## AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAREEERSOURCE ESCAROSA AND THE

Regular Agenda May 25, 2021 Administrative Committee Item 4

#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

This Agreement is entered into between the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity ("DEO"), and Workforce Escarosa, Inc., d/b/a CareerSource Escarosa ("Board" or "Subrecipient"). DEO and the Board are sometimes referred to herein individually as a "Party" and collectively as "the Parties."

WHEREAS, DEO is Florida's designated state agency for receipt of federal workforce development funds, and is required to carry out the duties and responsibilities assigned by the Governor under each federal grant assigned to DEO; and

WHEREAS, the Board is a "subrecipient" of funds (as that term is defined by federal law), and a "recipient" of funds (as that term is defined by state law); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 121(h) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Pub. L. 113-128) and section 445.009(2)(c), Florida Statutes, DEO and the Board intend for this Agreement to satisfy the requirements that the Board enter into a memorandum of understanding and infrastructure funding agreement with each mandatory or optional partner participating in the one-stop delivery system.

#### 1. DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS.

- a. "Board" means the Local Workforce Development Board
- b. "CDBG-DR" means Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery.
- c. "CFR" means Code of Federal Regulations.
- d. "CLEO" means the Chief Local Elected Official.
- e. "DCF" means the Florida Department of Children and Families.
- f. "FDLE" means the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
- g. "LWDA" means Local Workforce Development Area.
- h. "MOU" means Memorandum of Understanding.
- i. "NFA" means Notice of Award/Notice of Fund Availability.
- j. "RA" means Reemployment Assistance.
- k. "SNAP E&T" means the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & Training program.
- l. "State Board" means the State Workforce Development Board.
- m. "TAA" means Trade Adjustment Assistance.
- n. "WIOA" means the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.
- o. "WP" means the Wagner-Peyser Act.
- p. "WT" means the Welfare Transition program.
- 2. TERM AND EXPIRATION. The Effective Date of this Agreement is May 15, 2021, and may continue for three years, through May 15, 2024 (the "Expiration Date"), unless otherwise terminated as set forth herein. In accordance with section 121(c)(2) of WIOA, this Agreement will be reviewed, and if substantial changes have occurred, renewed, at least once every three years to ensure appropriate funding and delivery of services. This Agreement may be renewed or extended for a period of time to be determined by DEO in its sole discretion, and without the Board's approval, at any time prior to the Expiration Date. This Agreement terminates, supersedes, and replaces any prior agreement in effect between DEO and the Board regarding the subject matter set forth herein as of the Effective Date. The period between the Effective Date and the Expiration Date or the termination date is the "Agreement Period". Subrecipient is absolutely responsible for all work performed and all expenses incurred in fulfilling the obligations of this Agreement. If the LWDA is redesignated in whole or in part, or the Board is decertified, then DEO may terminate this Agreement. If DEO elects to terminate this Agreement, then DEO will notify the Board and the CLEO of such termination, when the termination becomes effective, and any termination instructions.

#### 3. FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS.

a. DEO will provide funds in consideration for the Subrecipient's successful performance under this Agreement.

The State of Florida's and DEO's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature of the State of Florida. DEO shall have final authority as to both the availability of funds and what constitutes an "annual appropriation" of funds. The lack of appropriation or availability of funds shall not create DEO's default under this Agreement. If there is a state or federal funding shortfall, then the funding otherwise made available under this Agreement may be reduced. The Subrecipient shall not expend funding provided under this Agreement or made available pursuant to any NFA to pay any costs incurred in connection with any defense against any claim or appeal of the State of Florida or any agency or instrumentality thereof (including DEO) or to pay any costs incurred in connection with the prosecution of any claim or appeal against the State of Florida or any agency or instrumentality thereof (including DEO), which the Subrecipient instituted or in which the Subrecipient has joined as a claimant.

b. DEO will make funding available to the Subrecipient by issuing NFAs through DEO's financial management information system. Each NFA may list or incorporate specific terms, conditions, assurances, restrictions, or other instructions applicable to the funds provided by the NFA. The Subrecipient's receipt of funding made under an NFA may be conditioned upon the Subrecipient's successful performance of certain requirements prior to the receipt of such funding. The Subrecipient must comply with all terms, conditions, assurances, restrictions, or other instructions contained within the NFA as a condition precedent to the Subrecipient's receipt of funding set forth in the NFA. Except as specifically set forth herein, if a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and any NFA, the terms of the NFA shall control.

#### Accountability for Funds.

- i. Reduction or Suspension of Funding. DEO may partially, completely, temporarily or permanently, reduce or suspend any funding provided under this Agreement or funding made available pursuant to an NFA, if the Subrecipient fails to comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations, or the terms of this Agreement or any NFA. DEO will exercise its authority to reduce or suspend funding in accordance with the applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and policies.
- ii. Recoupment. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or any NFA to the contrary, DEO has an absolute right to recoup funds. DEO may refuse to reimburse the Subrecipient for any cost if DEO determines that such cost was not incurred in compliance with the terms of this Agreement. DEO may demand a return of funds if DEO terminates this Agreement.
- iii. Overpayments. If the Subrecipient's (a) noncompliance with this Agreement or any applicable federal, state, or local law, rule, regulation, or ordinance, terms of any NFA, or (b) performance or nonperformance of any term or condition of this Agreement results in (i) an unlawful use of funds; (ii) a use of funds that doesn't comply with the terms of this Agreement; or (iii) a use which constitutes a receipt of funds to which the Subrecipient is not entitled (each such event an "Overpayment"), then the Subrecipient shall return such Overpayment of funds to DEO.
- iv. <u>Discovery of Overpayments</u>. The Subrecipient shall refund any Overpayment of funds to DEO within 30 days of the Subrecipient's discovery of an Overpayment or receipt of notification from DEO that an Overpayment has occurred. DEO is the final authority as to what may constitute an Overpayment of funds. Refunds should be sent to DEO's Agreement Manager and made payable to the "Department of Economic Opportunity". Should repayment not be made in a timely manner, DEO may charge interest, pursuant to 2 CFR 200.410, at the lawful rate of interest on the outstanding balance beginning 30 days after the date of notification or discovery.
- d. By signature below, the Subrecipient certifies to DEO that it has written administrative procedures, processes, and fiscal controls in place for the operation of WIOA, WP, TAA, SNAP E&T, WT, CDBG-DR and any other program for which the Subrecipient receives funds from DEO. The written administrative procedures, processes, and fiscal controls described in this paragraph must, at minimum, comply with applicable state and federal law, rules, regulations, policies, guidance, and the terms of this Agreement. DEO may request copies of the Board's written procedures and policies for review. As needed, DEO shall provide guidance and technical assistance to the Subrecipient to ensure compliance with this section. If the Subrecipient cannot certify that it has written

