

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

CONTRACT AWARD COVERPAGE

<b>TO:</b> <u>Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Inc.,</u> <u>5606 Dower House Road</u> <u>Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772</u>	<b>DATE ISSUED:</b> <u>September 13, 2021</u> <b>CONTRACT NO:</b> <u>21-DHS-RFP-598e</u> <b>CONTRACT TITLE:</b> <u>Group &amp; Virtual Day Support, Group &amp; Individual Supported Employment &amp; Travel Training</u>
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**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-DHS-RFP-598e including any attachments or amendments thereto.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 1, 2021

**EXPIRES:** November 30, 2022

**RENEWALS:** Four (4) Renewal Remaining

**COMMODITY CODE(S):** 95228, 95285, 95290

**LIVING WAGE:** N

**ATTACHMENTS:**

AGREEMENT No. 21-DHS-RFP-598e

**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**

DocuSigned by: <i>Jomeka D. Price</i>	<b>Title</b> Procurement Officer	<b>Date</b> 9/21/2021
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**AGREEMENT NO. 21-DHS-RFP-598e**

THIS AGREEMENT is made, on 9/21/2021, between Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Inc., 5606 Dower House Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772 ("Contractor") a Maryland 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 – Business Associate Agreement
- Exhibit D – Contractor COVID-19 Vaccination Quarterly Compliance Certification

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 Day support, employment and transportation services. 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 December 1, 2021 and must be completed no later than November 30, 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

bilateral Notice of Renewal, authorize continuation of the Agreement under the same contract prices for not more than four (4) additional 12-month periods, from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 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 November 30, 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 months of statistics available at the time of the Contract's renewal.

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. 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.

If the County makes a partial payment, it will retain 5% of the estimate upon which the partial payment is based until completion and final acceptance of the Work.

**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**

The Contractor is responsible for completing a criminal background check and a Virginia Central Registry check through the Virginia Department of Social Services for each person working on this contract and ensuring that subcontractors and volunteers comply with this background check requirement. The Contractor must inform the County immediately of any findings involving its staff or a subcontractor. Any finding may result in the immediate removal of the individual from the contract at the County discretion.

**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, 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. SAFETY**

The Contractor must ensure that it and its employees and subcontractors comply with all applicable local, state and federal policies, regulations and standards relating to safety and health, including the standards of the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health program of the Department of Labor and Industry for General Industry and for the Construction Industry and the applicable Federal Environmental Protection Agency and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality standards.

**21. 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 within five working days of the end of each quarter (see Exhibit 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, Contractors may email [contractorvaccineinfo@arlingtonva.us](mailto:contractorvaccineinfo@arlingtonva.us).

## **22. 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.

**23. INDEMNIFICATION**

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.



**24. 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.

**25. 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.

**26. 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.

**27. 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.

**28. 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.

**29. 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.

**30. 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.

**31. 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.

**32. 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.

**33. 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.

**34. REPORT STANDARDS**

The Contractor must electronically 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 avoid unnecessary attachments or documents or superfluous use of paper (e.g. separate title sheets or chapter dividers)

**35. AUDIT**

The Contractor must retain all books, records and other documents related to this Contract for at least five years, or such period of time required by the County's funding partner(s), if any, whichever is greater, 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, or such period of time required by the County's funding partner(s), if any, whichever is greater, the Contractor must give the County at least 30 days' notice and must not dispose of the documents if the County objects.

The Purchasing Agent may require the Contractor to demonstrate that it has the necessary facilities, ability, and financial resources to comply with the Contract and furnish the service, material or goods specified herein in a satisfactory manner at any time during the term of this Contract.

**36. 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.

**37. AMENDMENTS**

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

**38. 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.

**39. 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.

**40. 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.

**41. ARBITRATION**

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

**42. 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.

**43. 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.

**44. 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.

**45. 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.

**46. 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.

**47. 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.

**48. 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.

**49. 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:**

Emily Homer  
Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Inc.  
5606 Dower House Road  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772  
Email: [EHomer@melwood.org](mailto:EHomer@melwood.org)

**TO THE COUNTY:**

Elizabeth Cannon, Project Officer  
DHS-ADSD  
2100 Washington Blvd, 4<sup>th</sup> FL  
Arlington, VA 22204

**AND**

Dr. 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

**50. 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.

**51. NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE**

Arlington County does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.

**52. 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 make arrangements with a County-contracted service provider and pay the fees.

**53. HIPAA COMPLIANCE**

The Contractor must comply with the privacy, security and electronic transaction components of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended ("HIPAA"). Pursuant to 45 C.F.R. §164.502(e) and §164.504(e), the Contractor is designated a Business Associate for purposes of this Contract and must execute the attached Arlington County Business Associate Agreement (Exhibit C). Pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 164.308(b)(1) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinic Health Act ("HITECH"), § 13401, the Contractor must also enter into an agreement with any subcontractors that, in a form approved by the County, requires the subcontractor to protect PHI to the same extent as the Arlington County Business Associate Agreement. The Contractor must ensure that its subcontractors notify the Contractor immediately of any breaches in security regarding PHI. Software and platforms used in performance of this Contract must be HIPAA compliant.

The Contractor takes full responsibility for HIPAA compliance, for any failure to execute the appropriate agreements with its subcontractors and for any failure of its subcontractors to comply with the existing or future regulations of HIPAA and/or HITECH. The Contractor will indemnify the County for any and all losses, fines, damages, liability, exposure or costs that arise from any failure to comply with this paragraph.

**54. ADA COMPLIANCE**

The Contractor is solely responsible for its compliance with the ADA and must defend and hold the County harmless from any expense or liability arising from the Contractor's non-compliance. The Contractor also must respond promptly to and cooperate fully with all inquiries from the U.S. Department of Labor.

