



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Phil Bryant, Governor
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES
Dr. David A. Chandler, Commissioner

Ms. Catoria Martin, Director
Personal Service Contract Review Board
Mississippi State Personnel Board
210 East Capitol Street, Suite 800
Jackson, MS 39201

Dear Ms. Martin,

This letter is to provide PSCRB the information as outlined in PSCRB Rules and Regulations Effective 7.1.16, **Section 7-119 DHS or DCPS Personal Service Contracts.**

CONTRACTOR: Public Catalyst Corp Group

CONTRACT TERM: April 1, 2017-December 31, 2017

RENEWAL: N/A

METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Sole Source

TOTAL COST OF CONTRACT: \$945,000

PURPOSE OF CONTRACT: Perform services in the Stipulated Third Remedial Order (STRO) which is attached hereto as Attachment A.

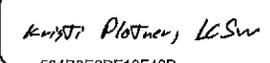
STATEMENT OF USEFULNESS FOR ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING DCPS:
N/A

COPY OF PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT: ATTACHED

If there are any questions, please contact Kristi Plotner, Deputy Commissioner of Administration at (601) 359-4046.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:


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Dr. David A. Chandler

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SOLE SOURCE LETTER TO PSCRB



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Ms. Catoria Martin, Director
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Mississippi State Personnel Board
201 E. Capitol Street, Suite 800
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Dear Ms. Martin,

The Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services (MDCPS) is in the process of preparing the contract between MDCPS and Public Catalyst in order to fulfill the role described by the parties in the Stipulated Third Remedial Order, dated December 19, 2016.

Based on the regulation found in the Personal Service Contract Review Board Rules and Regulations Manual, Section 3-202.2, *Conditions for Use of Sole Source Procurement*, MDCPS did not issue a Request for Proposal or solicit bids for this contract because Public Catalyst is required to provide the services in the Stipulated Third Remedial Order, which is attached.

MDCPS requests acceptance of Public Catalyst as the sole source provider for planning support, validation and certification services.

If there are any questions, please contact Kristi Plotner, Deputy Commissioner of Administration at (601) 359-4046.

Sincerely,

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Kristi Plotner, LCSW

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ATTACHMENT A

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**JAMES D. JOHNSON, as next friend to
OLIVIA Y., *et al.***

PLAINTIFFS

vs.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 3:04-CV-251-TSL-FKB

**PHIL BRYANT, as Governor
of the State of Mississippi, *et al.***

DEFENDANTS

STIPULATED THIRD REMEDIAL ORDER

As contemplated by Paragraph 6 of the July 23, 2015 Agreed Order Continuing the Hearing on Plaintiffs' Renewed Motion for Contempt (the "Agreed Order") [Dkt. No. 664 at 3-4], the Court has been advised that the parties have negotiated this Stipulated Third Remedial Order ("STRO") based on the recommendations of Public Catalyst and the provisions of the December 22, 2015 Interim Remedial Order ("IRO") [Dkt. No. 671], and the May 19, 2016 Stipulated Second Remedial Order ("SSRO") [Dkt. No. 694].

Whereas, Defendants do not contest a finding of non-compliance as of the date of this agreement with the Modified Mississippi Settlement Agreement and Reform Plan ("MSA") [Dkt. No. 571] currently in effect; and

Whereas, the parties stipulate that Defendants do not currently have the capacity to comply with the MSA; and

Whereas, it is the intent of the parties that the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services ("MDCPS") engage in a period of capacity building, with the assistance of Public Catalyst. Having reviewed this STRO as well as the Agreed Order, IRO and the SSRO the Court orders as follows:

1. Defendants do not contest a finding of noncompliance with the MSA through the date of the signing of this Agreement and for Period 5. Defendants' noncompliance with the MSA, Period 3 and 4 Implementation Plans, as well as the Period 5 Implementation Plan, will be a sufficient basis for the Plaintiffs to submit evidence and argument to the Court concerning any available remedy at the remedial hearing, in the event a remedial hearing is held, including the creation of a

receivership. The Defendants reserve the right to present evidence and argument in defense against or in favor of any remedy, except that Defendants may not argue that the finding of noncompliance, rather than contempt, legally precludes the imposition of a receivership.

2. Agreed Order, IRO and SSRO Provisions Pending

The provisions of the Agreed Order, IRO and SSRO are incorporated in this STRO as if stated in full herein. To the extent that those provisions have not yet been fully implemented, Defendants are ordered to implement the provisions of those three Orders during the duration of this STRO, including but not limited to:

- a. Complete the creation and implementation of a fully functional child welfare agency, MDCPS, which is independent of, although housed within, the Mississippi Department of Human Services, not later than July 1, 2018;
- b. MDCPS shall continue to maintain and staff a second Deputy Director for Field Operations position, or equivalent title/position, within MDCPS to ensure adequate management, supervision and support of the MDCPS Regional Directors;
- c. Not later than December 31, 2016, MDCPS shall fully implement the provisions of the priority hiring plan set forth in the Recruitment, Hiring and Retention (“RHR”) Plan submitted to Public Catalyst on May 25, 2016, and not later than July 1, 2017, fully implement all remaining provisions of the RHR;
- d. Not later than December 31, 2016, MDCPS shall complete the requirements of producing a better resourced MDCPS Field Operations team in the State Office whose sole task is to provide the regions more robust and continuous support, guidance and accountability in the areas of foster care, adoption and child protective services; not later than February 15, 2017, Public Catalyst will certify whether Defendants have completed these requirements;
- e. Not later than December 31, 2016, MDCPS shall complete the allocation of Personnel Identification Numbers (PINS) for adequate administrative staff for each region to each Regional Director, to support the administrative work in that region, including staff specifically assigned to develop human resources, obtain sufficient facilities, equipment, data, flexible funds and services; not later than February 15, 2017, Public Catalyst will certify that Defendants have completed this allocation.
- f. Not later than February 15, 2017, Public Catalyst will certify whether State Office staff who are responsible for foster care and adoption program functions have been moved to MDCPS Field Operations.

- g. All newly hired caseworkers will be equipped with smart phones and/or tablets prior to receiving a caseload.
 - h. Not later than October 15, 2016, Defendants shall provide the first annual schedule for procurement of and implementation of the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) system, to replace MACWIS.
 - i. By December 31, 2017, the Defendants shall determine whether to pilot a targeted, county-based privatization of child welfare services.
 - j. MDCPS shall, not later than January 31, 2017, submit a recommendation for amendment of the applicable court rules to make MDCPS a party to proceedings involving children in MDCPS' custody that concern the issues of child custody, termination of parental rights and adoption.
3. Worker and Supervisor Qualifications
- a. MDCPS shall hire caseworkers who have, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in social work or a related human services degree. Public Catalyst shall review and determine which degrees qualify as related human services degrees.
 - b. MDCPS shall hire or promote to the position of caseworker supervisor only persons who have, at minimum, the following qualifications:
 - 1) A master's degree in social work or related human services degree and two years of experience working with children and families, preferably in foster care.
 - 2) A bachelor's degree in social work or related human services degree with three years of experience working with children and families, preferably in foster care.
4. Training
- a. MDCPS shall maintain a Training Unit headed by a qualified director of training. The Training Unit shall have sufficient staffing, funding, and other resources to assure that comprehensive child welfare training is provided to enable all caseworkers, supervisors, and other child welfare agency employees to comply with the relevant mandates of this STRO, MDCPS policy, and reasonable professional standards.
 - b. MDCPS caseworkers shall receive a minimum of 270 hours of pre-service training, which includes instructional training and supervised field training, and may include E-Learning. Any E-learning training is subject to the approval of Public Catalyst. Pre-service training provided during an MDCPS internship or previous employment with MDCPS may be counted towards the pre-service training requirement if that training is substantially similar to the training provided to new hires.

