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PURPOSE

To provide the Department of Human Services' (DHS) updated audit policy.

DISCUSSION

The attached publication is a complete and up-to date reissue. Particular attention should be paid to the Audit Clause Selection Flowchart. This document contains important guidance regarding when each audit clause is appropriate to use.

NOTE: By distributing this policy, the DHS is not mandating its adoption by counties or county programs. Rather, the DHS is advocating a detailed review of county-level contracts and the adoption of a similar approach, which is within the regulatory limits imposed by the federal and state governments.

SUPERSESION

Administrative Bulletin 2020-03, dated October 1, 2020

REFER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS TO: Bureau of Financial Operations
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INTRODUCTION

This Policy updates the language contained in the audit clauses.

Included below is the DHS audit-related policy and guidance pertaining to audits of the DHS' grantees and contractors, otherwise identified here as subrecipients/contractors. It also pertains to the management of the audit process for entities receiving federal and/or state funds passed through the DHS to its subrecipients and/or contractors.

GENERAL POLICY

Under \$500,000 of Combined State/Federal Funding.....	No Audit
\$500,000 - \$749,999 of Combined State/Federal Funding.....	Compliance Attestation
\$750,000 or more of Combined State/Federal Funding.....	Yellow Book (GAGAS) Audit with Compliance Attestation
\$750,000 or more of Federal Funding.....	Single Audit with Compliance Attestation

NOTE: If a subrecipient meets both the \$750,000 or more of combined state/federal funding threshold and also the \$750,000 or more of federal funding threshold (which is often the case), the subrecipient must receive a single audit with compliance attestation, unless the auditee is a for-profit organization that only operates one federal program and chooses to submit a program-specific Yellow Book audit as permitted by 45 CFR § 75.501(i).

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Attachment I - Audit Clause Selection Flowchart

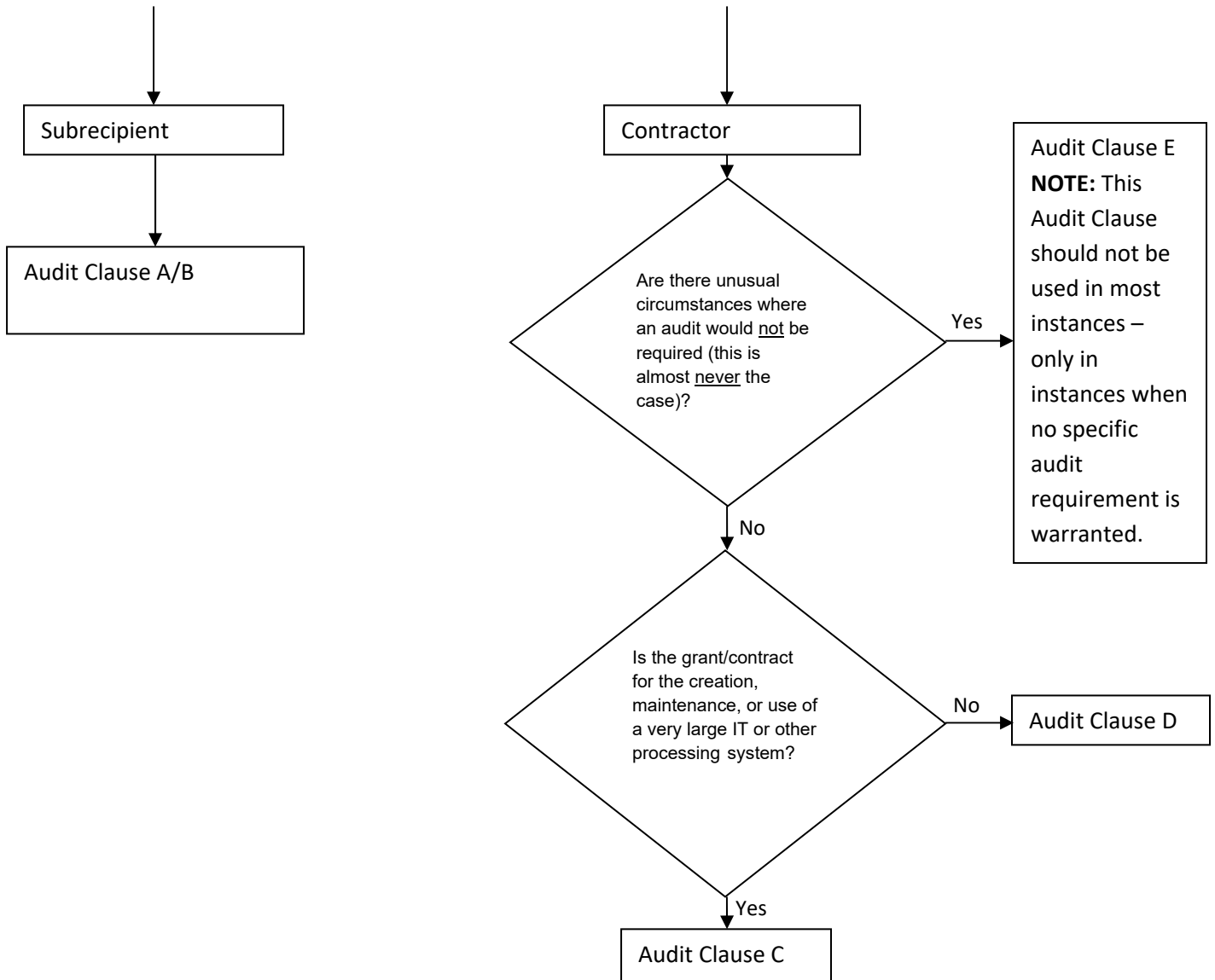
Is the grantee/provider a Subrecipient or a Contractor?
 (For additional guidance see 2 CFR § 200.330)