The Contractor's responsibilities related to ADA compliance include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Access to Programs, Services and Facilities: The Contractor must ensure that its programs, services and facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If a particular facility or program is not accessible, the Contractor must provide equivalent services in an accessible alternate location or manner.
- b. Effective Communication: Upon request, the Contractor, must provide appropriate communication aids and services so that qualified persons with disabilities can participate equally in the Contractor's programs, services and activities. Communication aids and services can include, but are not limited to, qualified sign language interpreters, Braille documents and other means of facilitating communications with people who have speech, hearing or vision impairments.
- c. Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Contractor must modify its policies and procedures as necessary to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy the Contractor's programs, services and activities. For example, individuals' service

animals must be allowed in the Contractor's offices or facilities, even if pets are generally prohibited.

- d. No Extra Charges: The Contractor may not charge a person with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing aids or services or of reasonable modifications to policies and procedures.

**55. 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 \$500,000/500,000/500,000 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. Professional Errors & Omissions - \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. 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.

WITNESS these signatures:

THE COUNTY BOARD OF ARLINGTON  
COUNTY, VIRGINIA

MELWOOD HORTICULTURAL TRAINING CENTER, INC.

AUTHORIZED DocuSigned by:  
SIGNATURE: Tomeka D. Price  
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AUTHORIZED DocuSigned by:  
SIGNATURE: Rebecca Cheraquit  
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NAME: Tomeka D. Price

NAME: Rebecca Cheraquit

TITLE: Procurement Officer

TITLE: Chief Program Officer

DATE: 9/21/2021

DATE: 9/20/2021



## EXHIBIT A SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Contractor must be knowledgeable of and capable of implementing the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Guidelines found at (<http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/generalreq>) and the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) Medicaid Waiver Services ( [www.dbhds.virginia.gov/developmental-services/waiver-services](http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/developmental-services/waiver-services)).

### I. **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR DAY SUPPORT AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES:**

1. Serve participants with developmental disabilities who are deemed eligible for County funding and referred by County staff from the Department of Human Services (DHS), Developmental Disability Services Bureau (DDS).
2. Provide services that enhance a participant's functional capacity by providing opportunities to engage in skill building activities, community integration activities (for example, recreate in the community with family and friends, increase social connections, live as independently as possible), and employment.
3. Ensure that services reflect and respect the choices and input of the participant and his/her family or legal guardian.
4. Participate in Person-Centered Planning (PCP) meetings for all participants. PCP meetings are convened annually and coordinated by the DDS Support Coordinator.
5. Develop an annual Individual Support Plan (ISP) for each participant. Each ISP must reflect the individualized services specific to the participant's needs. The ISP must include measurable outcomes that determine when goals have been achieved. Progress notes must reflect progress made towards achieving the goals and outcomes and document steps taken by the Contractor.
6. Ensure that the ISP is implemented, reviewed, and monitored throughout the duration of the participant's planning year, which will vary from person to person.;
7. Provide at least one (1) of the following services (refer to Proposal Requirements, Technical Approach):
  - a. **Group Day Support:** Structured program provided in groups of no more than one (1) staff member to seven (7) participants. The program must provide opportunities for peer interactions, community integration, career planning, and enhancement of social networks. Support may also be provided to ensure a participant's health and safety. Support services must be provided in accordance with the participant's ISP.
  - b. **Virtual Group Day Support:** Structured group day support activities that are provided via a virtual platform (i.e., Microsoft TEAMS, Zoom, Go-to-Meeting, etc.) in groups no more than one (1) staff member to five (5) participants. Activities assist with the acquisition and retention of, and improvement in, self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills. This service helps to mitigate the risks that participants may face from social isolation. Activities must be person-centered and take into consideration each participant's personal interests and

needs. A staff member must be assigned to this service and always present on the virtual platform during active programming. Center-based group day support staff may not overlap or provide programming during this service.

- c. **Group Supported Employment:** Structured programs that provide work to a group of three (3) to eight (8) participants at a job site integrated into the community. Group sizes may vary to accommodate the different needs and abilities of participants in this program. The Group Supported Employment (GSE) program should provide participants with the opportunity to interact and have regular contact with employees/co-workers who do not have a disability and are performing the same or similar job tasks. Participants must be employed and compensated by either the employer/business or the Contractor. Participants must be compensated at or above Virginia's minimum wage unless the Contractor has permission from the Department of Labor to pay subminimum wages. Ongoing employment supports, such as job training/re-training, life skills training, transportation management and mediation between participant and supervisory staff, must be provided by the Contractor's onsite employment specialist. The Contractor must provide support services in accordance with the participant's 's ISP.
  - d. **Individual Supported Employment:** These services are provided one-on-one by an employment specialist in a setting that meets the participant's personal and career goals, either as a single participant in an integrated employment situation making at or above minimum wage or in a self-employment situation. On-going support services may include one or more of the following activities: travel training, job-site training, advocacy and other support needed to ensure the individual's success at his/her job and that he/she remains employed. The Contractor must provide support services in accordance with the participant's ISP.
  - e. **Travel Training:** Provides one-to-one training for people with disabilities to obtain the skills required to travel safely and independently on fixed-route public transportation. This service will primarily be for individuals engaged in Group Supported Employment or Individual Supported Employment.
- 8. Invoice DMAS for Virginia Medicaid Waiver services provided to all participants with an active Virginia Developmental Disability (DD) Medicaid Waiver. The County will not reimburse for services for participants with a DD Medicaid Waiver. Additionally, the County will not reimburse for services should the service be determined ineligible for reimbursement by Medicaid.
  - 9. Maintain all necessary and required participant-specific information concerning provision of Medicaid-covered services. The Contractor must provide this information to the Project Officer upon request.
  - 10. Submit a customized rate application (when applicable) to the Virginia DBHDS for participants requiring a higher level of support services. The County is not responsible for the reimbursement of support needs if the Contractor determines that the Medicaid reimbursement rate is not sufficient.
  - 11. Ensure availability of on-site staff who are trained and certified to administer medications prescribed by the participant's medical team. Coordinate the refilling of medication and medical

supplies that need to be maintained on-site for use during program hours. Coordinate medication refills with caregivers, legal guardians, and/or residential providers. Have written procedures for staff training and administering necessary prescribed medications specific to the individual needs of each participant.

