

**ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT
2100 CLARENDON BOULEVARD, SUITE 500
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22201**

CONTRACT AWARD

TO: VESSENCE CORPORATION
2001 MT. VERNON AVENUE
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22301

DATE ISSUED: JANUARY 1, 2022

CONTRACT NO: 21-HRD-RFP-479-25
CONTRACT TITLE: LEADERSHIP & INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

THIS IS A NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT AND NOT AN ORDER. NO WORK IS AUTHORIZED UNTIL THE VENDOR RECEIVES A VALID COUNTY PURCHASE ORDER ENCUMBERING CONTRACT FUNDS.

The contract documents consist of the terms and conditions of AGREEMENT No. **21-HRD-RFP-479-25** including any attachments or amendments thereto.

EFFECTIVE DATE: JANUARY 1, 2022

EXPIRES: DECEMBER 31, 2022

RENEWALS: FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD RENEWALS THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2023 – DECEMBER 31, 2026

COMMODITY CODE(S): 91800;92400

LIVING WAGE: N

ATTACHMENTS:

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EMPLOYEES NOT TO BENEFIT:

NO COUNTY EMPLOYEE SHALL RECEIVE ANY SHARE OR BENEFIT OF THIS CONTRACT NOT AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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PURCHASING DIVISION AUTHORIZATION

VANESSA MOOREHEAD Title PROCUREMENT OFFICER Date: JANUARY 1, 2022



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THIS AGREEMENT is made, on **January 1, 2022**, between **Vessence Corporation, 2001 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301** ("Contractor") a Virginia Corporation authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia. The County and the Contractor, for the consideration hereinafter specified, agree as follows:

1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The "Contract Documents" consist of:

This Agreement
Exhibit A – Scope of Work
Exhibit B – Contract Pricing
Exhibit C – Contractor COVID-19 Vaccination Certification
Exhibit D – Contractor COVID-19 Vaccination Quarterly Compliance Certification
Exhibit E – Arlington County Request For Proposals 21-HRD-RFP-479, and all Addendums
incorporated herein by reference

Where the terms and provisions of this Agreement vary from the terms and provisions of the other Contract Documents, the terms and provisions of this Agreement will prevail over the other Contract Documents, and the remaining Contract Documents will be complementary to each other. If there are any conflicts, the most stringent terms or provisions will prevail.

The Contract Documents set forth the entire agreement between the County and the Contractor. The County and the Contractor agree that no representative or agent of either party has made any representation or promise with respect to the parties' agreement that is not contained in the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents may be referred to below as the "Contract" or the "Agreement".

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor agrees to perform the services described in the Contract Documents (the "Work"). As detailed in the "Scope of Work" (Exhibit A), the primary purpose of the Work is **Leadership & Individual Development Training**. It will be the Contractor's responsibility, at its sole cost, to provide the specific services set forth in the Contract Documents and sufficient services to fulfill the purposes of the Work. Nothing in the Contract Documents limits the Contractor's responsibility to manage the details and execution of the Work.

3. PROJECT OFFICER

The performance of the Contractor is subject to the review and approval of the County Project Officer, who will be appointed by the Director of the Arlington County department or agency requesting the Work under this Contract.

4. CONTRACT TERM

Time is of the essence. The Work will commence on **January 1, 2022** and must be completed no later than **December 31, 2022** ("Initial Contract Term"), subject to any modifications provided in the Contract Documents. Upon satisfactory performance by the Contractor the County may, through issuance of a unilateral Notice of Award, authorize continuation of the Agreement under the same contract prices for not more than four (4) additional 12-month periods, from **January 1, 2023** to **December 31, 2026** (each a "Subsequent Contract Term"). The Initial Contract Term and any Subsequent Contract Term(s) are together the "Contract Term".

5. CONTRACT AMOUNT

The County will pay the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the Payment section below and of Exhibit B for the Contractor's completion of the Work as required by the Contract Documents. The Contractor will complete the Work for the total amount specified in this section ("Contract Amount").

The County will not compensate the Contractor for any goods or services beyond those included in Exhibit A unless those additional goods or services are covered by a fully executed amendment to this Contract. Additional services will be billed at the rates set forth in **Exhibit B** unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing.

6. CONTRACT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

The Contract Amount/unit price(s) will remain firm until **December 31, 2022** ("Price Adjustment Date"). To request a price adjustment, the Contractor or the County must submit a written request to the other party not less than 90 days before the Price Adjustment Date. Adjustments to the Contract Amount/unit price(s) will not exceed the percentage of change in the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index, All Items, Unadjusted, Urban Areas ("CPI-U") for the 12-month period ending in January of each year of the Contract.

Any Contract Amount/unit price(s) that result from this provision will become effective the day after the Price Adjustment Date and will be binding for 12 months. The new Price Adjustment Date will be 12 months after the price adjustment.

If the Contractor and the County have not agreed on a requested adjustment by 30 days before the Price Adjustment Date, the County may terminate the Contract, whether or not the County has previously elected to extend the Contract's term.