- c. MDCPS caseworker trainees, as part of pre-service training, may be assigned specific tasks or activities in connection with a case that is the primary responsibility of an experienced caseworker and may, under appropriate supervision, be assigned responsibility for a "training caseload" with progressively responsible caseload assignment:
 - 1) Upon successful completion of a competency test, reviewed and approved by Public Catalyst and administered subsequent to the trainee's fourth week of work, up to 5 cases may be assigned with supervisor approval;
 - 2) Final caseloads may be assigned after successful completion of pre-service training, all competency-based tests and a satisfactory review by the training team;
 - 3) All competency tests, modifications to competency tests, and the standards for passing competency tests, must be reviewed and approved by Public Catalyst.
- d. MDCPS caseworker supervisors, within 90 days of hire or promotion, shall receive a minimum of 40 hours of training, directed specifically at the supervision of child welfare caseworkers.

5. Caseloads and Case Services

- a. Defendants shall submit a plan, including supporting data and information, by December 15, 2016, and have it approved by Public Catalyst, to:
 - 1) measure caseloads according to the new weighted caseload standards set forth in Exhibit "A" of this STRO, using the results of the September 2016 caseload audit;
 - 2) streamline in-home (prevention/protection) and out-of-home (placement) case service types; and
 - 3) streamline the County of Responsibility/County of Service case types
- b. Public Catalyst will establish performance targets for MDCPS caseload compliance by March 1, 2017, and report on compliance to the parties every three (3) months.
- c. Defendants will comply with the caseload compliance performance targets established by Public Catalyst.
- d. Defendants shall achieve full caseload compliance with the new weighted caseload standards by December 31, 2017.

6. Placements

a. Unlicensed Placements

1) Backlog of Unlicensed Homes

Of those 496 unlicensed homes in the backlog identified by Public Catalyst on August 15, 2016, the Defendants shall review and determine on a priority basis, within the time frames stated below, whether these homes meet MDCPS licensing standards.

- a) Defendants shall prioritize the review of the 496 unlicensed homes in the backlog by first reviewing all those unlicensed homes in the backlog with children placed under six (6) years of age and who are in the custody of MDCPS (Priority One), followed by all those unlicensed homes in the backlog with children who, as of November 1, 2016 and/or February 1, 2017, have not been visited by MDCPS for 60 days or more (Priority Two).
- b) The prioritized review, described in Paragraph 6.a.1)a) above, shall result in no fewer than 164 of the 496 unlicensed homes but all of the children in Priority One in the backlog being reviewed by December 31, 2016, and with all children in Priority Two, no fewer than 332 of the 496 unlicensed homes in the backlog being reviewed by March 31, 2017.
- c) By June 30, 2017, all of the 496 unlicensed homes in the backlog, identified by Public Catalyst on August 15, 2016, shall either be licensed, closed or remain open and unlicensed with an order of the court as defined in Paragraph 6.a.3)a).
- d) Public Catalyst, in collaboration with MDCPS, will conduct a quality review of a sample of the files reviewed in the backlog of 496 unlicensed homes by March 31, 2017.

2) New Placements into Unlicensed Homes or Facilities: August 16, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

- a) Public Catalyst shall, by December 31, 2016, approve the licensure process used by MDCPS for new placements into unlicensed homes and facilities, including the emergency placement checklist safety standards, the home study and related licensure forms and documents, time frames for completing the licensure process, and percentages for licensure of unlicensed placements made during the period.
- b) Public Catalyst, in collaboration with MDCPS, will conduct periodic quality reviews of the expedited relative placement licensure process during the pendency of this STRO.

- c) Beginning with placements made on July 1, 2017, and thereafter, all homes and facilities with children placed who are in the custody of MDCPS shall be timely licensed and subject to the licensure process approved by Public Catalyst on December 31, 2016.

3) For Unlicensed Placements that Cannot Meet Licensure Standards

No child shall remain in a home or facility determined to be unable to meet MDCPS licensing standards, absent an order by a state court with jurisdiction over child custody directing the placement of the child into a specific unlicensed placement. Defendants shall not be held accountable for a state court's order as long as MDCPS documents that it presented information to the court that the home has not met licensing standards, the reasons why the home has not and cannot meet licensing standards, and that a licensed home or facility or, one time only, an appropriate expedited relative placement is available.

- a) Safety Issues: If it is determined that an unlicensed home or facility is unable to meet MDCPS licensing standards due to a safety issue, Defendants shall take all reasonable efforts to immediately ensure the child's safety and to remove the child, including, if required by the court, seeking an emergency court order. Defendants shall not be held accountable for the state court's order as long as MDCPS documents that it presented information to the court that the home or facility has not met licensing standards and that a licensed home or facility or an expedited relative placement is available. If the child is not in imminent danger, MDCPS shall implement a safety plan and within five (5) calendar days, either cure the licensing deficiency if feasible, or move the child to a licensed home or facility or, one time only, an appropriate expedited relative placement.
- b) Non-safety Issues: If MDCPS determines a home to be unable to meet MDCPS licensing standards due to a non-safety issue, Defendants shall, within 30 calendar days of that determination, either cure the licensing deficiency if feasible, or move the child to a licensed home or facility or, one time only, an appropriate expedited relative placement.
- c) Public Catalyst will certify to the parties every three months, commencing on April 1, 2017, MDCPS's performance on the Placements requirements of Paragraph 6.

b. Family Based Placements

1) Number of Available Licensed Placements

Based on the results of a data driven needs assessment that shall be completed by MDCPS in January 2017, Public Catalyst, in conjunction with MDCPS, shall establish

statewide and county performance requirements and time periods by February 1, 2017 for new home licensure in calendar year 2017. Public Catalyst will report to the parties MDCPS' progress on achieving the performance requirements. The Defendants shall meet the performance requirements, including time periods.

2) Additional Licensed Placements

Not later than February 1, 2017, MDCPS shall begin to implement the plan to recruit and retain additional licensed placements and shall maintain the additional number of total placements, as necessary during the applicability of this STRO.

7. Child Safety and Critical Indicators

a. Maltreatment in Care

- 1) Public Catalyst will certify the baseline for maltreatment in care of children who are in the custody of MDCPS.
- 2) The rate of maltreatment in care shall be calculated as follows: Of all children in foster care during the period, what percent were victims of substantiated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member. A child is counted as having been maltreated in foster care if the perpetrator of the maltreatment was identified as a foster parent or a residential facility staff member. The numerator shall consist of all children whose maltreatment is substantiated during the period. The denominator shall consist of all children placed in foster care during the period. The observation period is six (6) months. The initial reporting period for this indicator will be April 1, 2016-September 30, 2016.

b. Provision of Health Care to Children

- 1) Public Catalyst will complete a sample case record review by October 31, 2017, to assess the extent to which follow-up medical care is identified as needed and provided to children who are in the custody of MDCPS.

c. Permanency

- 1) Public Catalyst will collaborate with MDCPS to certify the baseline for the following child permanency indicators:
 - a) Of all children in foster care on the first day of a 12-month period, which shall commence on October 1st of any given year, the percent of children discharged from foster care to permanency within 12 months. The numerator is the number of children in the denominator who discharged from foster care to permanency within 12 months. The initial reporting period for this indicator will be October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017;

- b) Of all children in foster care on the first day of a 12-month period, which shall commence on October 1st of any given year, the percent of children discharged from foster care to permanency within 13-23 months. The numerator is the number of children in the denominator who discharged from foster care to permanency within 13-23 months. The initial reporting period for this indicator will be October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017;
 - c) Of all children in foster care on the first day of a 12-month period, which shall commence on October 1st of any given year, the percent of children discharged from foster care to permanency in 24 months and more. The numerator is the number of children in the denominator who discharged from foster care to permanency in 24 months and more. The initial reporting period for this indicator will be October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017.
- 2) For all of the foregoing indicators, permanency is defined as: discharges from foster care to reunification with the child's parents or primary caregivers; durable legal custody; guardianship; or adoption. MDCPS will report, separately, discharges by permanency type and by time to permanency.
 - 3) For all children in the care of MDCPS who were adopted in 2016, Public Catalyst will collaborate with MDCPS to certify the data used to calculate the average and median lengths of time to adoption finalization for each child from the date on which that child's adoption goal was established, and from the date on which the child's parents' rights were terminated.
- d. Child Visitation
- 1) Public Catalyst will certify the baseline percent of MDCPS worker-child visits which will be calculated by dividing the total number of actual worker-child visits required in a six-month period by the total number of required worker-child visits during that period. The calculation will include all children who were in care for at least one full month during the period.
 - 2) Public Catalyst will certify the baseline data on the distribution of required worker-child visits during a six-month period selected by Public Catalyst during the pendency of this STRO, to include the percent of children who received two required visits, one visit or zero visits on a monthly basis and for the period. For children who received no worker visits during any full month in the period, MDCPS shall provide, and Pubic Catalyst shall authenticate, data on the distribution of the last worker visit for those children.