12. Supervise the daily self-administration of medication by individuals. Assist the participant with coordinating the refill of medication and medical supplies with caregivers, legal guardians, and/or residential providers.
13. Coordinate schedules with participants' residential programs, caregivers, employers and providers of specialized transportation services. This includes day program closings for in-service trainings and holidays other than scheduled federal holidays as well as weather related closings.
14. Provide access to professional language interpretation services for staff when serving participants with limited English proficiency, including American Sign Language, as needed or upon request. Have written policies and procedures for accessing these services. Ensure that staff are trained on use and access of language interpreting services.
15. Transport participants to and from planned community outings while attending the program. Ensure the safety of participants, whether in staff's private vehicles or Contractor-owned vehicles. Conduct annual driving record checks for all drivers who will transport participants in any capacity. The County will not reimburse for transportation services that occur during program operation hours and are the result of program activities, such as community outings.
16. Maintain records and reports of annual fire marshal inspections. Maintain all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards in both center-based locations and employment sites. All permits and facility records must be made available to County staff upon request.
17. Maintain responsibility for snow and ice removal to ensure safe access to the facility, parking lots, and loading/unloading areas of the building.
18. Provide adequate and appropriate space for administrative staff, meetings, and record keeping at all program site locations. The same shall be applicable to all new sites developed during the contract term.
19. Maintain normal business office hours (if different from service hours) from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, except for holidays. Business, holiday, and program hours should be distinctly identified in the proposal.
20. Establish program policies and procedures, which include the following:
  - a) Incident reporting
  - b) Sexual abuse and sexual harassment reporting
  - c) Admission, discharge, appeals, and suspension
  - d) Participant attendance
  - e) Notifying and interacting with emergency services
  - f) Providing language interpretation services
  - g) Conducting criminal background and Virginia Central Registry checks
  - h) Staff training

- i) Use of Contractor-owned and private staff vehicles including driver's license checks and insurance requirements
  - j) Emergency and inclement weather plans
  - k) Pandemic safety and cleanliness
21. Adhere to all DBHDS Licensing training requirements (<https://dbhds.virginia.gov/quality-management/Office-of-Licensing>).
22. Allow County staff physical access to the Contractor's offices and facilities, as needed, during the Contractor's identified business hours and without giving prior notice. Allow access to the program for members of the participant's PCP team without prior notice if the participant gives permission. Access to participant records shall be made available to the participant's assigned DDS Support Coordinator, the DDS Clinical Supervisor, the Project Officer and the DDS Bureau Chief. Prior notice is not required.
23. Provide programming for participants with challenging behaviors and medical diagnoses. The Contractor should provide accommodations that allow the participant to engage in regular programming or provide specially designed programs when accommodations cannot be made
24. Establish an emergency response plan in response to critical incidents utilizing an all-hazards approach (e.g. fire, natural disaster, severe weather, intruder, or suspicious persons and packages), to include recovery and contingencies to appropriately address the safety and security of all the participants served;
25. Remain abreast of changes in requirements as they occur and adjust service provision and program operations accordingly. This applies to changes to local, state, and national policies, to include DMAS, DARS, DBHDS and the Arlington Community Service Board (CSB).
26. Provide proof of required licensure, compliance, and operations in "Good Standing." In the event that the Contractor's operating status is affected due to a change in licensure, the Contractor's Executive Director or assigned designated personnel must inform the Project Officer in writing within five (5) business days of its knowledge or determination of such status.

**II. LISCENSURE AND COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR DAY SUPPORT AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES:**

- 1. Provide services in accordance with the DBHDS core taxonomy: <https://dbhds.virginia.gov/library/community%20contracting/OCC-2010-CoreServicesTaxonomy7-2v2.pdf>.
- 2. Contractors providing Group Day Support Services and One-to-One Services must be licensed as required by DBHDS: <https://dbhds.virginia.gov/quality-management/Office-of-Licensing>.
- 3. Providers of employment services must be an approved vendor in accordance with the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services <https://www.vadars.org/essp/>.
- 4. Contractors must comply with the Human Rights Regulations adopted by the State Board: <https://dbhds.virginia.gov/quality-management/human-rights>.

5. Providers of Group Day Support, Group Supported Employment, Individual Supported Employment and One-to-One services must comply with all Virginia Developmental Disability (DD) Medicaid Waiver regulations: <https://www.viriniamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/wps/portal/ProviderManual>).
6. Comply with the Community Services Performance Contract for the Purchase of Community Mental Health, Developmental, and Substance Abuse Services, as promulgated by DBHDS for all Community Services Performance Contracts ([Microsoft Word - 12.20.2019 DMC FINAL 8.17.20 - V 7.6.3 \(virginia.gov\)](#)).
7. Comply with the Federal Department of Labor Regulations: <http://www.dol.gov/regulations>.
8. Comply with Incident Reporting consistent with DBHDS standards: <http://23.29.59.141/assets/doc/QMD/OL/DRAFT.DBHDS.SeriousIncidentGuidance.2018.08.06.pdf>.
9. Serious incidents (i.e., abuse/neglect allegations, serious injuries/accidents, incidents involving police, other community member’s death, missing persons, and acts that would be a crime, whether or not police are involved) must be communicated to the Project Officer immediately. Written incident reports detailing the serious incident must be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident or knowledge of the incident. All other incident reporting must be reported within three (3) business days.