7. PAYMENT

The Contractor must submit invoices to the County's Project Officer, who will either approve the invoice or require corrections. Each invoice must certify that the invoice submitted is a true and accurate accounting of the work performed and goods and/or services provided and must be signed and attested to by the Contractor or authorized designee. The County will pay the Contractor within forty-five (45) days after receipt of an invoice for completed work that is reasonable and allocable to the Contract and that

has been performed to the satisfaction of the Project Officer. The number of the County Purchase Order pursuant to which goods or services have been delivered or performed must appear on all invoices.

8. REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

The County will not reimburse the Contractor for any expenses under this Contract. The amount in Exhibit B includes all costs and expenses of providing the services described in this Contract.

9. PAYMENT OF SUBCONTRACTORS

The Contractor is obligated to take one of the two following actions within seven days after receipt of payment by the County for work performed by any subcontractor under this Contract:

- a. Pay the subcontractor for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the County attributable to the work performed by the subcontractor under this Contract; or
- b. Notify the County and the subcontractor, in writing, of the Contractor's intention to withhold all or a part of the subcontractor's payment, with the reason for nonpayment.

The Contractor is obligated to pay interest to the subcontractor on all amounts owed by the Contractor to the subcontractor that remain unpaid after seven days following receipt by the Contractor of payment from the County for work performed by the subcontractor under this Contract, except for amounts withheld as allowed in subsection b., above. Unless otherwise provided under the terms of this Contract, interest will accrue at the rate of 1% per month.

The Contractor must include in each of its subcontracts, if any are permitted, a provision requiring each subcontractor to include or otherwise be subject to the same payment and interest requirements with respect to each lower-tier subcontractor.

The Contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor pursuant to this section may not be construed to be an obligation of the County. A Contract modification may not be made for the purpose of providing reimbursement for such interest charge. A cost reimbursement claim may not include any amount for reimbursement for such interest charge.

10. NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS

The County's approval or acceptance of or payment for any goods or services under this Contract will not waive any rights or causes of action arising out of the Contract.

11. NON-APPROPRIATION

All payments by the County to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract are subject to the availability of an annual appropriation for this purpose by the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia ("Board"). In the event that the Board does not appropriate funds for the goods or services provided under this Contract, the County will terminate the Contract, without termination charge or other liability to the County, on the last day of the fiscal year or when the previous appropriation has been spent, whichever event occurs first.

12. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES/NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF CONTRACTOR

This Contract does not obligate the County to purchase a specific quantity of items or services during the Contract Term. Any quantities that are included in the Contract Documents are the present expectations of the County for the period of the Contract; and the County is under no obligation to buy that or any

amount as a result of having provided this estimate or of having had any normal or otherwise measurable requirement in the past. The County may require more goods and/or services than the estimated annual quantities, and any such additional quantities will not give rise to any claim for compensation other than at the unit prices and/or rates in the Contract.

The County does not guarantee that the Contractor will be the exclusive provider of the goods or services covered by this Contract. The items or services covered by this Contract may be or become available under other County contract(s), and the County may determine that it is in its best interest to procure the items or services through those contract(s).

13. COUNTY PURCHASE ORDER REQUIREMENT

County purchases are authorized only if the County issues a Purchase Order in advance of the transaction, indicating that the ordering County agency has sufficient funds available to pay for the purchase. If the Contractor provides goods or services without a signed County Purchase Order, it does so at its own risk and expense. The County will not be liable for payment for any purchases made by its employees that are not authorized by the County Purchasing Agent.

14. BACKGROUND CHECK

All employees or subcontractors whom the Contractor assigns to work on this Contract must pass the County's standard background check. The background check will include fingerprinting by the County Sheriff's Office and a credit check.

15. REPLACEMENT OF PERSONNEL AND SUBCONTRACTORS

The County has the right reasonably to reject staff or subcontractors whom the Contractor assigns to the project. The Contractor must then provide replacement staff or subcontractors satisfactory to the County in a timely manner and at no additional cost to the County. The day-to-day supervision and control of the Contractor's and its subcontractors' employees is the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

The Contractor may not replace key personnel or subcontractors identified in its proposal, including the approved Project Manager, without the County's written approval. The Contractor must submit any request to remove or replace key personnel or subcontractors to the County Project Officer at least 15 calendar days in advance of the proposed action. The request must contain a detailed justification, including identification of the proposed replacement and his or her qualifications.

If the approved Project Manager must be absent for an extended period, the Contractor must provide an interim Project Manager, subject to the County's written approval.

If the approved Project Manager resigns or is terminated by the Contractor, the Contractor will replace the Project Manager with an individual with similar qualifications and experience, subject to the County's written approval.

16. EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION BY CONTRACTOR PROHIBITED

During the performance of its work pursuant to this Contract:

- A. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability or on any other basis prohibited by state law. The Contractor agrees to post in

conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- B. Notices, advertisements, and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation will be deemed sufficient for meeting the requirements of this section.
- C. The Contractor will state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that it places or causes to be placed that such Contractor is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
- D. The Contractor will comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), which prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in employment and mandates that disabled individuals be provided access to publicly and privately provided services and activities.
- E. The Contractor must include the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs in every subcontract or purchase order of more than \$10,000.00 relating to this Contract so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

17. EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS PROHIBITED

In accordance with §2.2-4311.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the Contractor must not during the performance of this Contract knowingly employ an unauthorized alien, as that term is defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

18. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE TO BE MAINTAINED BY CONTRACTOR

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor must: (i) provide a drug-free workplace for its employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the Contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violating such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor that the Contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of more than \$10,000.00 relating to this Contract so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, "workplace" means the site(s) for the performance of the work required by this Contract.

19. SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

If the Contractor employs more than five employees, the Contractor shall (i) provide annual training on the Contractor's sexual harassment policy to all supervisors and employees providing services in the Commonwealth, except such supervisors or employees that are required to complete sexual harassment training provided by the Department of Human Resource Management, and (ii) post the Contractor's sexual harassment policy in (a) a conspicuous public place in each building located in the Commonwealth that the Contractor owns or leases for business purposes and (b) the Contractor's employee handbook.

20. TERMINATION

The County may terminate this Contract at any time as follows: (1) for cause, if, as determined by the County, the Contractor is in breach or default or has failed to perform the Work satisfactorily; or (2) for the convenience of the County.

Upon receipt of a notice of termination, the Contractor must not place any further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities; must terminate all vendors and subcontracts, except as are necessary for the completion of any portion of the Work that the County did not terminate; and must immediately deliver all documents related to the terminated Work to the County.

Any purchases that the Contractor makes after the notice of termination will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor unless the County has approved the purchases in writing as necessary for completion of any portion of the Work that the County did not terminate.

If any court of competent jurisdiction finds a termination for cause by the County to be improper, then the termination will be deemed a termination for convenience.

A. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE, INCLUDING BREACH AND DEFAULT; CURE

1. Termination for Unsatisfactory Performance. If the County determines that the Contractor has failed to perform satisfactorily, then the County will give the Contractor written notice of such failure(s) and the opportunity to cure them within 15 days or any other period specified by the County ("Cure Period"). If the Contractor fails to cure within the Cure Period, the County may terminate the Contract for failure to provide satisfactory performance by providing written notice with a termination date. The Contractor must submit any request for termination costs, with all supporting documentation, to the County Project Officer within 30 days after the expiration of the Cure Period. The County may accept or reject the request for termination costs, in whole or in part, and may notify the Contractor of its decision within a reasonable time.

In the event of termination by the County for failure to perform satisfactorily, the Contractor must continue to provide its services as previously scheduled through the termination date, and the County must continue to pay all fees and charges incurred through the termination date.

2. Termination for Breach or Default. If the County terminates the Contract for default or breach of any Contract provision or condition, then the termination will be immediate after notice of termination to the Contractor (unless the County provides for an opportunity to cure), and the Contractor will not be permitted to seek termination costs.

Upon any termination pursuant to this section, the Contractor will be liable to the County for costs that the County must expend to complete the Work, including costs resulting from any related delays and from unsatisfactory or non-compliant work performed by the Contractor or its subcontractors. The County will deduct such costs from any amount due to the Contractor; or if the County does not owe the Contractor, the Contractor must promptly pay the costs within 15 days of a demand by the County. This section does not limit the County's recovery of any other damages to which it is entitled by law.

Except as otherwise directed by the County, the Contractor must stop work on the date of receipt the notice of the termination.

B. TERMINATION FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE COUNTY

The County may terminate this Contract in whole or in part whenever the Purchasing Agent determines that termination is in the County's best interest. The County will give the Contractor at least 15 days' notice in writing. The notice must specify the extent to which the Contract is terminated and the effective termination date. The Contractor will be entitled to termination costs, plus any other reasonable amounts that the parties might negotiate; but no amount will be allowed for anticipatory profits.

Except as otherwise directed by the County, the Contractor must stop work on the date of receipt of the notice of the termination.

21. INDEMNIFICATION (Note: Virginia law does not permit the County to indemnify others; cross indemnity provisions are not acceptable to the County)

The Contractor covenants for itself, its employees and its subcontractors to save, defend, hold harmless and indemnify the County and all of its elected and appointed officials, officers, current and former employees, agents, departments, agencies, boards and commissions (collectively the "County Indemnitees") from and against any and all claims made by third parties for any and all losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties, costs (including court costs and attorneys' fees), charges, liability, demands or exposure resulting from, arising out of or in any way connected with the Contractor's acts or omissions, including the acts or omissions of its employees and/or subcontractors, in performance or nonperformance of the Contract. This duty to save, defend, hold harmless and indemnify will survive the termination of this Contract. If the Contractor fails or refuses to fulfill its obligations contained in this section, the Contractor must reimburse the County for any and all resulting payments and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees. The Contractor must pay such expenses upon demand by the County, and failure to do so may result in the County withholding such amounts from any payments to the Contractor under this Contract.

22. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor warrants and guarantees that in providing services under this Contract neither the Contractor nor any subcontractor is infringing on the intellectual property rights (including, but not limited to, copyright, patent, mask, and trademark) of third parties.

If the Contractor or any of its employees or subcontractors uses any design, device, work, or material that is covered by patent or copyright, it is understood that the Contract Amount includes all royalties, licensing fees, and any other costs arising from such use in connection with the Work under this Contract.

The Contractor covenants for itself, its employees and its subcontractors to save, defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the County Indemnitees, as defined above, from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties, costs (including court costs and attorneys' fees), charges, liability or exposure for infringement of or on account of any trademark, copyright, patented or unpatented invention, process or article manufactured or used in the performance of this Contract. This duty to save, defend, hold harmless and indemnify will survive the termination of this Contract. If the Contractor fails or refuses to fulfill its obligations contained in this section, the Contractor must reimburse the County for any and all resulting payments and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees. The Contractor must pay such expenses upon demand by the County, and failure to do so may result in the County withholding such amounts from any payments to the Contractor under this Contract.

23. COPYRIGHT

By this Contract, the Contractor irrevocably transfers, assigns, sets over and conveys to the County all rights, title, and interest, including the sole exclusive and complete copyright interest, in any and all copyrightable works created pursuant to this Contract. The Contractor will execute any documents that the County requests to formalize such transfer or assignment.

The rights granted to the County by this section are irrevocable and may not be rescinded or modified, including in connection with or as a result of the termination of or a dispute concerning this Contract.

The Contractor may not use subcontractors or third parties to develop or provide input into any copyrightable materials produced pursuant to this Contract without the County's advance written approval and unless the Contractor includes this Copyright provision in any contract or agreement with such subcontractors or third parties related to this Contract.

24. OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT

This Contract does not confer on the Contractor any ownership rights or rights to use or disclose the County's data or inputs.

All work product, in any form, that results from this Contract is the property of the County and must be provided or returned to the County upon completion, termination, or cancellation of this Contract. The Contractor will not use or allow others to use the work product for any purpose other than performance of this Contract without the written consent of the County.

The work product is confidential, and the Contractor may neither release the work product nor share its contents. The Contractor will refer all inquiries regarding the status of any work product to the Project Officer or to his or her designee. At the County's request, the Contractor will deliver all work product, including hard copies of electronic files, to the Project Officer and will destroy all electronic files.

The Contractor must include the provisions of this section as part of any contract or agreement related to this Contract into which it enters with subcontractors or other third parties.

The provisions of this section will survive any termination or cancellation of this Contract.

25. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The Contractor and its employees, agents and subcontractors will hold as confidential all County information obtained under this Contract. Confidential information includes, but is not limited to, nonpublic personal information; personal health information (PHI); social security numbers; addresses; dates of birth; other contact information or medical information about a person; and information pertaining to products, operations, systems, customers, prospective customers, techniques, intentions, processes, plans and expertise. The Contractor must take reasonable measures to ensure that all of its employees, agents and subcontractors are informed of and abide by this requirement.

26. ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING

This Contract incorporates by reference Article 9 of the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution, as well as all state and federal laws related to ethics, conflicts of interest or bribery, including the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (Code of Virginia § 2.2-3100 et seq.), the Virginia Governmental Frauds Act (Code of Virginia § 18.2-498.1 et seq.) and Articles 2 and 3 of Chapter 10 of Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia, as amended (§ 18.2-438 et seq.). The Contractor certifies that its proposal was made without collusion or fraud; that it has not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any

other offeror, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor; and that it has not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.

27. COUNTY EMPLOYEES

No Arlington County employee may share in any part of this Contract or receive any benefit from the Contract that is not available to the general public.

28. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party will be held responsible for failure to perform the duties and responsibilities imposed by this Contract if such failure is due to a fire, riot, rebellion, natural disaster, war, act of terrorism or act of God that is beyond the control of the party and that makes performance impossible or illegal, unless otherwise specified in the Contract.

29. AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS

The Contractor must, pursuant to Code of Virginia § 2.2-4311.2, be and remain authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia during the entire term of this Contract. Otherwise, the Contract is voidable at the sole option of and with no expense to the County.

30. COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY FOR CONTRACTORS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the County has taken various steps to protect the welfare, health, safety, and comfort of the workforce and public at large. As part of these steps, the County has implemented various requirements with respect to health and safety including policies with respect to social distancing, the use of face-coverings and vaccine mandates. All County Contractors, entering County owned, controlled, or leased facilities or facilities operated by a contractor if the services provided at that location are exclusive to Arlington County Government or contractors with public facing responsibilities must adopt these policies for implementation with their employees and subcontractors working on County contracts.