administrative procedures, processes, and fiscal controls in place for the operation of any program for which it may receive funds at a future date, then as a condition precedent to the award of any funds, the Subrecipient shall establish and adopt such written administrative procedures, processes, and fiscal controls, as necessary for the applicable program.

- e. By signature below, the Subrecipient certifies that it has written administrative procedures, processes, and fiscal controls in place for the payment of supportive services including, but not limited to prepaid gas or prepaid debit cards. Controls must address issuance, storage, and reconciliation of prepaid gas or prepaid debit cards. The Subrecipient must maintain documentation supporting the eligibility of the receipt of supportive services and that the value of the supportive service is consistent with the documented need of the participant.
- f. The Subrecipient shall manage, maintain, and properly dispose of program and financial records in accordance with governing state and federal laws and regulations.
- g. The Board will appoint at least one Regional Security Officer that is responsible for ensuring the Board's compliance with all information system security matters and system access control for users of DEO-owned systems. The Regional Security Officer will comply with policies and requirements imposed by DEO. The Subrecipient will designate a custodian for purchased property and equipment that will be responsible for ensuring the Subrecipient's compliance with 2 CFR §§ 200.310-200.316.
- h. The Subrecipient is responsible for managing real property and leases for all space utilized in the one- stop delivery system. The Subrecipient and its designated one-stop operator or managing partner shall be responsible for all activities involved in securing space for local career centers, ensuring payment to lessors, and cost allocating rent charges, and otherwise managing leases.
- i. The Subrecipient will comply with all federal and state laws, policies, guidance, plans, or other similar documents produced, approved, or disseminated by DEO, the State Board, or any other entity whose funds are made available to the Subrecipient through DEO. These documents will be made available on DEO's website or distributed to the Subrecipient through other means.
- j. Funds provided to the Subrecipient by DEO may not be used to pay consultants, as that term is defined in 5 CFR 304.102, in excess of \$710 per day and must be documented as reasonable and necessary.

#### 4. PERFORMANCE, REPORTING, MONITORING, AND AUDITING.

- a. DEO may request any information at any time from the Subrecipient. The Subrecipient shall provide any requested information in the form and manner requested by DEO, within the time frame established by DEO, so DEO may review the Board's performance and compliance and compile and submit information to the appropriate parties. The Board shall provide timely electronic data to DEO, via the electronic financial and programmatic data systems established by DEO in order to allow DEO to provide accurate reports to state and federal funding agencies, the State Board, and other interested parties, and to review the Board's fiscal status and performance.
- b. The Subrecipient will comply with the audit requirements set forth in Exhibit A on an annual basis and take prompt corrective action with respect to any audit findings.
- c. The Subrecipient shall allow access to representatives of DEO, DEO's Office of Inspector General and Office of Civil Rights, appropriate representatives from other state and federal funding agencies, and any other entity authorized by law for the purposes of conducting monitoring, reviews, inspections, investigations, proceedings, hearings, or audits (each a "Compliance Review"). The Subrecipient will fully cooperate with any Compliance Review conducted pursuant to this section. Failure to fully cooperate will constitute a material breach of this Agreement and may result in the termination or suspension of this Agreement and any funding provided by DEO. DEO reserves the right to, in its sole discretion, decide what constitutes full cooperation under this paragraph. DEO may exercise its rights under this paragraph at any time and as frequently as DEO deems necessary. The

Subrecipient will reimburse DEO for all reasonable costs incurred by DEO for any activity conducted pursuant to this section that results in the suspension or termination of this Agreement. The Subrecipient will not be responsible for costs incurred from activities conducted under this section that do not result in the suspension or termination of this Agreement. Nothing in paragraph (b) of this section, or Exhibit A, is intended to limit the terms of this paragraph (c).