- e. MDCPS will submit proposed policy changes by January 15, 2017, for Public Catalyst's review and approval, to strengthen and clarify the role of the Special Investigations Unit with respect to screening and investigating maltreatment in care.
 - f. MDCPS will submit a plan by January 3, 2017, for Public Catalyst's review and approval, to enhance the ongoing quality assessment of, and accuracy of, hotline screening dispositions. Defendants will implement the approved plan.
 - g. Public Catalyst will assess the quality of hotline screening by June 30, 2017.
 - h. Once Public Catalyst certifies baseline data from MDCPS for each critical indicator in 7(a) (b) (c) and (d) above, Public Catalyst will continue to certify MDCPS data for each indicator on a semi-annual basis during the period of this STRO in a format to be determined by Public Catalyst and MDCPS. Each of these data indicators will be subject to data quality review.
 - i. Monitoring under the existing MSA during the period in which the STRO is in effect will be temporarily superseded by the provision of verified data on critical indicators as described in Paragraph 7 of this STRO.
 - j. Plaintiffs retain the right to seek immediate relief from the Court if any of the data reported on the critical indicators during this period requires the need for additional remedial action by the Court, given the issues raised in the pending contempt motion.
8. Public Catalyst shall, in conjunction with MDCPS, report on a quarterly basis on the Defendants' compliance as to the specific provisions of this Order during the time this STRO remains in effect.
9. This STRO shall remain in effect until December 31, 2017, after which the 2nd Modified Settlement Agreement (MSA) shall go into effect.
10. The remedy phase of the Motion for Contempt shall be continued until the 2nd MSA goes into effect, and may be invoked by Plaintiffs at any point during the period of the STRO, both for violations of the MSA [Dkt. No. 571] previously in effect and for violations of the provisions of this STRO.

SO ORDERED this 19th day of December, 2016.

/s/Tom S. Lee
SENIOR DISTRICT JUDGE, TOM S. LEE

AGREED TO AND APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY: FOR PLAINTIFFS:

/s/ Marcia Robinson Lowry

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EXHIBIT A

Individual DFCS caseworkers with generic caseloads shall not carry a mixed caseload that exceeds 100 percent capacity as calculated by the following weights per case type:

Type of Case	Standards	Weight Per Case – 100% Capacity
Child Protection (Investigations Level 2 and 3)	14 Investigations	0.0714
Ongoing Foster Care (Placement Responsibility & Service)	14 Children	0.0714
Ongoing Foster Care (Placement County of Responsibility)		0.0357
Ongoing Foster Care (Placement County of Service)		0.0357
In-Home Cases (Protection Responsibility & Service, Prevention Responsibility & Service, and Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children - Incoming)	17 Families	0.0588
In-Home Cases (Protection or Prevention County of Responsibility)		0.0294
In-Home Cases (Protection or Prevention County of Service)		0.0294
Adoption (Adoption County of Service)	15 Children	0.0667
New Application Licensing (Resource Inquiry, Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children Application, and Foster Home Study)	15 Homes	0.0667
Renewal Licensing (Foster Home Supervision and Foster Home Renewal)	36 Homes	0.0278

SOLE SOURCE DETERMINATION FORM



Personal Service Contract Review Board
Form PSCRB-002
SOLE SOURCE DETERMINATION
Revised 7/1/2015

Agency:	Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services
Agency Contact Name:	Dr. David A. Chandler
Agency Contact Phone Number:	601-359-9669
Agency Contact Email Address:	David.Chandler@mdhs.ms.gov
Agency Contact Fax Number:	601-359-4477
Date Form Submitted:	March 7, 2017
Contractor Name:	Public Catalyst Group Corp
Contract Address:	99 Wood Avenue South, Suite 301 Iselin, NJ 08830
Principal Owners with Greater than 5% Interest in the Company:	Lisa-Alexander Taylor
Service Type:	Consultants
Date of Contract:	April 1, 2017
Length of Initial Contract:	Nine Months
Number of Renewals:	0
Total Value of Contract including renewals:	\$945,000.00
RFIN (Sole Source Notification) number:	N/A
Is the contractor registered with the Mississippi Secretary of State?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Were any objections to the sole source determination regarding this service received by the agency?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is this service mandated by a valid binding court order?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Description and Scope of Service:	Public Catalyst Group Corp collaborates with private and public agencies across the country that provide child welfare, juvenile justice, and other human services to achieve the desired goals and results in helping the lives

This form and all attachments should be submitted electronically to the PSCRB staff via the PSCRB e-system, using the four digit agency number and six digit board meeting date as the contract number. For example, if the agency's four digit agency number is 1234 and the board meeting date is August 18, 2015, then the contract number for purposes of this form would be submitted as 1234081815.



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SOLE SOURCE DETERMINATION
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of children and families. Public Catalyst Group Corporation will work in partnership with the Department of Child Protection Services to fulfill the role described in the Stipulated Third Remedial Order dated December 19, 2016.

What efforts were made to determine that the proposed provider is the only entity that can provide the service needed?

Through court negotiations between plaintiffs' attorneys, defendants' attorney, Court Monitor and the Judge assigned to the case.

What efforts were made to ensure the best possible price for the services was obtained?

Through court negotiations between plaintiffs' attorneys, defendants' attorney, Court Monitor and the Judge assigned to the case.

Why is the service the only one that can meet the needs of the agency?

The service has been mandated by the Olivia Y. vs. Bryant Modified Settlement Agreement and Reform Plan and the Court Monitor analysis and determination of what is required to implement the directives of the Third Remedial Order filed December 19, 2016

Why is the source the only person or entity that can provide the required service?

Through court negotiations between plaintiffs' attorneys, defendants' attorney, Court Monitor and the Judge assigned to the case.

Why is the amount to be expended for the service reasonable?

Public Catalyst is a team of experienced individuals who partners with organizations to create the solutions and system changes they seek to improve the lives of children and families. The prices are in line with their credentials through court negotiations between plaintiffs' attorneys, defendants' attorneys, Court Monitor and the Judge assigned to the case

What, if any, market analysis was conducted to determine that the service to be provided is practicably available from only one source?

Through court negotiations between plaintiffs' attorneys, defendants' attorney, Court Monitor and the Judge assigned to the case.

The following items must be included with this form:

- List identifying all attachments submitted
- Agency Head signed sole source determination letter
- Documented evidence that notice was provided to the public on the Mississippi Procurement Opportunity Search Portal for 14 days
- Copy of valid binding court order if applicable



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SOLE SOURCE DETERMINATION
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Copy of any objections to sole source determination (Form PSCRB-001) and any accompanying documents submitted

The Agency Head must sign and date this form in the space provided below.

Signature: Dr. David A. Chandler

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Printed Name: Dr. David A. Chandler

The following items must be included with this form:

What, if any, market analysis was conducted to determine that the service to be provided is practicably available from only one source?

Why is the amount to be expended for the service reasonable?

Why is the source the only person or entity that can provide the required service?

Why is the service the only one that can meet the needs of the agency?

What efforts were made to ensure the best possible price for the services was obtained?

What efforts were made to determine that the proposed provider is the only entity that can provide the service needed?