Contractors are required to obtain and maintain the COVID-19 vaccine status of employees or subcontractors, require any unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated employees to follow a weekly testing protocol established by the Contractor to submit to weekly testing, and provide any accommodations as required by law. Contractor should submit the certification of compliance to the Purchasing Agent at the time of contract execution and within five working days of the end of each quarter (see Exhibits C and D). In addition, all Contractor and subcontractor employees subject to the requirements of this section must also comply with the County COVID-19 masking and social distancing protocols, as signed at each County location.

It is recognized that the COVID-19 pandemic is an ongoing health crisis. As such, requirements with respect to health and safety, including vaccines and face-coverings may change over time. Contractors are expected to adhere to the County requirements as they evolve in response to the crisis.

For questions, the Contractor may email contractorvaccineinfo@arlingtonva.us.

31. RELATION TO COUNTY

The Contractor is an independent contractor, and neither the Contractor nor its employees or subcontractors will be considered employees, servants, or agents of the County. The County will not be responsible for any negligence or other wrongdoing by the Contractor or its employees, servants, or

agents. The County will not withhold payments to the Contractor for any federal or state unemployment taxes, federal or state income taxes or Social Security tax or for any other benefits. The County will not provide to the Contractor any insurance coverage or other benefits, including workers' compensation.

32. ANTITRUST

The Contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the County all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action under state or federal antitrust laws that the Contractor may have relating to this Contract.

33. REPORT STANDARDS

The Contractor must submit all written reports required by this Contract for advance review in a format approved by the Project Officer. Reports must be accurate and grammatically correct and should not contain spelling errors. The Contractor will bear the cost of correcting grammatical or spelling errors and inaccurate report data and of other revisions that are required to bring the report(s) into compliance with this section.

Whenever possible, reports must comply with the following guidelines:

- printed double-sided on at least 30% recycled-content and/or tree-free paper
- recyclable and/or easily removable covers or binders made from recycled materials (proposals with glued bindings that meet all other requirements are acceptable)
- avoid use of plastic covers or dividers
- avoid unnecessary attachments or documents or superfluous use of paper (e.g., separate title sheets or chapter dividers)

34. AUDIT

The Contractor must retain all books, records and other documents related to this Contract for at least five years after the final payment and must allow the County or its authorized agents to examine the documents during this period and during the Contract Term. The Contractor must provide any requested documents to the County for examination within 15 days of the request, at the Contractor's expense. Should the County's examination reveal any overcharging by the Contractor, the Contractor must, within 30 days of County's request, reimburse the County for the overcharges and for the reasonable costs of the County's examination, including, but not limited to, the services of external audit firm and attorney's fees; or the County may deduct the overcharges and examination costs from any amount that the County owes to the Contractor. If the Contractor wishes to destroy or dispose of any records related to this Contract (including confidential records to which the County does not have ready access) within five years after the final payment, the Contractor must give the County at least 30 days' notice and must not dispose of the documents if the County objects.

35. ASSIGNMENT

The Contractor may not assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of any award or any of its rights, obligations, or interests under this Contract without the prior written consent of the County.

36. AMENDMENTS

This Contract may not be modified except by written amendment executed by persons duly authorized to bind the Contractor and the County.

37. ARLINGTON COUNTY PURCHASING RESOLUTION AND COUNTY POLICIES

Nothing in this Contract waives any provision of the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution, which is incorporated herein by reference, or any applicable County policy.

38. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

All disputes arising under this Agreement or concerning its interpretation, whether involving law or fact and including but not limited to claims for additional work, compensation or time, and all claims for alleged breach of contract must be submitted in writing to the Project Officer as soon as the basis for the claim arises. In accordance with the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution, claims denied by the Project Officer may be submitted to the County Manager in writing no later than 60 days after the final payment. The time limit for a final written decision by the County Manager is 30 days. Procedures concerning contractual claims, disputes, administrative appeals, and protests are contained in the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution. The Contractor must continue to work as scheduled pending a decision of the Project Officer, County Manager, County Board, or a court of law.

39. APPLICABLE LAW, FORUM, VENUE AND JURISDICTION

This Contract is governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and the jurisdiction, forum and venue for any litigation concerning the Contract or the Work is in the Circuit Court for Arlington County, Virginia, and in no other court.

40. ARBITRATION

No claim arising under or related to this Contract may be subject to arbitration.

41. NONEXCLUSIVITY OF REMEDIES

All remedies available to the County under this Contract are cumulative, and no remedy will be exclusive of any other at law or in equity.

42. NO WAIVER

The failure to exercise a right provided for in this Contract will not be a subsequent waiver of the same right or of any other right.

43. SEVERABILITY

The sections, paragraphs, clauses, sentences, and phrases of this Contract are severable; and if any section, paragraph, clause, sentence, or phrase of this Contract is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the rest of the Contract will remain in effect.

44. ATTORNEY'S FEES

In the event that the County prevails in any legal action or proceeding brought by the County to enforce any provision of this Contract, the Contractor will pay the County's reasonable attorney's fees and expenses.

