be effective as of the Effective Date and shall end when terminated pursuant to this Section.
- 2. Termination for Breach. If Business Associate breaches any material provision in this BAA, Covered Entity may, at its option, access and audit the records of Business Associate related to its Use and Disclosure of PHI, require Business Associate to submit to monitoring and reporting, and such other corrective actions as Covered Entity may determine is necessary to ensure compliance with this BAA, or Covered Entity may terminate this BAA on a date specified by Covered Entity.
- 3. Termination for Reasons Other Than Breach. Covered Entity and Business Associate agree that this BAA may be terminated by either party upon giving ninety (90) days written notice prior to the proposed termination date.
- 4. Effect of Termination. Upon termination of this BAA for any reason, Business Associate agrees to return or destroy all PHI received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, or maintained by Business Associate in any form. This provision shall also apply to PHI/EPHI in the possession of Business Associate's Subcontractors or agents.

5. If Business Associate determines that it must Use or Disclose PHI for its own management and administration, or to carry out its legal responsibilities, Business Associate shall:
  - a. Retain only that PHI which is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities;
  - b. Return to Covered Entity, or if agreed to by Covered Entity, destroy, the remaining PHI that the Business Associate still maintains in any form;
  - c. Continue to use appropriate safeguards and comply with Subpart C of 45 C.F.R. Part 164 with respect to PHI to prevent Use or Disclosure of the PHI, other than as provided for in this Section, for as long as Business Associate retains the PHI;
  - d. Not Use or Disclose any PHI retained by Business Associate other than for the purposes for which such PHI was retained and subject to the same conditions set out in the sections discussing Business Associate's permitted Uses and Disclosures; and
  - e. Return to Covered Entity, or if agreed to by Covered Entity, destroy, the PHI retained by Business Associate when it is no longer needed by Business Associate for its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities.
6. Survival. The obligations of Business Associate under this Section shall survive the termination of this BAA.

E. Miscellaneous.

1. Indemnification. To the extent permitted by law, Business Associate agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Covered Entity from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, judgments or causes of action of any nature for any relief, elements of recovery or damages recognized by law (including, without limitation, attorney's fees, defense costs, and equitable relief), for any damage or loss incurred by Covered Entity arising out of, resulting from, or attributable to any acts or omissions or other conduct of Business Associate or its agents in connection with the performance of Business Associate's or its agents' duties under this BAA. This indemnity provision shall survive termination of this BAA, and Covered Entity reserves the right, at its option and expense, to participate in the defense of any suit or proceeding through counsel of its own choosing.
2. Mitigation. If either party violates this BAA or the Privacy and Security Rules, each party agrees to mitigate any damage caused by such breach.

3. Rights of Proprietary Information. Covered Entity retains any and all rights to the proprietary information, confidential information, and PHI it releases to Business Associate.
5. Amendments. This BAA may not be changed or modified in any manner except by an instrument in writing signed by a duly authorized officer of each of the parties hereto. The parties, however, agree to amend this BAA from time to time as necessary, in order to allow Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy and Security Rules. The Parties recognize that the HITECH Act requires the Secretary of HHS to promulgate regulations that may expand the requirements of the Privacy and Security Rules. At such time during the term of this BAA that regulations take effect that are interpreted by any party, based on an opinion from legal counsel, as changing or expanding the Privacy and Security Rules requirements under this BAA, then the parties will, within ten (10) days following notice to the other, in good faith, attempt to amend the BAA to provide for compliance with such expanded requirements.
6. Choice of Law. This BAA shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, without regard to its conflict of laws provisions.
7. Notices. All notices provided for hereunder shall be made in writing, and shall be deemed to have been duly given (a) on the date of service if served personally on the party to whom notice is to be given, (b) on the date of service if delivery is made by overnight courier to the party to whom notice is to be given at the address set forth below, or (c) five (5) days after the date of depositing the same in the U.S. Mail and mailed to the party to whom notice is to be given, by First Class Mail, registered or certified, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to the address set forth below.

If to Covered Entity:                      LSU Health Shreveport

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

If to Business Associate:                      \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Either party may change its address from that stated above by giving written notice of the change to the other in the manner provided in this section.

8. Nature of BAA. Nothing in this BAA shall be construed to create (a) a partnership, joint venture or other joint business relationship between the parties or any of their affiliates, (b) any fiduciary duty owed by one party to another party

or any of its affiliates, or (c) a relationship of employer and employee between the parties.