CONTRACT AGREEMENT

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES
CONTRACT FOR PLANNING SUPPORT, VALIDATION AND CERTIFICATION SERVICES

1. Parties. The parties to this contract are the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services (hereinafter "MDCPS") and Public Catalyst (hereinafter "Independent Contractor").
2. Purpose. The purpose of this contract is for the MDCPS to engage Independent Contractor and Independent Contractor hereby agrees to render certain professional services described in Paragraph 3, "Scope of Services."
3. Scope of Services. Independent Contractor will perform and complete in a timely and satisfactory manner the services described in the "Scope of Services" attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the "*2nd Modified Mississippi Settlement Agreement and Reform Plan,*" attached hereto as Exhibit B, and incorporated herein by reference.
4. Consideration. As consideration for the performance of this Contract, the Independent Contractor shall be paid a fee not to exceed Nine Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$945,000.00) in accordance with the Budget attached hereto as Exhibit C. It is expressly understood and agreed that in no event shall the total compensation paid hereunder exceed the specified amount of Nine Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$945,000.00).
5. Period of Performance. This contract will become effective for the period beginning April 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2017, upon the approval and signature of the both parties hereto.
6. Method of Payment. Independent Contractor agrees to accept payments referenced in Paragraph 4, "Consideration", to be paid as billed by Independent Contractor, upon review and approval by MDCPS. Independent Contractor agrees to submit invoices to MDCPS that contain a detailed account of each billing. The final invoice is to be submitted within five (5) days of the contract ending date. Independent Contractor is classified as an independent contractor and not a contractual employee of MDCPS. As such, any compensation due and payable to Independent Contractor will be paid as gross amounts. Independent Contractor invoices shall be submitted to MDCPS at contract.invoices@mdcps.ms.gov.
7. Applicable Law. The contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, excluding its conflicts of laws, provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State. Independent Contractor shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
8. Availability of Funds. It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of the MDCPS to proceed under this agreement is conditioned upon the appropriation of funds by the Mississippi State Legislature and the receipt of state and/or federal funds. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDCPS, MDCPS shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to Independent Contractor, to terminate this agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to the MDCPS of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.
9. Representation Regarding Contingent Fees. Independent Contractor represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure a state contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission,

percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except as disclosed in Independent Contractor's bid or proposal.

10. Representation Regarding Gratuities. The Independent Contractor represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Personal Service Contract Review Board Rules and Regulations*.
11. Compliance with Laws. Independent Contractor understands that MDCPS is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful and Independent Contractor agrees during the term of the agreement that Independent Contractor will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and provision of services. Independent Contractor shall comply with, and all activities under this agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, State of Mississippi, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.
12. Insurance: Independent Contractor represents that it will maintain workers' compensation insurance as required by the State of Mississippi which shall inure to the benefit of all the Independent Contractor's personnel provided hereunder; comprehensive general liability or professional liability insurance, and employee dishonesty insurance or fidelity bond insurance with third party liability coverage. All general liability, professional liability, employee dishonesty, and fidelity bond insurance will provide coverage MDCPS as an additional insured. MDCPS reserves the right to request from carriers, certificates of insurance regarding the required coverage. Insurance carriers must be licensed or hold a Certificate of Authority from the Mississippi Department of Insurance.
13. Stop Work Order.
 - a. *Order to Stop Work:* MDCPS, may, by written order to Independent Contractor at any time, and without notice to any surety, require Independent Contractor to stop all or any part of the work called for by this contract. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding 90 days after the order is delivered to Independent Contractor, unless the parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, Independent Contractor shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the parties shall have agreed, MDCPS shall either:
 - i. cancel the stop work order; or,
 - ii. terminate the work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this contract.
 - b. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order, or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, Independent Contractor shall have the right to resume work. An appropriate adjustment shall be made in the delivery schedule or Independent Contractor price, or both, and the contract shall be modified in writing accordingly, if:
 - i. the stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in Independent Contractor's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this contract; and,
 - ii. Independent Contractor asserts a claim for such an adjustment within 30 days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that, if MDCPS decides that the facts justify such action, any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this contract.

justify such action, any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this contract.

- c. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order shall be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

14. Termination for Convenience.

- a. *Termination.* The Commissioner or designee may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. The Commissioner or designee shall give written notice of the termination to Contractor specifying the part of the contract terminated and when termination becomes effective.
- b. *Contractor's Obligations.* Independent Contractor shall incur no further obligations in connection with the terminated work and on the date set in the notice of termination Independent Contractor will stop work to the extent specified. Independent Contractor shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts as they relate to the terminated work. Independent Contractor shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders connected with the terminated work. The Commissioner or designee may direct Independent Contractor to assign Independent Contractor's right, title, and interest under terminated orders or subcontracts to the State. Independent Contractor must still complete the work not terminated by the notice of termination and may incur obligations as are necessary to do so.

15. Termination for Default.

- a. *Default.* If Independent Contractor refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this contract with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this contract or any extension thereof, or otherwise fails to timely satisfy the contract provisions, or commits any other substantial breach of this contract, the Commissioner or designee may notify Independent Contractor in writing of the delay or nonperformance and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by the Commissioner or designee, such officer may terminate Independent Contractor's right to proceed with the contract or such part of the contract as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform. In the event of termination in whole or in part, the Commissioner or designee may procure similar supplies or services in a manner and upon terms deemed appropriate by the Commissioner or designee. Independent Contractor shall continue performance of the contract to the extent it is not terminated and shall be liable for excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods or services.
- b. *Contractor's Duties.* Notwithstanding termination of the contract and subject to any directions from the procurement officer, Independent Contractor shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of Independent Contractor in which the State has an interest.
- c. *Compensation.* Payment for completed services delivered and accepted by the State shall be at the contract price. The State may withhold from amounts due Independent Contractor such sums as the Commissioner or designee deems to be necessary to protect the State against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders and to reimburse the State for the excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods and services.
- d. *Excuse for Nonperformance or Delayed Performance.* Except with respect to defaults of subcontractors, Independent Contractor shall not be in default by reason of any failure in performance of this contract in accordance with its terms (including any failure by Independent Contractor to make progress in the prosecution of the work hereunder which endangers such

performance) if Contractor has notified the Commissioner or designee within 15 days after the cause of the delay and the failure arises out of causes such as: acts of God; acts of the public enemy; acts of the State and any other governmental entity in its sovereign or contractual capacity; fires; floods; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes or other labor disputes; freight embargoes; or unusually severe weather. If the failure to perform is caused by the failure of a subcontractor to perform or to make progress, and if such failure arises out of causes similar to those set forth above, Independent Contractor shall not be deemed to be in default, unless the services to be furnished by the subcontractor were reasonably obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Independent Contractor to meet the contract requirements. Upon request of Independent Contractor, the Commissioner or designee shall ascertain the facts and extent of such failure, and, if such officer determines that any failure to perform was occasioned by any one or more of the excusable causes, and that, but for the excusable cause, Independent Contractor's progress and performance would have met the terms of the contract, the delivery schedule shall be revised accordingly, subject to the rights of the State under the clause entitled in fixed-priced contracts, "Termination for Convenience". (As used in this Paragraph of this clause, the term "subcontractor" means subcontractor at any tier).

- e. *Erroneous Termination for Default.* If, after notice of termination of Independent Contractor's right to proceed under the provisions of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the contract was not in default under the provisions of this clause, or that the delay was excusable under the provisions of Paragraph (4) (Excuse for Nonperformance or Delayed Performance) of this clause, the rights and obligations of the parties shall, if the contract contains a clause providing for termination for convenience of the State, be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to such clause.
- f. *Additional Rights and Remedies.* The rights and remedies provided in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

- 16. Termination Upon Bankruptcy. This contract may be terminated in whole or in part by MDCPS upon written notice to Independent Contractor, if Independent Contractor should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by Independent Contractor of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, Independent Contractor shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory work performed under this contract, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total contract price.
- 17. E-Payment. Independent Contractor agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDCPS agrees to make payment in accordance with Mississippi law on "Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies," which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the MDCPS within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Mississippi Code Annotated § 31-7-305.
- 18. E-Verify If applicable, Independent Contractor represents and warrants that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008, and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Mississippi Code Annotated §§ 71-11-1 *et seq.* The term "employee" as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State of Mississippi. As used herein, "status verification system" means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. Independent Contractor agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security when required, Independent Contractor agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. Independent Contractor further represents and warrants that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws. The breach of

this agreement may subject Independent Contractor to the following:

- (1) termination of this contract for services and ineligibility for any state or public contract in Mississippi for up to three (3) years with notice of such cancellation/termination being made public;
- (2) the loss of any license, permit, certification or other document granted to Contractor by an MDCPS, department or governmental entity for the right to do business in Mississippi for up to one (1) year; or,
- (3) both.