Subrecipient:

- Determines who is eligible to receive what Federal assistance
- Has its performance measured in relation to whether objectives of a Federal program were met
- Has responsibility for programmatic decision making
- Is responsible for adherence to applicable Federal program requirements specified in the Federal award
- In accordance with its agreement, uses the federal funds to carry out a program for a public purpose specified in authorizing statute, as opposed to providing goods or services for the benefit of the pass-through entity.

Contractor:

- Provides the goods or services within the normal business operations
- Provides similar goods or services to many different purchasers
- Operates in a competitive environment
- Provides goods or services that are ancillary to the operation of the Federal program
- Is not subject to compliance requirements of the Federal program as a result of the agreement, though similar requirements may apply for other reasons



SUBRECIPIENT / CONTRACTOR AUDITS

AUDIT CLAUSE A/B – SUBRECIPIENT

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services (DHS), distributes federal and state funds to local governments, non-profit, and for-profit organizations. Federal expenditures are subject to federal audit requirements, and federal and state funding passed through DHS are subject to DHS audit requirements. Any federal statute prescribing specific policies or specific requirements that differ from the standards provided herein shall govern. The DHS provides the following audit requirements in accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Governor’s Office, Management Directive 325.09, as amended January 10, 2022.

Subrecipient means a non-federal entity that expends federal awards received from a pass-through entity to carry out a federal program but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such a program. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other federal awards received directly from a federal awarding agency (see 2 CFR Part 200 § 200.93). For purposes of this audit clause, a subrecipient **is not** a contractor as defined in 2 CFR Part 200 § 200.23.

Subrecipients must comply with all federal audit requirements and any other applicable law or regulation, as well as any other applicable law or regulation that may be enacted or promulgated by the federal government.

A. Federal Audit Requirements

Federal Audit Requirements Specific to Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations

If a local government or nonprofit organization expends federal awards of \$750,000 or more during its fiscal year, received either directly from the federal government, indirectly from a pass-through entity, or a combination of both, to carry out a federal program, it **is required** to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions outlined in 2 CFR Part 200.501, *Audit Requirements*.