45. SURVIVAL OF TERMS

In addition to any statement that a specific term or paragraph survives the expiration or termination of this Contract, the following sections also survive: INDEMNIFICATION; INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INDEMNIFICATION; RELATION TO COUNTY; OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT; AUDIT; COPYRIGHT; DISPUTE RESOLUTION; APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION; ATTORNEY'S FEES, AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

46. HEADINGS

The section headings in this Contract are inserted only for convenience and do not affect the substance of the Contract or limit the sections' scope.

47. AMBIGUITIES

The parties and their counsel have participated fully in the drafting of this Agreement; and any rule that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party does not apply. The language in this Agreement is to be interpreted as to its plain meaning and not strictly for or against any party.

48. NOTICES

Unless otherwise provided in writing, all legal notices and other communications required by this Contract are deemed to have been given when either (a) delivered in person; (b) delivered by an agent, such as a delivery service; or (c) deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, certified, or registered and addressed as follows:

TO THE CONTRACTOR:

Vessence Corporation
Nancy Belmont, CEO
2001 Mt. Vernon Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia 22301
Telephone: (571) 218-9903
Email: nancy@vessence.com

TO THE COUNTY:

Sharon Miller, Project Officer
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 511
Arlington, Virginia 22201
Telephone No.: (703) 228-3595
Email: semiller@arlingtonva.us

AND

Sharon T. Lewis, LL.M, MPS, VCO, CPPB
Purchasing Agent
Arlington County, Virginia
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 500
Arlington, Virginia 22201

TO COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE (FOR PROJECT CLAIMS):

Mark Schwartz, County Manager
Arlington County, Virginia
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 318
Arlington, Virginia 22201

49. ARLINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSES

The Contractor must comply with the provisions of Chapter 11 ("Licenses") of the Arlington County Code, if applicable. For information on the provisions of that Chapter and its applicability to this Contract, the Contractor must contact the Arlington County Business License Division, Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 200, Arlington, Virginia, 22201, telephone number (703) 228-3060.

50. NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Arlington County does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.

51. LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

The Contractor must comply with Executive Order 13166, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and make reasonable efforts to ensure that as part of the services that it provides, adequate communication services, including interpretation and translation, are available to persons who have limited English proficiency. If such services are not included in the Contract's scope of services and pricing, the Contractor will use a County-contracted service provider, and the County will decide with a County-contracted service provider and pay the fees.

52. ACCESSIBILITY OF WEB SITE

If any work performed under this Contract results in the design, development, or maintenance of or responsibility for the content or format of any County web sites or for the County's presence on third-party web sites, the Contractor must perform such work in compliance with ADA.

53. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Before beginning work under the Contract or any extension, the Contractor must provide to the County Purchasing Agent a Certificate of Insurance indicating that the Contractor has in force at a minimum the coverage below. The Contractor must maintain this coverage until the completion of the Contract or as otherwise stated in the Contract Documents. All required insurance coverage must be acquired from insurers that are authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with a rating of "A-" or better and a financial size of "Class VII" or better in the latest edition of the A.M. Best Co. Guides.

- a. Workers Compensation - Virginia statutory workers compensation (W/C) coverage, including Virginia benefits and employer's liability with limits of \$100,000/100,000/500,000. The County will not accept W/C coverage issued by the Injured Worker's Insurance Fund, Towson, MD.
- b. Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence, with \$2,000,000 annual aggregate covering all premises and operations and including personal injury, completed operations, contractual liability, independent contractors, and products liability. The general aggregate limit must apply to this Contract. Evidence of contractual liability coverage must be typed on the certificate.
- c. Business Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 combined single-limit (owned, non-owned and hired).
- d. Miscellaneous E&O - \$1,000,000 per occurrence/claim
- a. Additional Insured – The County and its officers, elected and appointed officials, employees and agents must be named as additional insureds on all policies except workers compensation and

automotive and professional liability; and the additional insured endorsement must be typed on the certificate.

- b. Cancellation - If there is a material change or reduction in or cancellation of any of the above coverages during the Contract Term, the Contractor must notify the Purchasing Agent immediately and must, with no lapse in coverage, obtain replacement coverage that is consistent with the terms of this Contract. Not having the required insurance throughout the Contract Term is grounds for termination of the Contract.
- c. Claims-Made Coverage - Any "claims made" policy must remain in force, or the Contractor must obtain an extended reporting endorsement, until the applicable statute of limitations for any claims has expired.
- d. Contract Identification - All insurance certificates must state this Contract's number and title.

The Contractor must disclose to the County the amount of any deductible or self-insurance component of any of the required policies. With the County's approval, the Contractor may satisfy its obligations under this section by self-insurance for all or any part of the insurance required, provided that the Contractor can demonstrate sufficient financial capacity. In order to do so, the Contractor must provide the County with its most recent actuarial report and a copy of its self-insurance resolution.

The County may request additional information to determine if the Contractor has the financial capacity to meet its obligations under a deductible and may require a lower deductible; that funds equal to the deductible be placed in escrow; a certificate of self-insurance; collateral; or another mechanism to guarantee the amount of the deductible and ensure protection for the County.