In the event of such cancellations/termination, Independent Contractor would also be liable for any additional costs incurred by the State due to Contract cancellation or loss of license or permit to do business in the State.

19. Transparency. This contract, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the "Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983," and its exceptions. See Mississippi Code Annotated §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Mississippi Code Annotated § 79-23-1. In addition, this contract is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Mississippi Code Annotated §§ 27-104-151 *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed contract is required to be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration's independent MDCPS contract website for public access at <http://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by Independent Contractor as trade secrets, or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information or any other information which is required confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes, will be redacted.
20. Paymode. Payments by state agencies using the State's accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by the State. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of Independent Contractor's choice. The State may, at its sole discretion, require Independent Contractor to electronically submit invoices and supporting documentation at any time during the term of this Agreement. Independent Contractor understands and agrees that the State is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.
21. Procurement Regulations. The contract shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the *Mississippi Personal Service Contract Review Board Rules and Regulations*, a copy of which is available at 210 East Capitol, Suite 800, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 for inspection, or downloadable at <http://www.mspb.ms.gov>.
22. Trade Secrets, Commercial and Financial. It is expressly understood that Mississippi law requires that the provisions of this contract which contain the commodities purchased or the personal or professional services provided, the price to be paid, and the term of the contract shall not be deemed to be a trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information and shall be available for examination, copying, or reproduction.

23. Requirements Contract. During the period of the contract, Independent Contractor shall provide all the service described in the contract. Independent Contractor understands and agrees that this is a requirements contract and that MDCPS shall have no obligation to Independent Contractor if no services are required. Any quantities that are included in the scope of work reflect the current expectations of MDCPS for the period of the contract. The amount is only an estimate and Independent Contractor understands and agrees that MDCPS is under no obligation to Independent Contractor to buy any amount of the services as a result of having provided this estimate or of having any typical or measurable requirement in the past. Independent Contractor further understands and agrees that MDCPS may require services in an amount less than or in excess of the estimated annual contract amount and that the quantity actually used, whether in excess of the estimate or less than the estimate, shall not give rise to any claim for compensation other than the total of the unit prices in the contract for the quantity actually used.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have affixed, on duplicate originals, their signatures on the date indicated below, after first being authorized so to do.

DATE

By:

Lisa Alexander-Taylor, Partner
Public Catalyst Group, Corp

DATE

By:

Dr. David A. Chandler, Commissioner
Mississippi Department of Child Protection
Services

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

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Public Catalyst will perform the following services upon request of MDCPS in fulfillment of the purposes of this contract.

Public Catalyst will work to perform the services and fulfill the role described by the parties in the Stipulated Third Remedial Order dated December 19, 2016. Public Catalyst proposes a contract term of April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 for provision of the Stipulated Third Remedial Order services.

Public Catalyst Group commits to provide the following services:

Planning Support, Validation & Certification

- Certify to the parties whether MDCPS has met its obligations with respect to any provisions that have not yet been fully implemented under the Agreed Order, the Interim Remedial Order and the Second Stipulated Remedial Order and with respect to implementation of all applicable dates in the recruitment, hiring, and retention plan and the resourcing field operations plan.
- Determine which degrees qualify as related human services degrees for the purpose of hiring new MDCPS caseworkers and hiring or promoting new MDCPS supervisors.

- Review and approve, with any necessary revisions, any E-learning training to be utilized during MDCPS pre-service training.
- Review and approve, with any necessary revisions, all competency tests to be administered to trainees, modifications to competency tests, and the standards for passing competency tests
- Review and approve, with any necessary revisions, the caseload plan submitted by MDCPS to measure caseloads according to the new weighted caseload standards set forth in Exhibit A of the STRO, to streamline in-home (prevention/protection) and out of home (placement) case service types, and to streamline the County of Responsibility/County of Service case types.
- Establish performance targets for MDCPS caseload compliance and report on compliance to the parties every three months.
- Conduct, in collaboration with MDCPS, a quality review of a sample of the files reviewed in the backlog of 496 unlicensed homes
- Review and approve, with any necessary revisions, the licensure process used by MDCPS for new placements into unlicensed homes and facilities, time frames for completing the licensure process, and percentages for licensure of unlicensed placements made during the operative period.
- Conduct, in collaboration with MDCPS, periodic quality reviews of the expedited relative placement licensure process during the pendency of the STRO.
- Certify to the parties every three months, MDCPS's performance on the Placements requirements of Paragraph 6 of the STRO.
- Establish, in conjunction with MDCPS, statewide and county performance requirements and time periods for new home licensure in calendar year 2017 and report to the parties MDCPS's progress on achieving those performance requirements.
- Certify the baseline for maltreatment in care of children who are in the custody of MDCPS.
- Complete a sample case record review to assess the extent to which follow-up medical care is identified as needed and provided to children who are in the custody of MDCPS.
- Collaborate with MDCPS to certify the baseline for the child permanency indicators specified in the STRO.
- Certify the baseline percent of MDCPS worker-child visits.
- Certify the baseline data on the distribution of required worker-child visits during a six-month period selected by Public Catalyst during the pendency of the STRO and authenticate data on the distribution of the last worker visit for children who received no worker visits during any full month in the period selected.
- Review and approve, with any necessary revisions, policy changes submitted by MDCPS to strengthen and clarify the role of the Special Investigations Unit with respect to screening and investigating maltreatment in care.
- Review and approve, with any necessary revisions, the MDCPS plan to enhance the ongoing quality assessment of, and accuracy of, hotline screening dispositions.
- Assess the quality of hotline screening.
- Certify MDCPS data for each critical indicator in 7(a), 7(b), 7(c) and 7(d) of the STRO on a semi-annual basis during the period of the STRO in a format to be determined by Public Catalyst and MDCPS.
- Report, in conjunction with MDCPS, on the department's compliance as to the specific provisions of the STRO on a quarterly basis during the time the STRO remains in effect.

Coordination

- Meet with the parties, separately or together, with MDCPS leadership and staff, and with other stakeholders as needed, to execute the terms of the Stipulated Third Remedial Order.

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EXHIBIT B

**2nd Modified Mississippi
Settlement Agreement and
Reform Plan**

**(See Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services Website)
<https://www.mdcpss.ms.gov/olivia-y-lawsuit/>**

EXHIBIT C

BUDGET

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EXHIBIT C**Budget**

Public Catalyst proposes a total project budget of \$945,000 for the period April 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, billable on a fee for service basis of \$105,000 monthly, on average, inclusive of professional services fees, consultant and expert fees, travel, lodging, meals, and vehicle rental, clerical supplies and services, and telephone, teleconferencing and videoconferencing services, electronic document storage, internet, fax and photocopying charges, using the following rate schedule:

Public Catalyst Team Roles	Hourly Rate
Project Leads	295
Performance Metrics Expertise	295
Project Manager/Child Welfare Systems Operations Expertise	215
Communications & Child Safety Expertise	215
Consultants-Various Expertise	215
Senior Program Analysts	185
Administrative Support & Document Preparation	115
Project Analysts	75

E-VERIFY



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THE E-VERIFY PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the points of agreement between the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Public Catalyst Group (Employer) regarding the Employer's participation in the Employment Eligibility Verification Program (E-Verify). This MOU explains certain features of the E-Verify program and enumerates specific responsibilities of DHS, the Social Security Administration (SSA), and the Employer. E-Verify is a program that electronically confirms an employee's eligibility to work in the United States after completion of the Employment Eligibility Verification Form (Form I-9). For covered government contractors, E-Verify is used to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees and all existing employees assigned to Federal contracts or to verify the entire workforce if the contractor so chooses.

Authority for the E-Verify program is found in Title IV, Subtitle A, of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009, as amended (8 U.S.C. § 1324a note). Authority for use of the E-Verify program by Federal contractors and subcontractors covered by the terms of Subpart 22.18, "Employment Eligibility Verification", of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) (hereinafter referred to in this MOU as a "Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause") to verify the employment eligibility of certain employees working on Federal contracts is also found in Subpart 22.18 and in Executive Order 12989, as amended.