**III. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR DAY SUPPORT AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

Report or Designated Product	Date due or Frequency
Monthly Attendance Sheet	Ten (10) business days after end of month (except June – due date TBD based on end of County Fiscal Year deadlines)
Contractor’s Invoice(s)	Ten (10) business days after end of month (except June – due by July 7th)
Individual Support Plan (ISP) – For all clients served under this agreement, both locally funded and DD Waiver	Minimum of ten (10) business days prior to effective date
Participants’ Wages Reports	August 15th
Contractor's Annual Report	Thirty (30) business days following publication
Annual Audit	Upon Request
Participants’ Incident Reports	Serious incidents (i.e. abuse/neglect allegations, serious injuries/accidents, incidents involving police, other community member’s death, missing persons, and acts that would be a crime whether or not police are involved) must be communicated to the Project Officer immediately. Written incident reports detailing the serious incident must be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident or knowledge of the incident. All other incident

	reporting must be reported within three (3) business days.
Human Rights, Adult Protective Services (APS), Reports	Within twenty-four (24) hours of submission to The Office of Human Rights ( <a href="https://topics.arlingtonva.us/human-rights/">https://topics.arlingtonva.us/human-rights/</a> ) and APS ( <a href="https://aging-disability.arlingtonva.us/programs/aps/">https://aging-disability.arlingtonva.us/programs/aps/</a> ).
Revisions to Policies & Procedures	Within ten (10) business days of revision
Other reports deemed necessary by Project Officer	Upon request. Number of business days for submission will be determined by mutual agreement between the Contractor and the County.
Individual Participant Progress Reports (Quarterlies)	Within ten (10) business days of end of participant quarter
Participant Discharge Reports	Within five (5) business days of discharge
Response to referrals	Within ten (10) business days of receipt of referral
Certificates of Renewed Certifications (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), etc.)	Within five (10) business days following receipt
Prior Notification of CARF Review Dates	When dates are known
CARF Written Report of Review	Within ten (10) business days of receipt
Service Authorizations	Within ten (10) business days of start date
Sexual Harassment and Sexual Abuse Prevention and Reporting Training for All Staff Working Directly with Group Participants	Annually. Within ten (10) business of completion
<p>Monthly Invoice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section that identifies Arlington County as the payer</li> <li>• Vendor name, address and contact person for invoice questions</li> <li>• Dates of Service</li> <li>• Purchase Order Number</li> <li>• Unique Invoice Number</li> <li>• Description of Services</li> <li>• Monthly participant attendance sheet</li> <li>• Total Amount</li> </ul>	Within ten (10) business days after the end of the month. Must be submitted electronically via encrypted email.

**IV. ARLINGTON COUNTY'S ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Assign a Project Officer who will be the point of contact for all contractual and programmatic concerns.
2. Screen, assess, and refer eligible participants through an agreed referral process. Review any justification for client rejections submitted by the Contractor and determine further steps.
3. Provide active support coordination. Support coordinators will facilitate services for individuals based on Person-Centered Plans that are created by the DDS Support Coordinator in collaboration with the participant. The Support Coordinator will actively monitor the services delivered to ensure that needs are being met and that participants are satisfied with the services.

4. The County may change/adjust the Scope of Work or reporting requirements for the program if deemed necessary. Changes will be discussed and coordinated with the Contractor and executed by a contract amendment.
5. The County will pay for transportation services to and from a group day support site for participants except for participants who have a Medicaid Waiver.

**EXHIBIT B  
CONTRACT PRICING**

<b>Type of Service</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Rate</b>
<p>Group Day Support- Structured program provided in groups of no more than one (1) staff member to seven (7) participants. The program must provide opportunities for peer interactions, community integration, career planning, and enhancement of social networks. Support may also be provided to ensure a participant’s health and safety. Support services must be provided in accordance with the participant’s ISP.</p>	<p>Day</p>	<p align="center">\$98.73</p>
<p>Virtual Group Day Support - Structured group day support activities that are provided via a virtual platform (i.e. Microsoft TEAMS, Zoom, Go-to-Meeting, etc.) in groups no more than one (1) staff member to five (5) participants. Activities assist with the acquisition and retention of, and improvement in, self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills. This service helps to mitigate the risks that participants may face from social isolation. Activities must be person-centered and take into consideration each participant’s’ personal interests and needs. A staff member must be assigned to this service and always present on the virtual platform during active programming. Center-based group day support staff may not overlap or provide programming during this service.</p>	<p>Day</p>	<p align="center">\$98.73</p>