Federal Audit Requirements Specific to For-Profit Organizations

A for-profit organization **is required** to have an audit if it expends a total of \$750,000 or more in federal funds under one or more Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) federal awards. Title 45, CFR 75.501(i) incorporates the thresholds and deadlines of 2 CFR Part 200 as amended, and provides for-profit organizations with two options regarding the type of audit that will satisfy the audit requirements:

1. A financial audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted *Government Auditing Standards* (The Yellow Book), revised; or
2. An audit that meets the requirements contained in 2 CFR Part 200.

Federal Audit Requirements Applicable to Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations, and to For-Profit Organizations

If a subrecipient expends **total federal awards of less than \$750,000** during its fiscal year, it is exempt from these **federal** audit requirements, but is required to maintain auditable records of federal or state funds that supplement such awards. Records must be available for review by appropriate officials. **Although an audit may not be necessary under the federal requirements, DHS audit requirements may be applicable.**

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B. DHS Audit Requirements

Subrecipients must meet the following DHS audit requirements:

Where a Single Audit or program-specific audit is conducted in accordance with the federal audit requirements referenced above, DHS will accept such audit provided that:

1. A full copy of the audit report is submitted as detailed below; **and**
2. The subrecipient shall ensure that the audit requirements are met for the terms of this contract; i.e., the prescribed Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP) Report(s) and applicable schedule requirement(s). The incremental cost for preparation of the AUP Report(s) and the schedule cannot be charged to federal funding streams.

In the absence of a federally required audit, the entity is responsible for following the annual audit requirements described below, which are based upon the program year specified in this agreement.

DHS Audit Requirements Specific to Subrecipients

Subrecipients that **expend \$750,000 or more in combined state and federal funds, but less than \$750,000 in federal funds**, during the program year are required to have an audit of those funds made in accordance with generally accepted *Government Auditing Standards* (The Yellow Book), revised, as published by the Comptroller General of the United States. Where such an audit is not required to meet the federal requirements, the costs related to DHS audit requirements may not be charged to federal funding streams.

If in connection with the agreement, a subrecipient **expends \$500,000 or more in combined state and federal funds, but less than \$750,000 in combined state and federal funds**, during the program year, the subrecipient shall ensure that, for the term of the contract, an independent auditor conducts annual examinations of its compliance with the terms and conditions of this contract (compliance attestations). These examinations shall be conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements, No. 18, Attestation Standards: Clarification and Recodification (SSAE 18) and shall be of a scope acceptable to the DHS. The initial compliance attestation shall be completed for the program year specified in the contract and conducted annually thereafter. The incremental cost for preparation of the compliance attestation reports cannot be charged to federal funding streams.

The subrecipient shall submit the compliance attestation reports (if applicable) to the DHS within 90 days after the program year has been completed. When the compliance attestation reports are other than unmodified, the subrecipient shall submit to the DHS, in addition to the compliance attestation reports, a plan describing what actions the subrecipient will implement to correct the situation that caused the auditor to issue other than an unmodified report, a timetable for implementing the planned corrective actions, and a process for monitoring compliance with the timetable and a contact person who is responsible for the resolution of the situation.

If the subrecipient enters into an agreement with a subcontractor(s) for the performance of any primary contractual duties, the audit requirements are applicable to the subcontractor(s) with

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whom the subrecipient has entered into an agreement. Consequently, the audit requirements should be incorporated into the sub-contractual document as entered by the subrecipient.

A subrecipient that **expends less than \$500,000 combined state and federal funds** during the program year is exempt from DHS audit requirements but is required to maintain auditable records for each contract year. Records must be available for review by appropriate officials of the DHS or a pass-through entity.

GENERAL AUDIT PROVISIONS

A subrecipient is responsible for obtaining the necessary audit and securing the services of an independent, licensed certified public accountant, or other independent governmental auditor.