ARTICLE II

FUNCTIONS TO BE PERFORMED

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SSA

1. SSA agrees to provide the Employer with available information that allows the Employer to confirm the accuracy of Social Security Numbers provided by all employees verified under this MOU and the employment authorization of U.S. citizens.
2. SSA agrees to provide to the Employer appropriate assistance with operational problems that may arise during the Employer's participation in the E-Verify program. SSA agrees to provide the Employer with names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of SSA representatives to be contacted during the E-Verify process.
3. SSA agrees to safeguard the information provided by the Employer through the E-Verify program procedures, and to limit access to such information, as is appropriate by law, to individuals responsible for the verification of Social Security Numbers and for evaluation of the E-Verify program or such other persons or entities who may be authorized by SSA as governed

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by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a), the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)), and SBA regulations (20 CFR Part 401).

4. SSA agrees to provide a means of automated verification that is designed (in conjunction with DHS's automated system if necessary) to provide confirmation or tentative nonconfirmation of U.S. citizens' employment eligibility within 3 Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry.

6. SSA agrees to provide a means of secondary verification (including updating SSA records as may be necessary) for employees who contest SSA tentative nonconfirmations that is designed to provide final confirmation, or nonconfirmation of U.S. citizens' employment eligibility and accuracy of SSA records for both citizens and non-citizens within 10 Federal Government work days of the date of referral to SSA, unless SSA determines that more than 10 days may be necessary. In such cases, SSA will provide additional verification instructions.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHS

1. After SSA verifies the accuracy of SSA records for employees through E-Verify, DHS agrees to provide the Employer access to selected data from DHS's database to enable the Employer to conduct, to the extent authorized by this MOU:

- Automated verification checks on employees by electronic means, and
- Photo verification checks (when available) on employees

2. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer appropriate assistance with operational problems that may arise during the Employer's participation in the E-Verify program. DHS agrees to provide the Employer names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of DHS representatives to be contacted during the E-Verify process.

3. DHS agrees to make available to the Employer at the E-Verify Web site and on the E-Verify Web browser, instructional materials on E-Verify policies, procedures and requirements for both SSA and DHS, including restrictions on the use of E-Verify. DHS agrees to provide training materials on E-Verify.

4. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer a notice, which indicates the Employer's participation in the E-Verify program. DHS also agrees to provide to the Employer anti-discrimination notices issued by the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSCI), Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

5. DHS agrees to issue the Employer a user identification number and password that permits the Employer to verify information provided by employees with DHS's database.

6. DHS agrees to safeguard the information provided to DHS by the Employer, and to limit access to such information to individuals responsible for the verification of employees' employment eligibility and for evaluation of the E-Verify program, or to such other persons or entities as may be authorized by applicable law. Information will be used only to verify the accuracy of Social Security Numbers and employment eligibility, to enforce the Immigration and

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Nationality Act (INA) and Federal criminal laws, and to administer Federal contracting requirements.

7. DHS agrees to provide a means of automated verification that is designed (in conjunction with SSA verification procedures) to provide confirmation or tentative nonconfirmation of employees' employment eligibility within 3 Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry.

8. DHS agrees to provide a means of secondary verification (including updating DHS records as may be necessary) for employees who contest DHS tentative nonconfirmations and photo non-match tentative nonconfirmations that is designed to provide final confirmation or nonconfirmation of the employees' employment eligibility within 10 Federal Government work days of the date of referral to DHS, unless DHS determines that more than 10 days may be necessary. In such cases, DHS will provide additional verification instructions.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMPLOYER

1. The Employer agrees to display the notices supplied by DHS in a prominent place that is clearly visible to prospective employees and all employees who are to be verified through the system.

2. The Employer agrees to provide to the SSA and DHS the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Employer representatives to be contacted regarding E-Verify.

3. The Employer agrees to become familiar with and comply with the most recent version of the E-Verify User Manual.

4. The Employer agrees that any Employer Representative who will perform employment verification queries will complete the E-Verify Tutorial before that individual initiates any queries.

A. The Employer agrees that all Employer representatives will take the refresher tutorials initiated by the E-Verify program as a condition of continued use of E-Verify.

B. Failure to complete a refresher tutorial will prevent the Employer from continued use of the program.

5. The Employer agrees to comply with current Form I-9 procedures, with two exceptions:

- If an employee presents a "List B" identity document, the Employer agrees to only accept "List B" documents that contain a photo. (List B documents identified in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.2(b)(1)(B) can be presented during the Form I-9 process to establish identity.)

- If an employee objects to the photo requirement for religious reasons, the Employer should contact E-Verify at 888-464-4218.

- If an employee presents a DHS Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card) or Form I-768 (Employment Authorization Document) to complete the Form I-9, the Employer agrees to make a photocopy of the document and to retain the photocopy with the employee's Form I-9. The photocopy must be of sufficient quality to allow for verification of the photo.

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and written information. The employer will use the photocopy to verify the photo and to assist DHS with its review of photo non-matches that are contested by employees. Note that employees retain the right to present any List A, or List B and List C, documentation to complete the Form I-9. DHS may in the future designate other documents that activate the photo screening tool.

6. The Employer understands that participation in E-Verify does not exempt the Employer from the responsibility to complete, retain, and make available for inspection Forms I-9 that relate to its employees, or from other requirements of applicable regulations or laws, including the obligation to comply with the antidiscrimination requirements of section 274B of the INA with respect to Form I-9 procedures, except for the following modified requirements applicable by reason of the Employer's participation in E-Verify: (1) identity documents must have photos, as described in paragraph 5 above; (2) a rebuttable presumption is established that the Employer has not violated section 274A(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) with respect to the hiring of any individual if it obtains confirmation of the identity and employment eligibility of the individual in good faith compliance with the terms and conditions of E-Verify; (3) the Employer must notify DHS if it continues to employ any employee after receiving a final nonconfirmation, and is subject to a civil money penalty between \$560 and \$1,100 for each failure to notify DHS of continued employment following a final nonconfirmation; (4) the Employer is subject to a rebuttable presumption that it has knowingly employed an unauthorized alien in violation of section 274A(a)(1)(A) if the Employer continues to employ an employee after receiving a final nonconfirmation; and (5) no person or entity participating in E-Verify is civilly or criminally liable under any law for any action taken in good faith based on information provided through the confirmation system. DHS reserves the right to conduct Form I-9 and E-Verify system compliance inspections during the course of E-Verify, as well as to conduct any other enforcement activity authorized by law.

7. The Employer agrees to initiate E-Verify verification procedures for new employees within 3 Employer business days after each employee has been hired (but after the Form I-9 has been completed), and to complete as many (but only as many) steps of the E-Verify process as are necessary according to the E-Verify User Manual, or in the case of Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause, the E-Verify User Manual for Federal Contractors. The Employer is prohibited from initiating verification procedures before the employee has been hired and the Form I-9 completed. If the automated system to be queried is temporarily unavailable, the 3-day time period is extended until it is again operational in order to accommodate the Employer's attempting, in good faith, to make inquiries during the period of unavailability. Employers may initiate verification by notating the Form I-9 in circumstances where the employee has applied for a Social Security Number (SSN) from the SSA and is waiting to receive the SSN, provided that the Employer performs an E-Verify employment verification query using the employee's SSN as soon as the SSN becomes available.

8. The Employer agrees not to use E-Verify procedures for pre-employment screening of job applicants, in support of any unlawful employment practice, or for any other use not authorized by this MOU. Employers must use E-Verify for all new employees, unless an Employer is a Federal contractor that qualifies for the exceptions described in Article II.D.1.c. Except as provided in Article II.D, the Employer will not verify selectively and will not verify employees hired before the effective date of this MOU. The Employer understands that, if the Employer uses the E-Verify system for any purpose other than as authorized by this MOU, the Employer

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may be subject to appropriate legal action and termination of his access to SSA and DHS information pursuant to this MOU.

9. The Employer agrees to follow appropriate procedures (see Article III, below) regarding tentative nonconfirmations, including notifying employees in private of the finding and providing them written notice of the findings, providing written referral instructions to employees, allowing employees to contest the finding, and not taking adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding. Further, when employees contest a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo non-match, the Employer is required to take affirmative steps (see Article III.E, below) to contact DHS with information necessary to resolve the challenge.