<p>Group Supported Employment - Structured programs that provide work to a group of three (3) to eight (8) participants at a job site integrated into the community. Group sizes may vary to accommodate the different needs and abilities of participants in this program. The Group Supported Employment (GSE) program should provide participants with the opportunity to interact and have regular contact with employees/co-workers who do not have a disability and are performing the same or similar job tasks. Participants must be employed and compensated by either the employer/business or the Contractor. Participants must be compensated at or above Virginia's minimum wage unless the Contractor has permission from the Department of Labor to pay subminimum wages. Ongoing employment supports, such as job training/re-training, life skills training, transportation management and mediation between participant and supervisory staff, must be provided by the Contractor's onsite employment specialist. The Contractor must provide support services in accordance with the participant's 's ISP.</p>	<p>Day</p>	<p>\$88.49</p>
<p>Individual Supported Employment - T These services are provided one-on-one by an employment specialist in a setting that meets the participant's personal and career goals, either as a single participant in an integrated employment situation making at or above minimum wage or in a self-employment situation. On-going support services may include one or more of the following activities: travel training, job-site training, advocacy and other support needed to ensure the individual's success at his/her job and that he/she remains employed. The</p>	<p>Hour</p>	<p>\$82.15</p>
<p>Travel Training - Provides one-to-one training for people with disabilities to obtain the skills required to travel safely and independently on fixed-route public transportation. This service will be primarily be for individuals engaged in Group Supported Employment or Individual Supported Employment.</p>	<p>Hour</p>	<p>\$82.15</p>

**EXHIBIT C  
BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

This Business Associate Agreement is hereby entered into between Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Inc. (hereafter referred to as "Business Associate") and the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia (hereafter referred to as "Covered Entity" or "County") (collectively "the parties") and is hereby made a part of any Underlying Agreement for goods or services entered into between the parties.

Recitals

The County provides services to its residents and employees which may cause it or others under its direction or control to serve as covered entities for purposes of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

The County, in its capacity as a covered entity, may provide Business Associate with certain information that may include Protected Health Information (PHI), so that Business Associate may perform its responsibilities pursuant to its Underlying Agreement(s) with and on behalf of County.

Covered Entity and Business Associate intend to protect the privacy of PHI and provide for the security of any electronic PHI received by Business Associate from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity in compliance with HIPAA; in compliance with regulations promulgated pursuant to HIPAA, at 45 CFR Parts 160 and Part 164; and in compliance with applicable provisions of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, as incorporated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "HITECH Act") and any applicable regulations and/or guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS") with respect to the HITECH Act (collectively "federal law").

WHEREAS, federal law and the specific regulations promulgated pursuant to HIPAA at 45 CFR § 164.314, 45 CFR § 164-502(e) and 45 CFR § 164.504(e) require a Covered Entity to enter into written agreements with all Business Associates (hereinafter "Business Associate Agreement");

WHEREAS, the parties desire to comply with HIPAA and desire to secure and protect such PHI from unauthorized disclosure;

THEREFORE, **Business Associate** and **Covered Entity**, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows. The obligations, responsibilities and definitions may be changed from time to time as determined by federal law and such changes are incorporated herein as if set forth in full text:

**1) Definitions**

The capitalized terms used in this Business Associate Agreement shall have the meaning set out below:

- a) **Accounting.** "Accounting" means a record of disclosures of protected health information made by the Business Associate.
- b) **Breach.** "Breach" means the acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of protected health information in a manner not permitted by this Business Associate Agreement and/or by HIPAA, which compromises the security or privacy of the protected health information. For purposes of

this Business Associate Agreement, any unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of protected health information shall be presumed to be a breach.

- c) **Business Associate.** "Business Associate" means a person who creates, receives, maintains, or transmits protected health information on behalf of a Covered Entity to accomplish a task regulated by HIPAA and not as a member of the Covered Entity's workforce. A Business Associate shall include, but is not limited to, a non-workforce person/entity who performs data processing/analysis/transmission, billing, benefit management, quality assurance, legal, actuarial, accounting, administrative and/or financial services on behalf of the Covered Entity involving protected health information. A Business Associate also includes a subcontractor.
- d) **Covered Entity.** "Covered Entity" means a health plan, a health care clearinghouse, and/or a health care provider who transmits any health information in electronic form in connection with an activity regulated by HIPAA.
- e) **Data Aggregation.** "Data Aggregation" means, with respect to PHI created or received by Business Associate in its capacity as the Business Associate of Covered Entity, the combining of such PHI by the Business Associate with the PHI received by the Business Associate in its capacity as a Business Associate of another covered entity, to permit data analyses that relate to the health care operations of the respective covered entities.
- f) **Designated Record Set.** "Designated Record Set" means all records, including medical, enrollment, billing, payment, claims, and/or case management maintained by and/or for a Covered Entity.
- g) **Discovery.** "Discovery" shall mean the first day an unauthorized use or disclosure is known or reasonably should have been known by Business Associate, including when it is or should have been known by any person other than the person who engaged in the unauthorized use/disclosure who is an employee, officer, or agent of Business Associate.
- h) **Electronic Protected Health Information.** "Electronic Protected Health Information" means individually identifiable health information that is transmitted by or maintained in electronic media.
- i) **HIPAA.** "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 as in effect and/or as amended.
- j) **HITECH Act.** "HITECH Act" means the portions of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act which serve as amendments to HIPAA. HITECH is included within the definition of HIPAA unless stated separately.
- k) **Individual.** "Individual" means the person who is the subject of protected health information and/or a person who would qualify as a personal representative of the person who is the subject of protected health information.
- l) **Protected Health Information.** "Protected Health Information" or "PHI" means individually identifiable health information transmitted and/or maintained in any form.

- m) **Remuneration.** "Remuneration" means direct or indirect payment from or on behalf of a third party.
- n) **Required By Law.** "Required By Law" means an activity which Business Associate is required to do or perform based on the provisions of state and/or federal law.
- o) **Secretary.** "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Secretary's designee.
- p) **Security Incident.** "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with the system operations in an information system.
- q) **Underlying Agreement.** "Underlying Agreement" means the County contract for goods or services made through the County's procurement office which the parties have entered into and which the County has determined requires the execution of this Business Associate Agreement.
- r) **Unsecured Protected Health Information.** "Unsecured Protected Health Information" means protected health information that is not rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized persons through the use of a technology or methodology approved by the Secretary.