9. No Waiver. Failure or delay on the part of either party to exercise any right, power, privilege or remedy hereunder shall not constitute a waiver thereof. No provision of this BAA may be waived by either party except by a writing signed by an authorized representative of the party making the waiver.
10. Severability. The provisions of this BAA shall be severable, and if any provision of this BAA is held or declared to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this BAA shall continue in full force and effect as though such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision had not been contained herein.
11. No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this BAA shall be considered or construed as conferring any right or benefit on a person not party to this BAA nor imposing any obligations on either Party hereto to persons not a party to this BAA.
12. Headings. The descriptive headings of this BAA are for convenience only, do not constitute a part of this BAA, and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this BAA.
13. Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this BAA shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy and Security Rules and any applicable state confidentiality laws. The provisions of this BAA shall prevail over the provisions of any other BAA that exists between the Parties that may conflict with, or appear inconsistent with, any provision of this BAA or the Privacy and Security Rules as they pertain to PHI.
14. Regulatory References. A citation in this BAA to the Code of Federal Regulations and/or other laws shall mean the cited section as that section may be amended from time to time.
15. Entire Agreement: This Agreement constitutes and expresses the entire Agreement of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and there are no representations, inducements, promises, agreements, arrangement, undertakings, covenants or conditions concerning the subject matter hereof, whether oral or written, express or implied, that are not incorporated herein or superseded hereby. Any and all prior agreements are hereby terminated unless attached hereto and incorporated by amendment. This Agreement may only be amended by written consent of all parties hereto.
16. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same document. In making proof of this Agreement, it shall not be necessary to produce or account for more than one such counterpart executed by the party against whom enforcement of this Agreement is sought.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this BAA on the dates set forth below, effective on the Effective Date first stated above.

**COVERED ENTITY:**

**LSU Health Shreveport**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Printed Name]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Title]*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE:**

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Printed Name]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Title]*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* EXHIBIT A \*\***

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTORS**

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the Contractor's bid.

**A. MINIMUM SCOPE OF INSURANCE**

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability "occurrence" coverage form CG 00 01 (current form approved for use in Louisiana). **"Claims Made" form is unacceptable.**
2. Insurance Services Office form number CA 00 01 (current form approved for use in Louisiana). The policy shall provide coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned coverage. If an automobile is to be utilized in the execution of this contract, and the vendor/contractor does not own a vehicle, then proof of hired and non-owned coverage is sufficient.
3. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the Labor Code of the State of Louisiana, including Employers Liability insurance.

**B. MINIMUM LIMITS OF INSURANCE**

Contractor shall maintain limits no less than:

1. Commercial General Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage.
2. Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident, for bodily injury and property damage.
3. Workers Compensation and Employers Liability: Workers' Compensation limits as required by the Labor Code of the State of Louisiana and Employers Liability coverage. Exception: Employers liability limit is to be \$1,000,000 when work is to be over water and involves maritime exposure.

**C. DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS**

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the Agency. The Contractor shall be responsible for all deductibles and self-insured retentions. At the option of the Agency, the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

**D. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS**

The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages
  - a. The Agency, its officers, officials, employees, Boards and Commissions and volunteers are to be added as "additional insured's" as respects liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor; products and completed operations of the Contractor, premises owned, occupied or used by the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the Agency, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.

- b. The Contractor's insurance shall be primary insurance as respects the Agency, its officers, officials, employees, Boards and Commissions or volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Agency shall be excess and non-contributory of the Contractor's insurance.
- b. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to the Agency, its officers, officials, employees, Boards and Commissions or volunteers.
- c. The Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

2. Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Coverage

The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the Agency, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by the Contractor for the Agency.

3. All Coverages

Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, or reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to the Agency.

**E. ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS**

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of **A:-VI or higher**. This rating requirement may be waived for workers' compensation coverage only.

**F. VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE**

Contractor shall furnish the Agency with certificates of insurance affecting coverage required by this clause. The certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificates are to be received and approved by the Agency before work commences. The Agency reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

**G. SUBCONTRACTORS**

Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insured's under its policies OR shall furnish separate certificates for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

## INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

The \_\_\_\_\_ agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, save and hold

Contractor/Subcontractor

harmless the University, State of Louisiana, all State Departments, Boards and Commissions, its officers, agents, servants and employees, including volunteers, from and against any and all claims, demands, expense and liability arising out of injury or death to any person or the damage, loss or destruction of any property which may occur or in any way grow out of any act or omission of \_\_\_\_\_, its agents, servants, and \_\_\_\_\_

employees or any and all costs,

Contractor/Subcontractor

expense and/or attorney fees incurred by \_\_\_\_\_, as a result of any

Contractor/Subcontractor

claims demands and/or causes of action except of those claims, demands, and/or causes of action arising out of the negligence of the University, State of Louisiana, all State Departments, Boards, Commissions, its agents, representatives, and/or employees.

\_\_\_\_\_ agrees to investigate, handle, respond to,

Contractor/Subcontractor

provide defense for and defend any such claims, demand, or suit at its sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if it (claims, etc.) is groundless, false or fraudulent.

Accepted by \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

Is Certificate of Insurance Attached \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Louisiana State University & A & M College

PURPOSE OF CONTRACT: \_\_\_\_\_