- d. Annually, the subrecipient shall submit the following information electronically to FMA-RWB@deo.myflorida.com or uploaded to SharePoint by the deadlines prescribed below:
  - Completed Salary Cap by April 1;
  - Annual detailed budget of revenues and expenditures by funding source by October 1; and
  - Completed Internal Control Questionnaire signed by Board Chair and Executive Director by September 30 or within 30 calendar days after the Internal Control Questionnaire is provided to the Subrecipient, whichever is later.
- e. The State Board and DEO have established special guidelines concerning audit quality as guidance for the Board. For the procurement of the audit services, the Board must procure these services in accordance with Florida Statutes. As part of these guidelines, the Board is also required to communicate to their independent auditors (auditor) the following procedures that must be performed:
  - i. It is essential that the auditor test the Board's reconciliation of its financial records to the Subrecipient Enterprise Resource Application (SERA) maintained by DEO. The auditor should include a note to the financial statements confirming whether such a reconciliation was performed by the Board in a satisfactory manner.
  - ii. Auditors are required under federal audit guidelines to test compliance with federal cash management requirements and to report any material problems. However, the State Board and DEO have established state level guidance for cash management that should also be tested. The auditor should review the key guidelines contained in the SERA Manual produced by DEO concerning cash management, especially the criteria for Allowable Cash on Hand, and conduct the appropriate tests of compliance.
  - iii. It is required that auditors always prepare and submit a management letter for those findings and observations not included in the audit report, as opposed to providing only a verbal briefing. The Board must prepare a written statement of explanation or rebuttal, including corrective actions to be taken, concerning the deficiencies cited in the management letter. NOTE: If a management letter is not present, this should be stated in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.
  - iv. All funds overseen, managed, or administered by the Board must be included in the scope of the audit and within the audited financial statements. This includes funds that are provided to any auxiliary entity over which the Board or Board's leadership exercises any controlling influence, such as a foundation or an association. For purposes of this guidance document, all foundations, associations, or other similar entities are considered to be affiliated organizations and, in some instances, may need to be classified as a component unit.
  - v. For any affiliated organization, at a minimum the audit report should disclose the entity's mission or purpose; any and all controlling members; summarized financial data including total assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues, expenditures; sources of all revenues; the entity's relationship to the Board's activities; and a statement that the activities of the entity comply with Federal Regulations and Florida Statues, as applicable. The auditor may need to provide other disclosures and presentations (such as consolidated financial statement) as appropriate after giving proper consideration of applicable accounting standards pronouncements regarding reporting of related entities.
  - vi. The auditor should state in the Report on Compliance and Internal Control over Compliance Applicable to Each Major Federal Awards Program that the audit was conducted in accordance with

the special audit guidance provided by the DEO.

- vii. The Board must limit the audit services to no more than five years and then must follow Florida Statutes and its own policies to competitively re-procure these services. The previous audit firm may be awarded the new contract for audit services through the competitive procurement if the lead partner of the audit firm had not been engaged as the lead partner with the Board for any of the previous five years.
- f. DEO will meet at least annually with the CLEO and the Board to review the Board's performance and compliance and will notify the Board's Chief Executive Officer and CLEO in writing of any findings, deficiencies, recommendations, or other areas of concern. The Board's failure to meet its negotiated level of performance or its failure to comply with state and federal laws, regulations, standards or the terms of agreements between the Board and DEO may constitute grounds for corrective measures, sanctions and remedies, consistent with WIOA and any policies of DEO or the State Board. DEO may require corrective measures be taken in accordance with a Performance Improvement Plan, or other appropriate action, developed by DEO. The Board's failure to comply with the terms of any Performance Improvement Plan or other appropriate action will constitute a material breach of this Agreement, may result in the suspension or termination of this Agreement, the reduction or withholding of funding provided under this Agreement, or any other sanction or remedy available to DEO by law.
- 5. THE BOARD'S ONE-STOP DELIVERY SYSTEM. The Board shall operate at least one physical comprehensive career center with access to partner programs, services, and activities in accordance with 20 CFR 678.300(c) and 678.305. The Board shall designate a one-stop operator in accordance with 20 CFR 678.605-678.625, Section 445.009, F.S., and applicable policies, including the following one-stop delivery system requirements:
  - a. Each partner program in the Board's career centers will contribute to infrastructure costs at a rate negotiated and agreed upon by the Parties, or pursuant to a policy established by the Governor. The following infrastructure elements, set forth specifically in 20 CFR 678.755, must be incorporated into the period of time in which the infrastructure funding agreement is effective. This may be a different time period than the duration of the MOU.
  - b. Identification of an infrastructure and shared services budget that will be periodically reconciled against actual costs incurred and adjusted accordingly to ensure that it reflects a cost allocation methodology that demonstrates how infrastructure costs are charged to each partner in proportion to its use of the career center and relative benefit received, and that complies with 2 CFR part 200 (or any corresponding similar regulation or ruling).
  - c. Identification of all career center partners, chief local elected officials, and Board participating in the infrastructure funding arrangement.
  - d. Steps the Board, chief local elected officials, and career center partners used to reach consensus or an assurance that the local area followed the guidance for the State funding process.
  - e. Description of the process to be used among partners to resolve issues during the MOU duration period when consensus cannot be reached.
  - f. Description of the periodic modification and review process to ensure equitable benefit among one- stop partners.
  - g. The Board shall incorporate infrastructure funding provisions in each memorandum of understanding with its one-stop partners. Remedies for nonperformance must also be included.

## 6. SERVICES DELIVERED BY DEO STAFF WITHIN THE BOARD'S ONE-STOP DELIVERY SYSTEM.

a. Certain workforce program services will be performed by DEO staff assigned to work under the functional supervision and direction of the Board. These services include WP services, TAA services, services to veterans, services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers, and other workforce services as agreed upon by the Parties. The provision of these services will be consistent with applicable federal and state law, rules, regulations, policies, and