**2) Obligations and Activities of Business Associate**

- a) Business Associate acknowledges and agrees that it is obligated by law (or upon the effective date of any portion thereof shall be obligated) to meet the applicable provisions of HIPAA and such provisions are incorporated herein and made a part of this Business Associate Agreement. Covered Entity and Business Associate agree that any regulations and/or guidance issued by DHHS with respect to HIPAA that relate to the obligations of business associates shall be deemed incorporated into and made a part of this Business Associate Agreement.
- b) In accordance with 45 CFR §164.502(a)(3), Business Associate agrees not to use or disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by this Business Associate Agreement or as Required by Law.
- c) Business Associate agrees to develop, implement, maintain and use appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards that reasonably prevent the use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by this Business Associate Agreement, in accordance with 45 CFR §§164.306, 310 and 312. Business Associate agrees to develop, implement, maintain and use administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Electronic PHI, in accordance with 45 CFR §§164.306, 308, 310, and 312. In accordance with 45 CFR §164.316, Business Associate shall also develop and implement policies and procedures and meet the documentation requirements as and at such time as may be required by HIPAA.
- d) Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate, of a use or disclosure of PHI by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Business Associate Agreement.

- e) In accordance with 45 CFR §§164.308, 314 and 502, Business Associate will ensure that any workforce member or agent, including a vendor or subcontractor, whom Business Associate engages to create, receive, maintain, or transmit PHI on Business Associate's behalf, agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Business Associate Agreement to Business Associate with respect to such information, including minimum necessary limitations. Business Associate will ensure that any workforce member or agent, including a vendor or subcontractor, whom Business Associate engages to create, receive, maintain, or transmit PHI on Business Associate's behalf, agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the PHI.
- f) At the request of Covered Entity, Business Associate will provide Covered Entity, or as directed by Covered Entity, an Individual, access to PHI maintained in a Designated Record Set in a time and manner that is sufficient to meet the requirements of 45 CFR § 164.524, and, where required by HIPAA, shall make such information available in an electronic format where directed by the Covered Entity.
- g) At the written request of Covered Entity, (or if so directed by Covered Entity, at the written request of an Individual), Business Associate agrees to make any amendment to PHI in a Designated Record Set, in a time and manner that is sufficient to meet the requirements of 45 CFR § 164.526.
- h) In accordance with 45 CFR §164.504(e)(2), Business Associate agrees to make its internal practices, books, and records, including policies and procedures, and any PHI, relating to the use and disclosure of PHI, available to Covered Entity or to the Secretary for purposes of determining compliance with applicable law. To the extent permitted by law, said disclosures shall be held in strictest confidence by the Covered Entity. Business Associate will provide such access in a time and manner that is sufficient to meet any applicable requirements of applicable law.
- i) Business Associate agrees to document and maintain a record of disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures, including the date, recipient and purpose of such disclosures, in a manner that is sufficient for Covered Entity or Business Associate to respond to a request by Covered Entity or an Individual for an Accounting of disclosures of PHI and in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.528. Business Associate further shall provide any additional information where required by HIPAA and any implementing regulations. Unless otherwise provided under HIPAA, Business Associate will maintain the Accounting with respect to each disclosure for at least six years following the date of the disclosure.
- j) Business Associate agrees to provide to Covered Entity upon written request, or, as directed by Covered Entity, to an Individual, an Accounting of disclosures in a time and manner that is sufficient to meet the requirements of HIPAA, in accordance with 45 CFR §164.528. In addition, where Business Associate is contacted directly by an Individual based upon information provided to the Individual by Covered Entity and where so required by HIPAA and/or any implementing regulations, Business Associate shall make such Accounting available directly to the Individual.
- k) In accordance with 45 CFR §164.502(b), Business Associate agrees to make reasonable efforts to limit use, disclosure, and/or requests for PHI to the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the use, disclosure, or request. Where required by HIPAA, Business Associate

shall determine (in its reasonable judgment) what constitutes the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of a disclosure.

- l) In accordance with 45 CFR §502(a)(5), Business Associate shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for any PHI of an Individual, except with the express written pre-approval of Covered Entity.
- m) To the extent Business Associate is to carry out one or more obligation(s) of the Covered Entity's under Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164, Business Associate shall comply with the requirements of Subpart E that apply to the Covered Entity in the performance of such obligation(s).
- n) In accordance with 45 CFR §164.314(a)(1)(i)(C), Business Associate agrees to promptly report to Covered Entity any Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes aware.
- o) In accordance with 45 CFR §164.410 and the provisions of this Business Associate Agreement, Business Associate will report to Covered Entity, following Discovery and without unreasonable delay, but in no event later than five business days following Discovery, any Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall cooperate with Covered Entity in investigating the Breach and in meeting Covered Entity's obligations under HIPAA and any other applicable security breach notification laws, including, but not limited to, providing Covered Entity with such information in addition to Business Associate's report as Covered Entity may reasonably request, e.g., for purposes of Covered Entity making an assessment as to whether/what Breach Notification is required.

Business Associate's report under this subsection shall, to the extent available at the time the initial report is required, or as promptly thereafter as such information becomes available but no later than 30 days from discovery, include:

1. The identification (if known) of each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed by Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, or disclosed during such Breach;
2. A description of the nature of the unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure, including the date of the Breach and the date of discovery of the Breach;
3. A description of the type of Unsecured PHI acquired, accessed, used or disclosed in the Breach (e.g., full name, Social Security number, date of birth, etc.);
4. The identity of the individual(s) who made and who received the unauthorized acquisition, access, use or disclosure;
5. A description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate losses, and to protect against any further breaches; and
6. Contact information for Business Associate's representatives knowledgeable about the Breach.