The County's acceptance or approval of any insurance will not relieve the Contractor from any liability or obligation imposed by the Contract Documents.

The Contractor is responsible for the Work and for all materials, tools, equipment, appliances, and property used in connection with the Work. The Contractor assumes all risks for direct and indirect damage or injury to the property used or persons employed in connection with the Work and for of all damage or injury to any person or property, wherever located, resulting from any action, omission, commission, or operation under the Contract or in connection in any way whatsoever with the Work. The Contractor's insurance shall be the primary non-contributory insurance for any work performed under this Contract.

The Contractor is as fully responsible to the County for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors and of persons employed by them as it is for acts and omissions of persons whom the Contractor employs directly.

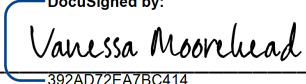
54. COUNTERPARTS

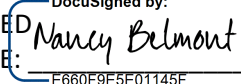
This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts and all of such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. Original signatures transmitted and received via facsimile or other electronic transmission, (e.g., PDF or similar format) are true and valid signatures for all purposes hereunder and shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed original counterpart.

WITNESS these signatures:

THE COUNTY BOARD OF ARLINGTON
COUNTY, VIRGINIA

VESSENCE CORPORATION

AUTHORIZED
SIGNATURE: 
392AD72EA7BC414...

AUTHORIZED
SIGNATURE: 
E660F9E5E01145F...

NAME: VANESSA MOOREHEAD

NAME: NANCY BELMONT

TITLE: PROCUREMENT OFFICER

TITLE: CEO

DATE: 12/2/2021

DATE: 12/2/2021

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Training services requested by the County during the course of the contract may include presentation and instruction of currently developed courses (those courses submitted by the Contractor as part of its proposal and approved by the County) to intact workgroups, several teams from one department or various teams and/or individuals from multiple departments in the County. Contractors may be requested to develop courses significantly different from their “off-the-shelf” version or develop customized courses. Contractors may also be requested to provide webinar-based (virtual) training, OD, Executive Coaching and Leadership and Development consulting services.

The General Training, Leadership and Individual Development, Cohort Development Programs, Diversity/Equity Training, Executive Coaching, and OD Services must seek to improve the stewardship and financial accountability of County’s programs through the following perspectives:

- Customer Focus (Arlington CARES)
- Workforce Focus (learning and development)
- Process Focus (effective and efficient programs, initiatives, and processes)
- Diversity/Equity and Inclusion Focus (general awareness, managing unconscious biases/microinequities, cross-cultural communications and group-specific – i.e., generations, veterans, disability, gender, race) and
- Multicultural sensitivity must be ensured in all communications, training designs, OD interventions and delivery

Annually, by each contract anniversary date, Contractors will submit new course offerings to the Project Officer, which the County may, upon approval of such new courses, add to its records for available courses offered by each contractor.

Number of Participants

Work authorized under this contract may range from one-on-one to whole organization interventions. In-person training sessions size may range from 10 to 30 participants. However, most sessions do not exceed 25 participants. If registration falls below 10, the County will decide whether to cancel or reschedule a session and will notify the Contractor one week before the session is scheduled. Virtual learning session size may range from 10 to 25 participants. Virtual learning can be hosted on any platform supported by Arlington County Department of Technology Services.

Hours

Official County business hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., but to accommodate shift workers, some services will be required at alternative times at the same rate as services provided during regular hours. When alternative scheduling is necessary, the schedule will be determined by the needs of the workgroup at times negotiated with the contractor.

Substitutions

Any necessary staff changes must be reported to the County as soon as possible along with the substitute’s biography and résumé. The County may elect to interview the substitute and retains the right to approve

or reject any substitutions (refer to Section 12 of the Draft Agreement, headed Project Staff, for further details).

Facility, Materials, and Administrative Procedures

In all cases for onsite courses, the County will provide a site suitable to the work design. Basic equipment, such as an easel with flip charts, or LCD projector will also be provided by the County. The Contractor must identify site and equipment needs in order to ensure the proper set-up for the time scheduled. It is the Contractor's responsibility to provide course materials (paper and/or electronic) for each participant.

Participant Roster And Pre-Work

Prior to course delivery dates, the Contractor will be provided with a count of participants enrolled. The Contractor will supply the County with applicable course pre-work (e.g., assessments, writing samples).

Attendance And Evaluations

The Organizational Performance Division staff or other departmental staff will provide the Contractor with an updated participant roster. The Contractor will be responsible for confirming attendance. The Contractor must note who comes late, leaves early, or fails to show up for a class and provide the attendance roster to the Training Department.

The Organizational Performance Division staff will manage the participant evaluation process and will share results with Contractors as appropriate. Any Contractor who is evaluated as not meeting a satisfactory level of performance, will be notified.

Course Close Out

Once a training class or OD engagement has been completed, the Contractor must submit an invoice for services that includes:

- date of service
- course title
- instructor name
- fee
- purchase order number

Cancellation Policy

In the event of low enrollment, County staff may cancel scheduled training with the Contractor no later than one week in advance of course start date.