- guidance, and State Board policies. The Board will refer any question or conflict regarding management of DEO staff to DEO for resolution.
- b. The Parties shall maintain a staffing structure chart describing each career center site location, the designated onestop operator or managing partner at the site location, all DEO staff placed at the site location, and the position classification and program assignment for each DEO staff member working at the site location. The Board must provide a copy of the staffing structure in an organizational chart to DEO Human Resources annually by July 1 or within 30 days upon changes to the organizational structure related to DEO staff members. All necessary changes to the staffing structure chart will be made by the Parties in a timely fashion.
- c. The Board will provide DEO information and recommendations regarding the performance of DEO staff assigned to the Board pursuant to a procedure developed and implemented by the Parties. The Board shall exercise due care with respect to its submission of information concerning the performance of DEO staff. DEO will act on the information provided by the Board, but the ultimate decision for any personnel action remains with DEO.
- d. DEO staff assigned to the Board are subject to all statutes and rules applicable to State Personnel System employees and all DEO policies including DEO's travel, leave, and time distribution policies. DEO staff assigned to the Board will be required to obtain their local manager's approval prior to taking leave.
- e. The Board shall consult with DEO with regard to any issues that may affect, or be in conflict with, the terms or conditions of the collective bargaining agreement for any DEO staff holding positions covered by a collective bargaining agreement. DEO will provide guidance to the Board upon request for the purpose of ensuring compliance with terms of any applicable collective bargaining agreement.
- f. DEO retains ultimate decision-making authority with respect to wages, salary, benefits, hiring, firing, discipline, and promotion of DEO staff.
- g. The Board will appoint a local personnel liaison for the purpose of coordinating personnel related activities for DEO staff. The personnel liaison must be a DEO staff member. The Board will provide the name and contact information of the designated personnel liaison to the DEO Human Resource Office upon designation of this staff member and thereafter annually or upon changes in the designated staff member.
- h. The Board shall jointly plan with DEO for the use of resources available to each partner to ensure a coordinated and efficient approach to the delivery of customer services. The Board will provide the services outlined in section 445.009, Florida Statutes. The Board will also provide basic and individualized career services pursuant to section 134(c)(2) of WIOA, access to training services pursuant to section 134(c)(3)(D) of WIOA, access to programs and activities carried out by the Board's partners listed in 20 CFR 678.400 through 678.410, including the Employment Service program authorized under WP, as amended by WIOA Title III, services to employers as outlined in 20 CFR 680.140(b)(2), and workforce and labor market information. For clarification purposes, "basic career services" are referred to as "core services" in section 445.009(6)(a)(c), Florida Statutes, and "individualized career services" are referred to as "intensive services" in section 445.009(7), Florida Statutes.
- i. The Board will develop methods for referring individuals between its one-stop operator(s) and its partners for appropriate services and activities.

#### 7. OPEN GOVERNMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY.

- a. The Board is subject to Chapters 119 and 286 of the Florida Statutes. The Board is responsible for responding to public records requests and subpoenas. The Board is responsible for ensuring that its staff and agents have a working knowledge of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The Board agrees to appoint a public records coordinator for the purpose of ensuring that all public records matters are handled appropriately.
- b. IF THE BOARD HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE BOARD'S DUTY TO

4128.

# PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT DEO'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS by telephone at 850-245-7140, via e-mail at <a href="mailto:PRRequest@deo.myflorida.com">PRRequest@deo.myflorida.com</a>, or by mail at Department of Economic Opportunity, Public Records Coordinator, 107 East Madison Street, Caldwell Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-

- c. The Board will have access to varying types of confidential information as a result of its performance under this Agreement. The Board will protect the confidentiality of any information to which it has access in accordance with applicable law. The Board will obtain guidance from DEO with respect to confidentiality matters. DEO will facilitate the Board's requests for guidance from other state agencies.
- d. Staff of the Board, its agents, contractors, subcontractors and any other entity performing services on behalf of the Board granted access to workforce information systems, including systems containing confidential information, must complete Exhibit B to this Agreement, "Individual Non-Disclosure and Confidentiality Certification Form," prior to accessing said workforce information systems. A copy of each completed form must be retained by the Board and made available to DEO upon request.
- e. Board requests for DEO data must come from Board executive staff to DEO. DEO will not accept data requests from the Board's contractors. DEO will only grant access to DEO-owned systems to staff of the Board, its agents, contractors, subcontractors and entities performing services on behalf of the Board.
- f. DEO may provide the Board access to RA information on an ongoing basis as a result of the Board's use of shared information systems and the provision of integrated services. Access to such information will typically be at no cost (any cost imposed by DEO will be reflected in a separate agreement between the Parties). Certain RA information is made confidential by section 443.1715, Florida Statutes, and 20 CFR 603.9(b)(1) requires the Board to agree to the following terms as a condition of accessing this information. DEO will immediately suspend or cease providing the Board access to RA information if DEO determines the Board is not in compliance with section 443.1715, Florida Statutes, 20 CFR 603, and the conditions set forth below. DEO may, in its sole discretion, provide access once DEO is satisfied that the Board has cured the deficiency. The Board shall:
  - i. use the information it receives only for purposes authorized by law and consistent with this Agreement;
  - ii. store the information, whether physically or electronically, in such a manner that is secure from unauthorized access;
  - iii. ensure the information is only accessible by authorized individuals that have an actual need to access the information for a legitimate and lawful purpose;
  - iv. ensure that any entity to which the Board further discloses the information complies with these terms;
  - v. not store the information on any portable storage media device (e.g., laptops, external hard drives, thumb drives, iPads, tablets, or smartphones, etc.);
  - vi. to the extent practicable, and considering the arrangement in place under this Agreement (shared information systems), destroy the information after the purpose for which it is disclosed is accomplished in accordance with 20 CFR 603.9(b)(1)(vi). However, the Board may not seek to delete information from DEO's information systems;
  - vii. to the extent practicable, and considering the arrangement in place under this Agreement, maintain a system sufficient to allow DEO to conduct an audit of transactions concerning the information;
  - viii. ensure all individuals obtaining access to the information are aware of the penalties established by section 443.1715, Florida Statutes, and acknowledges that all individuals have been so instructed through the execution of this Agreement; and
  - ix. allow DEO or its representatives access to conduct onsite inspections to ensure the Board's compliance with section 443.1715, Florida Statutes.
- g. The Board will immediately notify DEO of any breach of security, as defined by section 501.171, Florida Statutes, occurring in any operation under its control. If the breach of security concerns data belonging to DEO, DEO reserves to right to determine whether the provisions of section 501.171, Florida Statutes, apply. DEO will determine if notifications are necessary and, if so, the procedure for making, and the content included in, those

notifications. The Board will provide the notifications if deemed necessary by DEO and will not provide said notifications without prior approval from DEO. DEO will not unreasonably withhold approval to send notifications and will make all decisions regarding said notifications as quickly as possible and consistent with the timelines in section 501.171, Florida Statutes. The Board is responsible for all fees and costs incurred due to a breach of security occurring in an operation, program, or physical setting under the Board's control, including, but not limited to, the cost of sending breach notifications.