- p) Business Associate shall maintain for a period of six years all information required to be reported under paragraph "o". This records retention requirement does not in any manner change the obligation to timely disclose all required information relating to a non-permitted acquisition, access, use or disclosure of Protected Health Information to the County Privacy Officer and the County Project Officer or designee five business days following Discovery.

**3) Permitted Uses and Disclosures by Business Associate**

Except as otherwise limited in this Business Associate Agreement, Business Associate may use or disclose PHI, consistent with HIPAA, as follows:

- a) Business Associate may use or disclose PHI as necessary to perform functions, activities, or services to or on behalf of Covered Entity under any service agreement(s) with Covered Entity, including Data Aggregation services related to the health care operations of Covered Entity, if called for in the Underlying Agreement, if Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI would not violate HIPAA if done by Covered Entity.
- b) Business Associate may use PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate.
- c) Business Associate may disclose PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate if:
  - 1. Disclosure is Required by Law;
  - 2. Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the PHI is disclosed that the PHI will remain confidential, and will be used or further disclosed only as Required By Law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed, and the person agrees to promptly notify Business Associate of any known breaches of the PHI's confidentiality; or
  - 3. Disclosure is pursuant to an order of a Court or Agency having jurisdiction over said information.
- d) Business Associate may use PHI to report violations of law to appropriate Federal and State authorities, consistent with 45 CFR § 164.502(j)(1).

**4) Obligations of Covered Entity**

- a) Covered Entity will notify Business Associate of any limitations on uses or disclosures described in its Notice of Privacy Practices (NOPP).
- b) Covered Entity will notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by an Individual to use or disclose PHI, to the extent that such changes or revocation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- c) Covered Entity will notify Business Associate of any restriction of the use or disclosure of PHI, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

- d) Covered Entity will notify Business Associate of any alternative means or locations for receipt of communications by an Individual which must be accommodated or permitted by Covered Entity, to the extent that such alternative means or locations may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- e) Except as otherwise provided in this Business Associate Agreement, Covered Entity will not ask Business Associate to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under HIPAA if such use and/or disclosure was made by Covered Entity.

**5) Term, Termination and Breach**

- a) This Business Associate Agreement is effective when fully executed and will terminate when all of the PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, is destroyed or returned to Covered Entity, including any material provided to subcontractors. If it is infeasible to return or destroy all PHI, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with the Section 5(d) and 5(e) below.
- b) Upon Covered Entity's determination that Business Associate has committed a violation or material breach of this Business Associate Agreement, and in Covered Entity's sole discretion, Covered Entity may take any one or more of the following steps:
  - 1. Provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach or end the violation, and if Business Associate does not cure the Breach or end the violation within a reasonable time specified by Covered Entity, terminate this Business Associate Agreement;
  - 2. Immediately terminate this Business Associate Agreement if Business Associate has committed a material breach of this Business Associate Agreement and cure of the material breach is not feasible; or,
  - 3. If neither termination nor cure is feasible, elect to continue this Business Associate Agreement and report the violation or material breach to the Secretary.
- c) If Business Associate believes Covered Entity has failed to fulfill any of its duties under this Business Associate Agreement, Business Associate will promptly notify Covered Entity as to same and Covered Entity shall promptly address the matter with Business Associate.
- d) Except as provided in Section 5(e) upon termination of this Business Associate Agreement for any reason, Business Associate will return or destroy, at the discretion of Covered Entity, all PHI received from Covered Entity or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. This provision will also apply to PHI that is in the possession of workforce members, subcontractors, or agents of Business Associate. Neither Business Associate, nor any workforce member, subcontractor, or agent of Business Associate, will retain copies of the PHI.
- e) If Business Associate determines that returning or destroying all or part of the PHI received or created by and/or on behalf of Covered Entity is not feasible, Business Associate will notify Covered Entity of the circumstances making return or destruction infeasible. If Covered Entity agrees that return or destruction is infeasible, then Business Associate will extend the protections of this Business Associate Agreement to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business



Associate maintains such PHI. Business Associate further agrees to retain the minimum necessary PHI to accomplish those tasks/responsibilities which make return and/or destruction infeasible.

**6) Miscellaneous**

- a) Covered Entity and Business Associate agree to take any action necessary to amend this Business Associate Agreement from time to time as may be necessary for Covered Entity or Business Associate to comply with the requirements of HIPAA, and/or any other implementing regulations or guidance.
- b) Notwithstanding the expiration or termination of this Business Associate Agreement or any Underlying Agreement, it is acknowledged and agreed that those rights and obligations of Business Associate which by their nature are intended to survive such expiration or termination shall survive, including, but not limited to, Sections 5(d) and 5(e) herein.
- c) In the event the terms of this Business Associate Agreement conflict with the terms of any other agreement between Covered Entity and Business Associate or the Underlying Agreement, then the terms of this Business Associate Agreement shall control.
- d) Notices and requests provided for under this Business Associate Agreement will be made in writing to Covered Entity, delivered by hand-delivery, overnight mail or first-class mail, postage prepaid at:

(1) Marcy Foster,  
Arlington County Privacy Officer  
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 511  
Arlington, Virginia 22201

(2) County Attorney  
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 511  
Arlington, Virginia 22201

(3) County Project Officer  
Elizabeth Cannon  
2100 Washington Blvd, 4<sup>th</sup> FL  
Arlington, VA 22204

Notice and requests provided for under this Business Associate Agreement will be made in writing in the manner described above to Business Associate at:

Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Inc.  
Attn: Emily Homer  
5606 Dower House Road  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

- e) Covered Entity will have the right to inspect any records of Business Associate or to audit Business Associate to determine whether Business Associate is in compliance with the terms of this Business Associate Agreement. However, this provision does not create any obligation on the part of Covered Entity to conduct any inspection or audit.