DHS, other state agencies, and federal agencies, or their authorized representatives, may perform additional financial and/or performance audits. If an audit of this contract is to be performed, the subrecipient will be given advance notice. The subrecipient shall maintain books, records, and documents that support the services provided, that the fees earned are in accordance with the contract, and that the subrecipient has complied with the contract terms and conditions. The subrecipient shall make available, upon reasonable notice, at the office of the subrecipient, during normal business hours, for the term of this contract and the retention period set forth in this Audit Clause, any of the books, records, and documents for inspection, audit, or reproduction by any state or federal agency or its authorized representative.

Except when a longer period is stated in the contract, the subrecipient shall preserve all books, records, and documents related to this contract for a period of time that is the greater of five years from the time when the contract expires and all questioned costs or activities have been resolved to the satisfaction of DHS, or as required by applicable federal laws and regulations. Any records that support the services provided, that the fees earned are in accordance with the contract, and that the subrecipient has complied with contract terms and conditions must be maintained. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, subrecipient shall preserve the records relating to and make available for a period of five years from the date of any resulting final settlement.

Audit documentation and audit reports must be retained by the subrecipient's independent auditor for a minimum of five years from the date of issuance of the audit report, unless the subrecipient's auditor is notified in writing by DHS, other state agencies, or federal agencies to extend the retention period. Audit documentation must be made available upon request to authorized representatives of DHS, other state agencies, or federal agencies.

The subrecipient shall retain and shall make available or provide to DHS at DHS's option those records that relate to litigation of the settlement of claims arising out of performance or expenditures under the contract until such litigation, claim, or exceptions have reached final disposition.

Except for documentary evidence delivered pursuant to litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of the performance of the contract, the subrecipient may retain records as required by this Audit Clause using photographs, microphotographs, or other authentic reproductions of such records after the expiration of two years following the last day of the month of reimbursement to the contractor of the invoice or voucher to which such records relate, unless a shorter period is authorized by DHS.

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SUBMISSION OF AUDIT REPORTS TO THE COMMONWEALTH

A. Federally Required Audit Reports

Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations

Submit an electronic copy of the audit report package to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse, which shall include the elements outlined in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – *Audit Requirements* (Subpart F).

In addition, the subrecipient must send a copy of the confirmation from the Federal Audit Clearinghouse to the resource account RA-BAFMSingleAudit@pa.gov.

For-Profit Organizations

Submit an electronic copy of the audit report package, which shall include the elements outlined in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – *Audit Requirements* (Subpart F) to the resource account RA-BAFMSingleAudit@pa.gov.

B. DHS Required Audit Reports and Additional Submission by Subrecipients

1. Independent Accountant’s Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures – which consist of the following procedures for the funding provided by this agreement for the contract year ending within the entity’s fiscal year end under audit:

- (a) Verify by comparison of the amounts and classifications that the supplemental financial schedules listed below, which summarize amounts reported to DHS for fiscal year ended {CONTRACT YEAR END}, have been accurately compiled and reflect the audited books and records of (Auditee). Also verify by comparison to the example schedules that these schedules are presented, at a minimum, at the level of detail that directly mirrors the budget page (Rider 3) of the contract. The Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures should mirror the line items on the budget pages of the contract and include a budget and an actual expenditure column pertaining to this period.

Program Name/ Contract Number Referenced Schedule/Exhibit

(List each individual schedule for all contracts in which the auditee participated.)

- (b) Inquire of management regarding adjustments to reported revenues or expenditures, which were not reflected on the reports submitted to DHS for the period in question.
- (c) Based on the procedures detailed in paragraphs (a) and (b) above, disclose any adjustments and/or findings and identify which have (have not) been reflected on the corresponding schedules.

(List each separately. Indicate whether it has/has not been reflected on the schedule.)