#### 8. BACKGROUND SCREENINGS.

#### Level 1 Screenings.

- i. The Board will require and obtain a Level 1 background screening as a condition of employment or contract award for all Board, career center staff, contractors, and subcontractors. Additionally, the Board will require and obtain a Level 1 background screening for all individuals performing financial management activities. The Level 1 background screening must be conducted prior to employment or, for contract awards, prior to contractor's employees beginning work. The Level 1 background screening must be conducted at least every five years of consecutive employment, and upon re-employment in all circumstances (including assignment to a new or different contract for Board contractors). The Board will develop a policy for implementing background screenings.
- ii. The Level 1 background screenings are further explained in section 435.03, Florida Statutes. The Board will contract with an FDLE-approved provider to perform the Level 1 background screenings. The Board is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the Level 1 background screening described in this section.
- iii. The Board will maintain its background screening material in a locked file cabinet or other secure location and store the material separately from any official employee personnel file. The Board will protect the confidentiality of the screening materials as required by law or contract.
- iv. The Board is responsible for maintaining a current list of all individuals for whom it has obtained a Level 1 background screening. The list must include, but need not be limited to, the name of the individual, the last four digits of the individual's social security number, the date the screening was completed, the date the results of the screening were reviewed, and the individual responsible for reviewing and approving the employment or access granted to the individual that was the subject of the screening.

#### 9. LOCAL PLAN AND ASSURANCES.

- a. The Board must submit and receive approval of local plans which outline the Board's delivery and administration of all workforce services delivered within its LWDA. The plan must identify and describe the policies, procedures, and local activities that are carried out in the LWDA consistent with the state plan and must contain all content required by DEO. Further, the plan must describe the Board's methods for ensuring the needs of workers and youth, and individuals with barriers to employment, including individuals with disabilities, are addressed in the provision of necessary and appropriate access to services, including access to technology and materials, made available through the one-stop delivery system. The Board will continue to develop and update its local plan in accordance with applicable provisions of law and as directed by DEO or the State Board.
- b. E-Verify is an Internet-based system that allows an employer, using information reported on an employee's Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, to determine the eligibility of all new employees hired to work in the United States. There is no charge to employers to use E-Verify. The Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system can be found at: <a href="https://www.e-verify.gov/">https://www.e-verify.gov/</a>.
- c. In accordance with 448.095, F.S., the State of Florida expressly requires the following:
  - i. Every public employer, contractor, and subcontractor shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. A public employer, contractor, or subcontractor may not enter into a contract unless each party to the contract registers with and uses the E-Verify system.
  - ii. A private employer shall, after making an offer of employment which has been accepted by a person,

verify such person's employment eligibility. A private employer is not required to verify the employment eligibility of a continuing employee hired before January 1, 2021. However, if a person is a contract employee retained by a private employer, the private employer must verify the employee's employment eligibility upon the renewal or extension of his or her contract.

d. If an entity does not have an E-Verify MOU in effect, the entity shall enroll in the E-Verify system prior to hiring any new employee or retaining any contract employee after the effective date of this Agreement.

#### 10. PROCUREMENT.

- a. If the Board enters into a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more, in accordance with the requirements of section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the Board will obtain a certification that the contractor is not listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, or meets the conditions for exemption as provided in section 287.135(4), Florida Statutes. These lists are created pursuant to sections 215.4725 and 215.473, Florida Statutes. The Board certifies that it is in compliance with this provision. Upon request, DEO will provide a form the Board may utilize in connection with any procurement for the purposes of ensuring compliance with this paragraph. If federal law ceases to authorize the states to adopt and enforce the contracting prohibition described in this paragraph, this paragraph will be null and void.
- b. If the Board is affiliated with a local government entity, it will ensure compliance with section 287.133(2)(a), Florida Statutes. Any person or affiliate, as defined by that section of the Florida Statutes, placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a response to any solicitation for the provision of goods or services to the Board. The Board will not accept any solicitation response from such an entity and will not award a contract in excess of \$35,000 for a period of 36 months from the date an entity is placed on the convicted vendor list. Upon request, DEO will provide an attestation form the Board may utilize in connection with any procurement for the purposes of ensuring compliance with this paragraph.
- c. The Board will not accept responses to procurement solicitations from, or award a contract to, any entity that appears on the discriminatory vendor list described in section 287.134, Florida Statutes. DEO recommends the Board include a clause in all procurement solicitations and contracts that the respondent or contractor is not on the state's discriminatory vendor list.
- d. DEO encourages the Board to seek goods and services through the Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. (PRIDE), and from RESPECT of Florida (products and services produced by individuals with disabilities).
- e. The Board will obtain prior written approval from DEO prior to purchasing any information technology resource or conducting any activity that will, in any way, access DEO data and DEO-owned systems. To ensure statewide efficiency of funding, prior approval from DEO must also be obtained prior to requesting any changes or enhancements to Employ Florida.
- f. The Board shall comply with the procurement standards in 2 CFR 200.318 200.326 when procuring property and services under this Agreement. The Board shall impose its obligations under this Agreement on its contractors, specifically or by reference, so that such obligations will be binding upon each of its contractors. The Board shall maintain oversight of all activities under this Agreement and shall ensure that for any procured contract or agreement, its contractors perform according to the terms and conditions of the procured contracts or agreements, and the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- g. Funds expended for events must be compliant with 2 CFR 200.421, and DEO's Guidance on Use of Funds for the Purchase of Outreach/Informational Items (FG-OGM-84). Documentation must be retained to support the cost of the funds expended and must demonstrate that the costs are reasonable and necessary to connect individuals to employment and training services.