Inclement Weather/Natural Disaster/Pandemic: In the event that Arlington County offices are open on time (even though telework and unscheduled leave may be an option), in-person training classes will be conducted as scheduled. In the event that Arlington County offices are on a delayed opening or are closed, in-person classes will be canceled and rescheduled for a later date.

TASKS AND DELIVERABLES

Following are the tasks and deliverables for each area. The County will identify special training, services, or course development requirements when scheduling courses.

GENERAL TRAINING

Design and Delivery of Courses

The content and flow of the courses must be designed and taught to create breakthroughs in the way that the participants think and behave. Courses also must be designed and taught to respect and reflect the cultural diversity of the workforce. Courses must include:

- A mix of instructional formats to sustain the participants' interest (e.g., case studies, lectures, group exercises, role plays, simulations, etc.).
- Ample opportunities for the participants to practice skills, receive feedback and coaching, and reflect on their learning.
- Techniques to draw on the participants' prior knowledge and experiences, challenge their assumptions, and link the concepts in the classroom to real work solutions.
- Consistency with County's environment, culture, and demonstrates multicultural sensitivity.
- Clear, well-designed participant manuals that are conducive to adult learning.
- Emphasis on the importance of continuous learning and guidance on how to do that (e.g., follow-on readings, finding a mentor, seeking feedback, etc.).

Instructors

Contractor must provide qualified instructor(s) with appropriate and current certification(s), capable of delivering instruction for selected courses to the County audience. Instructors must:

- Create a safe learning environment where participants can ask questions, experiment with new behaviors, and make mistakes.
- Address concerns, issues and relevant ideas generated by participants in the classroom and adjust the agenda as necessary.
- Handle a variety of participant behaviors and attitudes with respect and professionalism that maintains learning momentum and channels disruptive behavior productively.
- Surface the thoughts that drive behavior and recognize and take advantage of coachable moments.
- Present models and techniques in a straightforward and clear manner so that they are easy to remember and utilize.
- Possess a good understanding of Arlington County's strategy, business environment, and culture.
- Reflect the diversity of the County workforce and design training and use tools that reflect the diversity of our workforce.

Assignment of Services

The following selection criteria will apply to all work done in the County:

CATEGORY	ASSIGNMENT OF SERVICES	TYPICAL PROJECT DURATION
General Training (in person or virtual): Leadership and Individual Development , Diversity, Inclusion	-A log of Contractors and their instructor-led training offerings, as submitted in the original proposal in response to this RFP and as supplemented by the Contractor and approved by the County during the Contract Term, will be maintained by the Organizational Performance Division. -Proposed course materials will be reviewed by Organizational Performance Division staff, as submitted in the original proposal in response to the RFP and	Varies

and Equity, and/or Computer and Technology	<p>as supplemented by the Contractor and approved by the County during the Contract Term, to evaluate for best fit for courses being offered for a three-month period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-If necessary, a sample session will be requested by Organizational Performance Division staff.-The proposed course materials and the sample session, if applicable, will be evaluated by Organizational Performance Division staff to determine best fit with audience including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Presenter's style and ability-Evidence of skill set-References as submitted in response to the RFP-Previous evaluations (if applicable)Cost	
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EXHIBIT B
RATES

COURSE DELIVERY PRICING

GENERAL INSTITUTE & DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN PERSON TRAINING COURSE	
DAILY RATES	\$2,750.00
HALF DAY RATES	\$1,375.00

VIRTUAL LEARNING SESSIONS	
1-HOUR SESSION	N/A
2-HOUR SESSION	N/A
4-HOUR SESSION	N/A

SERVICES DELIVERY PRICING TABLE

EXECUTIVE COACHING SERVICES	
HOURLY	N/A
ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	
DAILY RATE	N/A
HOURLY RATE	N/A

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	
DAILY RATE	N/A
HOURLY RATE	N/A

MULTI-RATER ASSESSMENT	
COST PER INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT/REPORT	N/A
CUSTOMIZATION	N/A

INSTRUCTOR-LED NEW COURSE DEVELOPMENT	
HOURLY RATE	N/A

E-Online Course Development

Simple Asynchronous	Static HTML pages with text and graphics	N/A
Average Asynchronous	Above plus - flash, animation, GIF's	N/A
Complex Asynchronous	Above plus - audio, video, interactive simulations	N/A

EXHIBIT C

CONTRACTOR COVID-19 VACCINATION CERTIFICATION

(SEPARATE EXHIBIT)

EXHIBIT D

CONTRACTOR COVID-19 VACCINATION QUARTERLY COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

By Email: Please complete the report below and return it to: contractorvaccineinfo@arlingtonva.us.

- ☐ I hereby certify that all employees and subcontractors working on **Vessence Corporation** Contract No. **21-HRD-RFP-479-25** are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, or being tested on a weekly basis, or are exempt pursuant to a valid reasonable accommodation under state or federal law.

Please do not include any of your employees' medical documentation, including vaccination records or test results.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name and Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____