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2. Independent Accountant’s Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures – which consist of the following procedures for the entity’s fiscal year end under audit. All Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations who are submitting a single audit in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, and For-Profit Organizations who are submitting a single audit in accordance with Title 45, CFR 75.501(i), are also required to include in their single audit reporting package a supplemental schedule, which is to be subjected to an Agreed-Upon Procedures engagement. The schedule, for which an example is included in this audit clause as Enclosure I, is a reconciliation of the expenditures listed on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) to the Federal award income received from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS), as noted in the revenue audit confirmation received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The procedures to be performed on the reconciliation schedule are as follows:
- (a) Agree the expenditure amounts listed on the reconciliation schedule under the “Federal Expenditures per the SEFA” column to the audited Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA).
 - (b) Agree the receipt amounts listed on the reconciliation schedule under the “Federal Awards Received per the audit confirmation reply from Pennsylvania” column to the subrecipient Federal amounts that were reflected in the audit confirmation reply from the Office of Budget, Comptroller Operations.
 - (c) Recalculate the amounts listed under the “Difference” and “% Difference” columns.
 - (d) Agree the amounts listed under the “Difference” column to the audited books and records of the subrecipient.
 - (e) Agree the “Detailed Explanation of the Differences” to the audited books and records of the subrecipient.
 - (f) Based on the procedures detailed in paragraphs (a) through (e) above, disclose any adjustments and/or findings which have not been reflected on the corresponding schedules (List each separately.).

PERIOD SUBJECT TO AUDIT

A federally required audit, conducted in accordance with Subpart F, or Title 45, CFR 75.501(i), as appropriate, encompasses the fiscal period of the subrecipient. **Therefore, the period of the federally required audit may differ from the official reporting period as specified in this agreement.** Where these periods differ, the required supplemental schedule(s) of Revenues and Expenditures and the related Independent Accountant’s Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures must be completed for the official annual reporting period of this agreement that ended during the period under audit and shall accompany the federally required audit.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

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The subrecipient shall prepare a corrective action plan (CAP) to address all findings of noncompliance, internal control weaknesses, and/or reportable conditions disclosed in the audit report. For each finding noted, the CAP should include: (1) a brief description identifying the findings; (2) whether the subrecipient agrees with the finding; (3) the specific steps taken or to be taken to correct the deficiency or specific reasons why corrective action is not necessary; (4) a timetable for completion of the corrective action steps; (5) a description of monitoring to be performed to ensure that the steps are taken; and (6) the responsible party for the CAP.

REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

The subrecipient's failure to provide an acceptable audit may result in the DHS not accepting the report and initiating actions against the subrecipient that may include the following:

- Disallowing the cost of the audit.
- Withholding a percentage of the contract funding pending compliance.
- Withholding or disallowing administrative costs.
- Suspending subsequent contract funding pending compliance.
- Requiring a corrective action plan.
- Terminating the contract if the failure is not corrected within the time period approved by DHS.

- Assessing liquidated damages up to the amount of \$200 for each calendar day and portion of each calendar day for which each required audit or compliance attestation report is submitted beyond its required due date. Audits submitted without required AUP reports will not be considered acceptable and will be subject to liquidated damages.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance on the DHS' audit requirements and the integration of those requirements with the federal Single Audit requirements will be provided by:

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ENCLOSURE I										
Entity Name										
Year Ended (ORGANIZATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATE)										
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE										
RECONCILIATION										
Federal Awards Passed through the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services										
Expenditures per the SEFA to Revenue Received per the Pennsylvania Audit Confirmation Reply										
CFDA Name	CFDA Number		Federal Expenditures per the SEFA		Federal Awards Received per the audit confirmation reply from Pennsylvania		Difference		% Difference	Detailed Explanation of the Differences
			\$		\$		\$		%	

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AUDIT CLAUSE C – CONTRACTOR Service Organizations

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Contractor means a dealer, distributor, merchant, or other seller providing goods or services to an entity that are required for the **administrative support** of a program. These goods or services *may be for an organization's own use or for the use of beneficiaries of the federal program*. The contractor's responsibility is to meet the requirements of the procurement contract (see 2 CFR Part 200 § 200.23). For purposes of this audit clause, a contractor **is not** a subrecipient as defined in 2 CFR Part 200 § 200.93.