#### 11. COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL.

- a. Funds provided by DEO may not be used to fund the salary, bonus, or incentive of any employee in excess of Federal Executive Level II, regardless of the funding source.
- b. No changes to compensation for executive staff of the Board are allowed without documented Board approval and must be in alignment with local policies and procedures. The Board shall ensure that all bonuses, pay raises, and benefits are reasonable and necessary for the successful performance of the award and are a prudent use of federal funds.
- c. The Board shall comply with section 445.007(10), Florida Statutes, and the following per diem and travel expense provisions, consistent with section 112.061, Florida Statutes:
  - i. Board members may receive reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to section 112.061, Florida Statutes.
  - ii. Lodging expenses for an employee of the Board may not exceed the daily limit for that of employees of the State of Florida, excluding taxes and fees, unless the Board is participating in a negotiated group rate discount or the Board obtains and maintains documentation of at least three comparable alternatives demonstrating that such lodging at the required rate is not available. However, an employee of the Board may expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses over the limit for employees of the State of Florida.
  - iii. The Board shall ensure that travel and expense reimbursements made to vendors and subrecipients are in accordance with the Board's travel and expense policy. The Board's travel and expense policy must ensure that vendor reimbursements are made at the lowest possible cost necessary to ensure a reasonable level of service, comfort, and security.

#### 12. BOARD GOVERNANCE, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND TRANSPARENCY.

- a. The Board shall ensure that the local area designation complies with the requirements outlined in the federal law (WIOA) and applicable state policy.
- b. The following information must be posted on the Board's website in a manner easily accessed by the public:
  - i. Notice of all Board meetings at least seven days before the meeting is to occur. Notice of special board meetings must be posted at least 72 hours before the meeting is to occur.
  - ii. Current employee positions and salary information for each position (including performance bonuses).
  - iii. A plain language version of any contract that is estimated to exceed \$35,000 with a private entity, municipality, city, town, or vendor of services, supplies, or programs, including marketing, or for the purchase or lease or use of lands, facilities, or properties for the five most recent years.
  - iv. A list of all current board members, company or entity that the Board member is employed by or owns, and their terms of service.
  - v. Interlocal agreement(s), as applicable.
  - vi. Single Audit for the two most recent years.
  - vii. Board meeting and committee minutes within 15 days of Board approval with two most recent years of board meeting minutes posted on the website.
  - viii. Tax return for the two most recent years.
  - ix. All active agreements with another board that delegates partial or complete responsibility for any duties the Board is expected, required, or mandated to perform under this Agreement or WIOA, even if the cost is not expected to exceed \$35,000.
- c. The Board shall comply with the requirements of 2 CFR 25 Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM). The Subrecipient must have an active registration in SAM in accordance with 2 CFR part 25, appendix A, and must have a Data Universal Numbering System number. The Subrecipient must also comply with provisions of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act, which includes requirements on executive compensation and 2 CFR 170 Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information.

- d. In compliance with sections 39.201 and 415.1034, Florida Statutes, if the Board, its agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors or any other entity performing the services on behalf of the Board, knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child, aged person, or disabled adult is or has been abused, neglected, or exploited, the Board agrees to immediately report such knowledge or suspicion to the Florida Abuse Hotline by calling 1-800-96ABUSE, or via the web reporting option at <a href="http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/report">http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/report</a>, or via fax at 1-800-914-0004.
- e. Consistent with 2 CFR 200.113, the Board must, within one business day of discovery, disclose any violation of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award. Additionally, the Board shall disclose any other on-going civil or criminal litigation, investigation, arbitration, or administrative proceeding upon execution of this Agreement. For purposes of this paragraph, "discovery" means when the Board has knowledge of or should reasonably know that there has been a violation of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award.
- f. For all funds provided by DEO, when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal money, the Subrecipient shall clearly state (i) the percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with federal money, (ii) the dollar amount of federal funds for the project or program; and (iii) the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by non-governmental sources. Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-141, 132 Stat. 348, div. H, Title V, Sec. 505 (Mar. 23, 2018).
- g. In compliance with section 286.25, Florida Statutes, the Board will ensure any nongovernmental organization which sponsors a program financed, in whole or in part, with funds provided under this Agreement will, in publicizing, advertising, or describing the sponsorship of the program, state: "Sponsored by (entities name) and the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity." If the sponsorship reference is in written form, the words "State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity" will appear in the same size letters or type as the name of the entity.

#### 13. ETHICS.

- a. The Board shall adopt an employee ethics code modeled after the provisions of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and shall name a Chief Ethics Officer. The Officer shall be responsible for the periodic training of Board staff and for maintaining the Ethics Code and for, which addresses:
  - i. The acceptance of gifts;
  - ii. Self-dealing;
  - iii. A prohibition on unauthorized compensation;
  - iv. Conflicting employment or contractual relationships;
  - v. Appropriate disclosure and use of information; and
  - vi. Nepotism.
- b. The Board will adopt and abide by a conflict of interest policy that ensures compliance with state and federal law and applicable State Board and DEO policies. The Board will make reasonable modifications to the policy if requested by DEO. The Board must ensure that adequate firewalls are in place to prevent actual or perceived conflicts of interest, poor internal controls, or the appearance of impropriety.
- c. The Board must ensure grievance procedures and Equal Opportunity representation, consistent with 20 CFR 683.285, is available and made known to staff, participants, and other interested parties in the local workforce development system. The Board must also adopt a whistle blower policy that facilitates the reporting of violations of policy or law without fear of retaliation.
- d. The Board will comply with sections 11.062 and 216.347, Florida Statutes. The Board will not, in connection with this or any other agreement with the state, directly or indirectly: (1) offer, confer, or agree to confer any pecuniary

benefit on anyone as consideration for any state officer or employee's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, or other exercise of discretion, or violation of a known legal duty; or (2) offer, give, or agree to give to anyone any gratuity for the benefit of, or at the direction or request of, any state officer or employee. For purposes of this paragraph, "gratuity" means any payment of more than a nominal monetary value in the form of cash, travel, entertainment, gifts, meals, lodging, loans, subscriptions, advances, deposits of money, services, employment, or contracts of any kind. DEO encourages the Board to contact the Florida Commission on Ethics for any questions regarding its compliance with this paragraph.

e. Prohibition on Lobbying. The Subrecipient shall not, directly or indirectly, expend either state or federal funds either (i) for the purpose of lobbying any branch, unit, or instrumentality of the state or federal governments, or (ii) for any otherwise allowable purpose which could result in unauthorized lobbying.