10. The Employer agrees not to take any adverse action against an employee based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status while SSA or DHS is processing the verification request unless the Employer obtains knowledge (as defined in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.1(i)) that the employee is not work authorized. The Employer understands that an initial inability of the SSA or DHS automated verification system to verify work authorization, a tentative nonconfirmation, a case in continuance (indicating the need for additional time for the government to resolve a case), or the finding of a photo non-match, does not establish, and should not be interpreted as evidence, that the employee is not work authorized. In any of the cases listed above, the employee must be provided a full and fair opportunity to contest the finding, and if he or she does so, the employee may not be terminated or suffer any adverse employment consequences based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status (including denying, reducing, or extending work hours, delaying or preventing training, requiring an employee to work in poorer conditions, refusing to assign the employee to a Federal contract or other assignment, or otherwise subjecting an employee to any assumption that he or she is unauthorized to work) until and unless secondary verification by SSA or DHS has been completed and a final nonconfirmation has been issued. If the employee does not choose to contest a tentative nonconfirmation or a photo non-match or if a secondary verification is completed and a final nonconfirmation is issued, then the Employer can find the employee is not work authorized and terminate the employee's employment. Employers or employees with questions about a final nonconfirmation may call E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218 or OSC at 1-800-255-8155 or 1-800-237-2515 (TDD).

11. The Employer agrees to comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and section 274B of the INA, as applicable, by not discriminating unlawfully against any individual in hiring, firing, or recruitment or referral practices because of his or her national origin or, in the case of a protected individual as defined in section 274B(a)(3) of the INA, because of his or her citizenship status. The Employer understands that such illegal practices can include selective verification or use of E-Verify except as provided in part D below, or discharging or refusing to hire employees because they appear or sound "foreign" or have received tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer further understands that any violation of the unfair immigration-related employment practices provisions in section 274B of the INA could subject the Employer to civil penalties, back pay awards, and other sanctions, and violations of Title VII could subject the Employer to back pay awards, compensatory and punitive damages. Violations of either section 274B of the INA or Title VII may also lead to the termination of its participation in E-Verify. If the Employer has any questions relating to the anti-discrimination provision, it should contact OSC at 1-800-255-8155 or 1-800-237-2515 (TDD).



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12. The Employer agrees to record the case verification number on the employee's Form I-9 or to print the screen containing the case verification number and attach it to the employee's Form I-9.

13. The Employer agrees that it will use the information it receives from SSA or DHS pursuant to E-Verify and this MOU only to confirm the employment eligibility of employees as authorized by this MOU. The Employer agrees that it will safeguard this information, and means of access to it (such as PINS and passwords) to ensure that it is not used for any other purpose and as necessary to protect its confidentiality, including ensuring that it is not disseminated to any person other than employees of the Employer who are authorized to perform the Employer's responsibilities under this MOU, except for such dissemination as may be authorized in advance by SSA or DHS for legitimate purposes.

14. The Employer acknowledges that the information which it receives from SSA is governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(i)(1) and (3)) and the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(e)), and that any person who obtains this information under false pretenses or uses it for any purpose other than as provided for in this MOU may be subject to criminal penalties.

15. The Employer agrees to cooperate with DHS and SSA in their compliance monitoring and evaluation of E-Verify, including by permitting DHS and SSA, upon reasonable notice, to review Forms I-9 and other employment records and to interview it and its employees regarding the Employer's use of E-Verify, and to respond in a timely and accurate manner to DHS requests for information relating to their participation in E-Verify.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL CONTRACTORS WITH THE FAR E-VERIFY CLAUSE

1. The Employer understands that if it is a subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR, it must verify the employment eligibility of any existing employee assigned to the contract and all new hires, as discussed in the Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors. Once an employee has been verified through E-Verify by the Employer, the Employer may not reverify the employee through E-Verify.

a. Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause agree to become familiar with and comply with the most recent versions of the E-Verify User Manual for Federal Contractors and the E-Verify Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors.

b. Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause agree to complete a tutorial for Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause.

c. Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause not enrolled at the time of contract award: An Employer that is not enrolled in E-Verify at the time of a contract award must enroll as a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause in E-Verify within 30 calendar days of contract award and, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of new hires of the Employer who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract. Once the Employer begins verifying new hires, such verification of new hires must be initiated within 3 business days after the date of hire. Once enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause, the Employer must initiate verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days from the time

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of enrollment in the system and after the date and selecting which employees will be verified in E-Verify or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later

d. Employers that are already enrolled in E-Verify at the time of a contract award but are not enrolled in the system as a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause: Employers enrolled in E-Verify for 90 days or more at the time of a contract award must use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility for new hires of the Employer who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within 3 business days after the date of hire. Employers enrolled in E-Verify as other than a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause, must update E-Verify to indicate that they are a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause within 30 days after assignment to the contract. If the Employer is enrolled in E-Verify for 90 calendar days or less at the time of contract award, the Employer must, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of new hires of the contractor who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract. Such verification of new hires must be initiated within 3 business days after the date of hire. An Employer enrolled as a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause in E-Verify must initiate verification of each employee assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after date of contract award or within 30 days after assignment to the contract, whichever is later.

e. Institutions of higher education, State, local and tribal governments and sureties: Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause that are institutions of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)), State or local governments, governments of Federally recognized Indian tribes, or sureties performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency pursuant to a performance bond may choose to only verify new and existing employees assigned to the Federal contract. Such Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause may, however, elect to verify all new hires, and/or all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986. The provisions of Article II D, paragraphs 1.a and 1.b of this MOU providing timeframes for initiating employment verification of employees assigned to a contract apply to such institutions of higher education, State, local and tribal governments, and sureties.

f. Verification of all employees: Upon enrollment, Employers who are Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause may elect to verify employment eligibility of all existing employees working in the United States who were hired after November 6, 1986, instead of verifying only new employees and those existing employees assigned to a covered Federal contract. After enrollment, Employers must elect to do so only in the manner designated by DHS and initiate E-Verify verification of all existing employees within 180 days after the election.

g. Form I-9 procedures for existing employees of Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause: Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause may choose to complete new Forms I-9 for all existing employees other than those that are completely exempt from this process. Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause may also update previously completed Forms I-9 to initiate E-Verify verification of existing employees who are not completely exempt as long as that Form I-9 is complete (including the SSN), complies with Article II.C.5, the employee's work authorization has not expired, and the Employer has reviewed the information reflected in the Form I-9 either in person or in communications with the employee to ensure that the employee's stated basis in section 1 of the Form I-9 for work authorization has not changed (including, but not limited to, a lawful permanent resident alien having become a naturalized U.S. citizen). If the Employer is unable to determine that the Form



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I-9 complies with Article II.C.5, if the employee's basis for work authorization as attested in section 1 has expired or changed, or if the Form I-9 contains no SSN or is otherwise incomplete, the Employer shall complete a new I-9 consistent with Article II.C.5, or update the previous I-9 to provide the necessary information. If section 1 of the Form I-9 is otherwise valid and up-to-date and the form otherwise complies with Article II.C.5, but reflects documentation (such as a U.S. passport or Form I-551) that expired subsequent to completion of the Form I-9, the Employer shall not require the production of additional documentation, or use the photo screening tool described in Article II.C.5, subject to any additional or superseding instructions that may be provided on this subject in the Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a second verification using E-Verify of any assigned employee who has previously been verified as a newly hired employee under this MOU, or to authorize verification of any existing employee by any Employer that is not a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause

2. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause, its compliance with this MOU is a performance requirement under the terms of the Federal contract or subcontract, and the Employer consents to the release of information relating to compliance with its verification responsibilities under this MOU to contracting officers or other officials authorized to review the Employer's compliance with Federal contracting requirements.