- f) Nothing in this Business Associate Agreement shall be construed to create a partnership, joint venture, or other joint business relationship between the parties or any of their affiliates, or a relationship of employer and employee between the parties. Rather, it is the intention of the parties that Business Associate shall be an independent contractor.
- g) Nothing in this Business Associate Agreement provides or is intended to provide any benefit to any third party.
- h) The Business Associate will indemnify and hold harmless Arlington County, its elected officials, officers, directors, employees and/or agents from and against any employee, federal administrative action or third party claim or liability, including attorneys' fees and costs, arising out of or in connection with the Business Associate's violation (or alleged violation) and/or any violation and/or alleged violation by Business Associate's workforce, agent/s, or subcontractor/s of the terms of this Business Associate Agreement, federal law, HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and/or other implementing regulations or guidance or any associated audit or investigation.

The obligation to provide indemnification under this Business Associate Agreement shall be contingent upon the party seeking indemnification providing the indemnifying party with written notice of any claim for which indemnification is sought. Any limitation of liability provisions contained in the Underlying Agreement do not supersede, pre-empt, or nullify this provision or the Business Associate Agreement generally.

This indemnification shall survive the expiration or termination of this Business Associate Agreement or the Underlying Agreement.

- i) Any ambiguity in this Business Associate Agreement shall be resolved to permit the parties to comply with HIPAA, its implementing regulations, and associated guidance. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Business Associate agreement are severable. If any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Business Associate Agreement is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences and sections of this Business Associate Agreement.
- j) If any dispute or claim arises between the parties with respect to this Business Associate Agreement, the parties will make a good faith effort to resolve such matters informally, it being the intention of the parties to reasonably cooperate with each other in the performance of the obligations set forth in this Business Associate Agreement. The Dispute Resolution clause of the Underlying Agreement ultimately governs if good faith efforts are unsuccessful.
- k) A waiver with respect to one event shall not be construed as continuing, or as a bar to or waiver of any other right or remedy as to any subsequent events.
- l) Neither party may assign any of its rights or obligations under this Business Associate Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.
- m) This Business Associate Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be construed, interpreted, and enforced with, and shall be governed by, the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States of America.

- n) This Business Associate Agreement shall remain in effect for the duration of the Underlying Agreement between the parties, any renewals, extension or continuations thereof, and until such time as all PHI in the possession or control of the Business Associate has been returned to the Covered Entity and/or destroyed. If such return or destruction is not feasible, the Business Associate shall use such PHI only for such limited purposes that make such return or destruction not feasible and the provision of this Business Associate Agreement shall survive with respect to such PHI.
- o) The Business Associate shall be deemed to be in violation of this Business Associate Agreement if it knew of, or with the exercise of reasonable diligence or oversight should have known of, a pattern of activity or practice of any subcontractor, subsidiary, affiliate, agent or workforce member that constitutes a material violation of that entity's obligations in regard to PHI unless the Business Associate took prompt and reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation, as applicable, and if such steps were unsuccessful, terminated the contract or arrangement with such entity, if feasible.
- p) Upon the enactment of any law or regulation affecting the use or disclosure of PHI, or any change in applicable federal law including revisions to HIPAA; upon publication of any decision of a court of the United States or of the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to PHI or applicable federal law; upon the publication of any interpretive policy or opinion of any governmental agency charged with the enforcement of PHI disclosures or applicable federal law, the County reserves the right, upon written notice to the Business Associate, to amend this Business Associate Agreement as the County determines is necessary to comply with such change, law or regulation. If the Business Associate disagrees with any such amendment, it shall so notify the County in writing within thirty (30) days of the County's notice. In case of disagreement, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith the appropriate amendment(s) to give effect to such revised obligation. In the County's discretion, the failure to enter into an amendment shall be deemed to be a default and good cause for termination of the Underlying Agreement.
- q) The County makes no warranty or representation that compliance by the Business Associate with this Business Associate Agreement, HIPAA, the HITECH Act, federal law or the regulations promulgated thereunder will be adequate or satisfactory for the Business Associate's own purposes or to ensure its compliance with the above. The Business Associate is solely responsible for all decisions made by it, its workforce members, agents, employees, subsidiaries and subcontractors regarding the safeguarding of PHI and compliance with federal law.
- r) The Business Associate agrees that its workforce members, agents, employees, subsidiaries and subcontractors shall be bound by the confidentiality requirements herein and the provisions of this Business Associate Agreement shall be incorporated into any training or contracts with the same.
- s) This Business Associate Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same document.
- t) This Business Associate Agreement shall replace and supersede any prior Business Associate Agreement entered between the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party hereto has executed this Business Associate Agreement in duplicate originals on the date below written:

**Arlington County, Virginia**

By: DocuSigned by: Marcy Foster (Signature)

Name: Marcy Foster

Title: County Privacy Officer

Date: 9/20/2021

**Business Associate**

By: DocuSigned by: Rebecca Cheraquit (Signature)

Name: Rebecca Cheraquit

Title: Chief Program Officer

Date: 9/20/2021

**EXHIBIT D**  
**CONTRACTOR COVID-19 VACCINATION QUARTERLY COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION**

**By Email:** Please complete the report below and return it to: [contractorvaccineinfo@arlingtonva.us](mailto:contractorvaccineinfo@arlingtonva.us).

- I hereby certify that all \_\_\_\_\_ (Contractor Name) employees and subcontractors working on an Arlington County contract in 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 have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or are being tested on a weekly basis.

Please do not send individual employee vaccine/testing information.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_