#### 14. LOCAL BOARD COMPOSITION, BOARD MEMBER SELECTION AND TRAINING.

- a. The Board must ensure that the local workforce board composition is compliant with all federal and state laws, polices, procedures, and rules.
- b. The Board, in consultation with the CLEO, must develop and implement clear processes and procedures for recruiting, vetting, and nominating Board members and documenting their qualifications in alignment with the requirements of WIOA, and compliant with all federal and state laws, polices, procedures, and rules.
- c. The Board shall prohibit any Board staff from serving as members of a committee or subcommittee of the Board.
- d. The Board shall ensure Board members complete mandatory Board orientation and training. The Board shall take all reasonable steps necessary to encourage attendance by the CLEO at Board orientation and training. The Board shall retain and provide to DEO upon request the dates of training and sign-in sheets (or other evidence of attendance) of training participants.
- 15. RELATED PARTIES. The purpose of this section is to help DEO ensure transparency and accountability, to prevent impropriety or the appearance of impropriety in public business, and to limit the possibility of the improper expenditure of state or federal funds.
  - a. Related Parties. For purposes of this Agreement, "Related Party" includes any: Board member; Board employee or staff; relative of any Board member or employee or staff; any organization represented by or employing a Board member or employee or staff; any organization, the board of directors of which a Board member or employee or staff holds a board position; or any vendor with which a Board member has a relationship.
  - b. Related Party Contract. For purposes of this Agreement, "Related Party Contract" means any relationship, transaction, or expenditure, contractual in nature, which results in or could result in an expenditure of state or federal funds by the Board with a Related Party. The term "Related Party Contract" does not include retail purchases made in the ordinary course of business or payments for utility services.
  - c. Related Parties Compliance. The Board shall comply with section 445.007(11), Florida Statutes. The Board and its employees must annually disclose to DEO's financial monitors any conflicts of interest that may arise during the upcoming year or that did arise in the current year and was not previously disclosed.
    - i. Prior to entering into any Related Party Contract with any Related Party, the proposed Related Party Contract must be brought before the Board for consideration and approval. The Board shall ensure that the Board member with the conflict abstains from any vote regarding the Related Party Contract.
    - ii. If the disclosure was not made prior to the meeting because the conflict was unknown prior to the meeting, the Board shall ensure that disclosure is made at the next possible meeting after knowledge of the conflict becomes available.
  - d. <u>Completion of Forms</u>. For each Related Party Contract, the Board must ensure that the forms attached hereto as Exhibits C and D are completed, dated, executed, and certified prior to execution of the contract or incurring of

expenditures for the current fiscal year. For conflicts unknown at the time of entering into the Related Party Contract, the Board shall ensure that completed forms of Exhibits C and D are filed within 15 days after the disclosure with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting. The disclosure shall be incorporated into the minutes of the meeting at which the oral disclosure was made.

- e. Related Party Contracts \$25,000 or Greater. DEO may disapprove, in its sole discretion, any contract for the Board's failure to submit any required document or form as required by this section. Prior to execution of any contract equal to or greater than \$25,000, the Board must approve and electronically submit the documentation set forth below, along with completed copies of the forms attached hereto as Exhibits C and D, to WorkforceContract.Review@deo.myflorida.com.
- f. Related Party Contracts Less Than \$25,000. Within 30 days after execution of any contract less than \$25,000, the Board must approve and electronically submit a certified board membership roster listing all members on the Board at the time of the vote on the approval of the contract with a vote tally indicating attendance or absence at the meeting. For those in attendance, the affirmative and negative votes and abstentions for each member, along with completed copies of the forms attached hereto as Exhibits C and D, must be submitted to WorkforceContract.Review@deo.mvflorida.com.

#### 16. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

- a. This Agreement will be construed, performed, and enforced in all respects in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Florida. Each Party will perform its obligations herein in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement. The exclusive venue of any legal or equitable action that arises out of or relates to this Agreement will be either the Division of Administrative Hearings or the appropriate state court in Leon County, Florida. In any such action, the Parties waive any right to jury trial.
- b. Should any term of this Agreement conflict with any applicable law, rule, or regulation, the law, rule, or regulation will control over the provisions of this Agreement.
- c. The Board is fully liable for its actions, and the actions of the Board's officers, agents, contractors and employees. The Board will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the state, the State Board, and DEO, and their respective officers, agents, and employees from any suit, action, damage, judgment, and costs of every name and description, including attorney's fees, arising from or relating to any action of the Board.
- d. If any provision of this Agreement, whether in whole or in part, is held to be void or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, that provision will be enforced only to the extent that it is not in violation of law or is not otherwise unenforceable, and all other provisions will remain in full force and effect.
- e. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be an original and all of which will constitute but one and the same instrument.
- f. Any amendment or modification to the terms of this Agreement must be in written form signed by both Parties.
- Annually before July 1 of each state fiscal year, the Board shall adopt a schedule of operations for the upcoming state fiscal year. Such schedule of operations shall include, but is not limited to, daily hours of operation of one-stop operators, and a holiday closure schedule which adopts either the federal, state, or appropriate county holiday schedule. If the Board has a career center that is affiliated with a college or university, the college or university schedule may be adopted for those centers. The proposed schedule must be approved by the Board and posted on the Board's website in a conspicuous, easily-accessible manner. The Board must give prior approval to any deviations from the schedule, except in emergency or reasonably unforeseeable circumstances (e.g., an order of the President or Governor, total loss of facilities from a catastrophic natural or man-made disaster, etc.). If emergency circumstances exist which result or could foreseeably result in a shutdown, the Board shall ensure that DEO and the State Board are informed within 48 hours of such shutdown or potential shutdown.
- h. The Board shall submit an Annual Report (Exhibit E), including the most recent IRS Form 990, detailing the total

compensation for the Board's executive leadership team(s). Total compensation shall include salary, bonuses, cash-in leave, cash equivalents, severance pay, retirement benefits, deferred compensation, real property gifts and any other payout. All compensation reports must indicate what percent of compensation comes directly from the State or Federal allocations. The annual report will be due to DEO 30 calendar days after the submittal of the 990 form to the IRS. The Board must inform DEO of any changes in total executive compensation between annual reports within 60 calendar days of the change.