DHS Audit Requirements

If in connection with the agreement, the contractor **expends \$500,000 or more in combined state and federal funds** during the program year, the contractor shall, for the term of the contract, engage an independent auditor that conducts annual examinations of its compliance with the terms and conditions of this contract (compliance attestations). These examinations shall be conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (AICPA) Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements No 18, Attestation Standards: Clarification and Recodification (SSAE 18) and shall be of a scope acceptable to DHS. The initial compliance attestation shall be completed for the official annual reporting period of this agreement and conducted annually thereafter.

The contractor shall engage an independent auditor to perform examination of its controls applicable to the processing of transactions on behalf of the Department and produce what is commonly known as a System and Organization Controls (SOC) report. The contractor must require that an independent auditor performs examinations in accordance with SSAE 18. Unless granted written approval from DHS, all SOC reports provided shall be SOC 1 Type 2 reports that also include the assertions normally associated with SOC 2 reports. (See Supplement B of the AICPA Guide titled "SOC 2 Reporting on an Examination of Controls at a Service Organization Relevant to Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, or Privacy" dated January 1, 2018 for the specific assertions associated with a SOC 2 report. If those assertions are superseded by subsequent AICPA guidance, use the updated guidance). The contractor shall have the initial compliance attestation and SOC examinations conducted for the first official annual reporting period required by this contract and conduct annually thereafter.

DHS, other state agencies, and federal agencies, or their authorized representatives, may perform financial and performance audits. If an audit of this contract is to be performed, the contractor will be given advance notice. The contractor shall maintain books, records, and documents that support the services provided, that the fees earned are in accordance with the contract, and that the contractor has complied with contract terms and conditions. The contractor shall make available, upon reasonable notice, at the office of the contractor, during normal business hours, for the term of this contract and the retention period set forth in this Audit Clause, any of the books, records, and documents for inspection, audit, or reproduction by any state or federal agency or its authorized representative.

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AUDIT CLAUSE C – CONTRACTOR Service Organizations

Except when a longer period is stated in the contract, the contractor shall preserve all books, records, and documents related to this contract for a period of time that is the greater of five years from the contract expiration date, until all questioned costs or activities have been resolved to the satisfaction of DHS, or as required by applicable federal laws and regulations. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, contractor shall preserve the records relating to the work terminated and make available for a period of five years from the date of any resulting final settlement.

The contractor shall retain and shall make available or provide to DHS at DHS's option those records that relate to litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of performance or expenditures under the contract until such litigation, claim, or exceptions have reached final disposition.

Except for documentary evidence delivered pursuant to litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of the performance of this contract, the contractor may retain records as required by this Audit Clause using photographs, microphotographs, or other authentic reproductions of such records, after the expiration of two years following the last day of the month of reimbursement to the contractor of the invoice or voucher to which such records relate, unless a shorter period is authorized by DHS.

DHS Required Compliance Attestation and SOC Report Submission

The contractor shall submit the compliance attestation reports and SOC reports to DHS within 90 days after the required period of audit has ended. When either the compliance attestation or SOC reports are other than unmodified, the contractor shall submit to DHS, in addition to the reports, a plan describing what actions the contractor shall implement to correct the situation that caused the independent accountant or independent service auditor to issue a modified opinion, a timetable for implementing the planned corrective actions and a process for monitoring compliance with the timetable, and the contact person who is responsible for resolution.

The contractor shall submit **two copies** of the compliance attestation and SOC reports directly to the contract manager.

REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

The contractor's failure to provide an acceptable compliance attestation, SOC report or both, may result in DHS not accepting the report(s) and initiating actions against the contractor that may include the following:

- Disallowing the cost of the compliance attestation, SOC examination or both.
- Withholding a percentage of the contract funding pending compliance.
- Suspending subsequent contract funding pending compliance.
- Requiring a corrective action plan.
- Terminating the contract if the failure is not corrected within the time period approved by DHS.
- Assessing liquidated damages up to the amount of \$200 for each calendar day and portion of each calendar day for which the compliance attestation, SOC report, or both was submitted beyond its required due date. The liquidated damage amount applies to each report and not to the reports in the aggregate.