ARTICLE III

REFERRAL OF INDIVIDUALS TO SSA AND DHS

A. REFERRAL TO SSA

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by SSA, the Employer must print the notice as directed by the E-Verify system and provide it to the employee so that the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation. The Employer must review the tentative nonconfirmation with the employee in private.
2. The Employer will refer employees to SSA field offices only as directed by the automated system based on a tentative nonconfirmation, and only after the Employer records the case verification number, reviews the input to detect any transaction errors, and determines that the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation. The Employer will transmit the Social Security Number to SSA for verification again if this review indicates a need to do so. The Employer will determine whether the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives it.
3. If the employee contests an SSA tentative nonconfirmation, the Employer will provide the employee with a system-generated referral letter and instruct the employee to visit an SSA office within 8 Federal Government work days. SSA will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary. The Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.
4. The Employer agrees not to ask the employee to obtain a printout from the Social Security Number database (the Numident) or other written verification of the Social Security Number from the SSA.

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B. REFERRAL TO DHS

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer must print the tentative nonconfirmation notice as directed by the E-Verify system and provide it to the employee so that the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation. The Employer must review the tentative nonconfirmation with the employee in private.
2. If the Employer finds a photo non-match for an employee who provides a document for which the automated system has transmitted a photo, the employer must print the photo non-match tentative nonconfirmation notice as directed by the automated system and provide it to the employee so that the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the finding. The Employer must review the tentative nonconfirmation with the employee in private.
3. The Employer agrees to refer individuals to DHS only when the employee chooses to contest a tentative nonconfirmation received from DHS automated verification process or when the Employer issues a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo non-match. The Employer will determine whether the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives it.
4. If the employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer will provide the employee with a referral letter and instruct the employee to contact DHS through its toll-free hotline (as found on the referral letter) within 8 Federal Government work days.
5. If the employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo non-match, the Employer will provide the employee with a referral letter to DHS. DHS will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary. The Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.
6. The Employer agrees that if an employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo non-match, the Employer will send a copy of the employee's Form I-551 or Form I-766 to DHS for review by:
 - Scanning and uploading the document, or
 - Sending a photocopy of the document by an express mail account (paid for at employer expense).
7. If the Employer determines that there is a photo non-match when comparing the photocopied List B document described in Article II.C.5 with the image generated in E-Verify, the Employer must forward the employee's documentation to DHS using one of the means described in the preceding paragraph, and allow DHS to resolve the case.

ARTICLE IV

SERVICE PROVISIONS



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SSA and DHS will not charge the Employer for verification services performed under this MOU. The Employer is responsible for providing equipment needed to make inquiries. To access E-Verify an Employer will need a personal computer with internet access.

ARTICLE V

PARTIES

A. This MOU is effective upon the signature of all parties, and shall continue in effect for as long as the SSA and DHS conduct the E-Verify program unless modified in writing by the mutual consent of all parties, or terminated by any party upon 30 days prior written notice to the others. Any and all system enhancements to the E-Verify program by DHS or SSA, including but not limited to the E-Verify checking against additional data sources and instituting new verification procedures, will be covered under this MOU and will not cause the need for a supplemental MOU that outlines these changes. DHS agrees to train employers on all changes made to E-Verify through the use of mandatory refresher tutorials and updates to the E-Verify User Manual, the E-Verify User Manual for Federal Contractors or the E-Verify Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors. Even without changes to E-Verify, DHS reserves the right to require employers to take mandatory refresher tutorials. An Employer that is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause may terminate this MOU when the Federal contract that requires its participation in E-Verify is terminated or completed. In such a circumstance, the Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause must provide written notice to DHS. If an Employer that is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause fails to provide such notice, that Employer will remain a participant in the E-Verify program, will remain bound by the terms of this MOU that apply to participants that are not Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause, and will be required to use the E-Verify procedures to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees.

B. Notwithstanding Article V, part A of this MOU, DHS may terminate this MOU if deemed necessary because of the requirements of law or policy, or upon a determination by SSA or DHS that there has been a breach of system integrity or security by the Employer, or a failure on the part of the Employer to comply with established procedures or legal requirements. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause, termination of this MOU by any party for any reason may negatively affect its performance of its contractual responsibilities.

C. Some or all SSA and DHS responsibilities under this MOU may be performed by contractor(s), and SSA and DHS may adjust verification responsibilities between each other as they may determine necessary. By separate agreement with DHS, SSA has agreed to perform its responsibilities as described in this MOU.

D. Nothing in this MOU is intended, or should be construed, to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any third party against the United States, its agencies, officers, or employees, or against the Employer, its agents, officers, or employees.

E. Each party shall be solely responsible for defending any claim or action against it arising out of or related to E-Verify or this MOU, whether civil or criminal, and for any liability wherefrom, including (but not limited to) any dispute between the Employer and any other person or entity

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regarding the applicability of Section 403(d) of IRIRA to any action taken or allegedly taken by the Employer

F. The Employer understands that the fact of its participation in E-Verify is not confidential information and may be disclosed as authorized or required by law and DHS or SSA policy, including but not limited to, Congressional oversight, E-Verify publicity and media inquiries, determinations of compliance with Federal contractual requirements, and responses to inquiries under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

G. The foregoing constitutes the full agreement on this subject between DHS and the Employer.

H. The individuals whose signatures appear below represent that they are authorized to enter into this MOU on behalf of the Employer and DHS respectively.

W-9

W-9
Form
(Rev. October 2007)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Print or type
See Specific Instructions on page 2.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)
Public Catalyst Group Corp

Business name, if different from above

Check appropriate box: Individual/Sole proprietor Corporation Partnership
 Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) Exempt payee
 Other (see instructions)

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)
99 Wood Avenue South, Suite 301

City, state, and ZIP code
Iselin, NJ 08830

List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I Instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number	
or	
Employer identification number	
26	3119454

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the Instructions on page 4.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person *Boa Alexander-Jay* Date *1/22/16*

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued);
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

INSURANCE INFORMATION



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

9/27/2016

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Links Insurance Services, LLC P.O. Box 610 Spring Lake NJ 07762	CONTACT NAME: Sandra Kuhlwein, CISR, CRIS PHONE (A/C No, Ext): (732) 449-4200 FAX (A/C No): (732) 449-2342 E-MAIL ADDRESS: SKuhlwein@linksins.com														
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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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B	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N	N/A	13WECIP1387	10/1/2016	10/1/2017	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000
C	Crime			13TP025302116	10/1/2016	10/1/2017	Each Occurrence \$1,000,000 Deductible \$10,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
 Professional Liability coverage is afforded by RLI Ins., policy # RTP0005544, effective 10/1/2016 thru 10/1/2017, with \$1,000,000 with a \$10,000 deductible.
 Eileen Crummy, Kevin Ryan, Lisa Alexander & Mary Armstrong are excluded from Workers' Compensation coverage, as Corporation members

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CANCELLATION

State of Mississippi Division of Family and Children's Services 750 N. State Street Jackson, MS 39216	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE James Hickey/LSV
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**FEDERAL DEBARMENT
VERIFICATION REQUIREMENT
FORM**

Federal Debarment Verification Form
Revised April 5, 2016

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES
FEDERAL DEBARMENT VERIFICATION FORM**

Please Print/Type Clearly in Blue Ink

Subgrantee's/Contractor's Name	Public Catalyst Group Corporation
Authorized Official's Name	Lisa Alexander-Taylor
DUNS Number	849682195
Address	99 Wood Avenue South, Suite 301, Iselin, NJ 08830
Phone Number	732-710-3950
Are you currently registered with <u>www.sam.gov</u> (Respond Yes or No)	Yes
Registration Status (Type Active or Inactive)	Active
Active Exclusions (Type Yes or No)	No

I hereby certify that Public Catalyst Group Corporation is not on the list for federal debarment on

Subgrantee's Name/Contractor's Name
www.sam.gov - System for Award Management.

Lisa Alexander-Taylor
Signature of Authorized Official

February 27, 2017
Date

PARTNERSHIP DEBARMENT VERIFICATION FORM

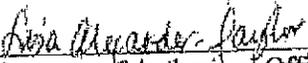
Partnership Debarment Verification Form
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**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES
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I hereby certify that all entities who are in partnership with MDCPS (subcontractors, subrecipients, et al.) are not on the federal debarment list on www.sam.gov - System for Award Management. Proof of documentation of partnership verification with SAM shall be kept on file and the debarment status shall be checked prior to submission of every contract/subgrant and modification to MDCPS.



Signature of Authorized Official

February 27, 2017
Date