- 17. SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. The Board shall designate at least one staff member for the LWDA to promote and develop employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities to ensure that job counseling and placement efforts are made for such individuals.
- 18. SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY. The Board shall establish a policy and procedure for providing free language services to customers that have a limited ability to read and/or speak the English language.
- 19. RESPONSE TO CUSTOMER SERVICE COMPLAINTS. DEO will forward any customer concerns or complaints about the Board received directly or forwarded from the Governor's or legislative offices, to the Board staff for review. Board staff will investigate the complaint in a timely manner, take appropriate action, and report the action in writing to DEO so that the complaint can be closed.

#### 20. LIAISONS.

- a. The Parties acknowledge they have a close working relationship and that neither Party desires an overly-bureaucratic or formal communication structure. To that effect, the Parties may communicate with each other through any appropriate liaison, as context may dictate.
- b. DEO's formal liaison for purposes of this Agreement is Caroline ("Tisha") Womack. Ms. Womack can be reached at Caroline. Womack@deo.myflorida.com or (850) 245–7126. All communication for which the Parties' course of dealing does reveal a more appropriate liaison will be directed to Ms. Womack, or other designee.
- c. The Board's formal liaison for purposes of this Agreement is Marcus McBride. Marcus McBride can be reached at <a href="marched-englis
- d. If different liaisons are designated by either Party after the execution of this Agreement, notice of the name, telephone number, and email address of the new liaison shall be provided in writing to the other Party and said notification shall be attached to this Agreement.
- 21. **REQUIRED LOCAL POSITIONS.** Appointed individuals may serve in more than one capacity or perform other job duties and functions, as appropriate, to the extent that no conflict of interest arises or may arise. The Board shall appoint:
  - a. A Regional Security Officer.
  - b. A custodian for purchased property and equipment.
  - c. A personnel liaison (must be a DEO merit staff member).
  - d. A public records coordinator.
  - e. An Equal Opportunity Officer, consistent with 29 CFR part 38.
  - f. An Ethics Officer
- 22. CONSTRUCTION; INTERPRETATION. The title of and the section and paragraph headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not govern or affect the interpretation of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement. The term "this Agreement" means this Agreement together with all Exhibits hereto, as the same may from time to time be amended, modified, supplemented, or restated in accordance with the terms hereof. The use in this Agreement of the term "including" and other words of similar import mean "including, without limitation" and where specific language is used to clarify by example a general statement contained herein, such specific language

shall not be deemed to modify, limit, or restrict in any manner the construction of the general statement to which it relates. The word "or" is not exclusive and the words "herein," "hereof," "hereunder," and other words of similar import refer to this Agreement as a whole, including any Exhibits, and not to any particular section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, or clause contained in this Agreement. The use herein of terms importing the singular shall also include the plural, and vice versa. The reference to an agreement, instrument, or other document means such agreement, instrument, or other document as amended, supplemented, and modified from time to time to the extent permitted by the provisions thereof and the reference to a statute means such statute as amended from time to time and includes any successor legislation thereto and any regulations promulgated thereunder. All references to "\$" shall mean United States dollars. The recitals of this Agreement are incorporated herein by reference and shall apply to the terms and provisions of this Agreement and the Parties. Time is of the essence with respect to the performance of all obligations under this Agreement. The Parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. If an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the Parties, and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any Party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

- 23. PRESERVATION OF REMEDIES; SEVERABILITY; RIGHT TO SET-OFF. No delay or omission to exercise any right, power, or remedy accruing to either Party upon breach or default by either Party under this Agreement will impair any such right, power, or remedy of either Party nor will such delay or omission be construed as a waiver of any breach or default or any similar breach or default. If any term or provision of this Agreement is found to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, such term or provision will be deemed stricken, and the remainder of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect. DEO and the State shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off, including, without limitation, the State's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the Board under this Agreement up to any amounts due and owing to DEO with respect to this Agreement, any other contract with any state department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this Agreement, plus any amounts due and owing to the State for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto. The State shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal state practices including, in cases of set-off pursuant to an audit, the finalization of such audit by the state or its representatives.
- 24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; AMENDMENT; WAIVER. This Agreement embodies the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. There are no provisions, terms, conditions, or obligations other than those contained in this Agreement, and this Agreement supersedes all previous communications, representations, or agreements, either verbal or written, between the Parties. No amendment will be effective unless reduced to writing and signed by an authorized officer of the Board and the authorized agent of DEO. No waiver by any Party of any of the provisions hereof shall be effective unless explicitly set forth in writing and signed by the Party so waiving. No waiver by any Party shall operate or be construed as a waiver in respect of any failure, breach or default not expressly identified by such written waiver, whether of a similar or different character, and whether occurring before or after that waiver. No failure to exercise, or delay in exercising, any right, remedy, power, or privilege arising from this Agreement shall operate or be construed as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any other right, remedy, power, or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power, or privilege.

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IN WITNESS HEREOF, by signature below, the Parties acknowledge they have read this Agreement and the attachments hereto, understand each section and paragraph, agreed to abide by the terms of this Agreement, and intend that this Agreement become effective as described above.

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