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AUDIT CLAUSE C – CONTRACTOR Service Organizations

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Contractor means a dealer, distributor, merchant, or other seller providing goods or services to an entity that are required for the **administrative support** of a program. These goods or services may be for an organization's own use or for the use of beneficiaries of the federal program. The contractor's responsibility is to meet the requirements of the procurement contract (see 2 CFR Part 200 § 200.23). For purposes of this audit clause, a contractor **is not** a subrecipient as defined in 2 CFR Part 200 § 200.93.

DHS Audit Requirements

If in connection with the agreement, the contractor **expends \$500,000 or more in combined state and federal funds** during the program year, the contractor shall, for the term of the contract, engage an independent auditor that conducts annual examinations of its compliance with the terms and conditions of this contract (compliance attestations). These examinations shall be conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements No. 18, Attestation Standards: Clarification and Recodification (SSAE 18) and shall be of a scope acceptable to DHS. The initial compliance attestation shall be completed for the official annual reporting period of this agreement and conducted annually thereafter.

DHS, other state agencies, and federal agencies, or their authorized representatives, may perform financial and performance audits. If an audit of this contract is to be performed, the contractor will be given advance notice. The contractor shall maintain books, records, and documents that support the services provided, that the fees earned are in accordance with the contract, and that the contractor has complied with contract terms and conditions. The contractor shall make available, upon reasonable notice, at the office of the contractor, during normal business hours, for the term of this contract and the retention period set forth in this Audit Clause, any of the books, records, and documents for inspection, audit, or reproduction by any state or federal agency or its authorized representative.

Except when a longer period is stated in the contract, the contractor shall preserve all books, records, and documents related to this contract for a period of time that is the greater of five years from the contract expiration date, until all questioned costs or activities have been resolved to the satisfaction of DHS, or as required by applicable federal laws and regulations. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, contractor shall preserve the records relating to the work terminated and make available for a period of five years from the date of any resulting final settlement.

The contractor shall retain and shall make available or provide to DHS at DHS's option those records that relate to litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of performance or expenditures under the contract until such litigation, claim, or exceptions have reached final disposition.

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AUDIT CLAUSE D – CONTRACTOR

Except for documentary evidence delivered pursuant to litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of the performance of this contract, the contractor may retain records as required by this Audit Clause using photographs, microphotographs, or other authentic reproductions of such records, after the expiration of two years following the last day of the month of reimbursement to the contractor of the invoice or voucher to which such records relate, unless a shorter period is authorized by DHS.

DHS Required Compliance Attestation Report Submission

The contractor shall submit the compliance attestation report to the DHS within 90 days after the required period of audit has ended. When the compliance attestation report is other than unmodified, the contractor shall submit to DHS, in addition to the report, a plan describing what actions the contractor shall implement to correct the situation that caused the independent accountant to issue a modified opinion, a timetable for implementing the planned corrective actions and a process for monitoring compliance with the timetable, and the contact person who is responsible for resolution

The contractor shall submit **two copies** of the compliance attestation reports directly to the contract manager.

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- Withholding a percentage of the contract funding pending compliance.
- Suspending subsequent contract funding pending compliance.
- Requiring a corrective action plan.
- Terminating the contract if the failure is not corrected within the time period approved by DHS.
- Assessing liquidated damages up to the amount of \$100 for each calendar day and portion of each calendar day for which the compliance attestation report, was submitted beyond its required due date.

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AUDIT CLAUSE E – CONTRACTOR

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services (DHS), other state agencies, and federal agencies, or their authorized representatives, may perform financial and performance audits. If an audit of this contract is to be performed, the contractor will be given advance notice.

The contractor shall maintain books, records, and documents that support the services provided, that the fees earned are in accordance with the contract, and that the contractor has complied with contract terms and conditions. The contractor shall make available, upon reasonable notice, at the office of the contractor, during normal business hours, for the term of this contract and the retention period set forth in this Audit Clause, any of the books, records, and documents for inspection, audit, or reproduction by any state or federal agency or its authorized representative.

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