

MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 20535

This Master Services Agreement No. 20535 (this "**Agreement**") is effective on date of last signature ("**Effective Date**") and is made by and between MCCi, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, with its principal office located at 3717 Apalachee Parkway, Suite 201, Tallahassee, FL 32311 ("**Company**") and Client (defined herein). Company and Client may each be referred to individually herein as a "**Party**" or collectively as the "**Parties**".

The terms "**Client**" in this Agreement shall also include Client's "**Affiliates**," defined as a legal entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the applicable Party. It is agreed that Client's Affiliates who are a party to the applicable Order (defined below) shall enjoy the same rights, benefits and obligations set forth in this Agreement as are applicable to Client.

As used in this Agreement, "Company" means the Company Affiliate providing the Services (defined below) to the Client in the applicable Order.

The Parties hereto intending to be legally bound hereby, agree as follows:

1. Scope of Service

Company and Client may develop and enter into one or more sales orders, attached hereto or incorporated by reference, incorporating a description of the specific goods and/or services requested by Client and agreed to be performed or otherwise provided by Company (and as modified in writing by the Parties, each an "**Order**"). Company will provide to Client those goods and/or services described as its obligation in the Order (collectively, the "**Services**"). If applicable, each Order will also describe items specifically required to be delivered by Company to Client (each a "**Deliverable**"), and the acceptance criteria, if any, for each of the Deliverables. Further, each Order will set forth, among other things, tasks to be performed by the Parties and roles and responsibilities of each Party. Each Order shall specifically identify this Agreement and indicate that it is subject to the terms hereof. Unless provided to the contrary in the applicable Order, to the extent there are any conflicts or inconsistencies between this Agreement and any Order or Client purchase order, except in regard to Sections 2 or 3 herein, the provisions of this Agreement shall govern and control. Use of pre-printed forms, including, but not limited to email, purchase orders, shrink-wrap or click-wrap agreements, except those that may appear in the applicable Order, acknowledgements or invoices, is for convenience only and all pre-printed terms and conditions stated thereon, except as specifically set forth in this Agreement, are void and of no effect. No amendment or modification to this Agreement will be valid unless set forth in writing and formally approved by authorized representatives of both parties. To the extent that there are any conflicts or inconsistencies between this Agreement and any Client-entered third-party government purchasing agreement ("**Purchasing Vehicle**"), the provisions of the Purchasing Vehicle shall govern and control.

No change order, notice, direction, authorization, notification or request (each a "**Change Order**") will be binding upon Client or Company, nor will such Change Order be the basis for any claim for additional compensation by Company, until Client and Company have agreed in writing to the same.

Each Company Affiliate will only be liable for those obligations expressly set forth in the applicable Order to which it is a party and the applicable Affiliate will invoice client for the same. In no event will a Company Affiliate be liable for any of the obligations or liabilities of any other Company Affiliate pursuant to this Agreement.

2. Fees

Client shall pay to Company the fees and other compensation and or reimbursement set forth in each Order. The Client acknowledges that it may incur expenses as associated with non-refundable items (e.g., airline tickets, training/install charges, hotel reservations, rental cars, and the like), in the event that (i) Client cancels or reschedules performance, after Company has made the applicable arrangements; or (ii) If Client is not prepared upon Company's arrival, which results in cancellation, delays, and/or the need to reperform any Deliverables.

3. Invoicing and Payment

Unless otherwise stated in an Order, Company will invoice Client for all fees, charges and reimbursable expenses on a monthly basis and upon completion of each Order.

Client agrees to pay all undisputed invoices and undisputed portions of a disputed invoice in full within thirty (30) days from the date of each invoice. Failure to pay invoices by the due date, unless Company has been informed by said due date that an invoice is being contested and the reason therefor, may result in the imposition of interest charges to the extent allowable by law as well as any associated legal and collection fees incurred.

In all events, Client shall be liable for full payment for Services and/or Deliverables and reimbursement of Company's expenses incurred through the effective date of termination. If Client cancels or suspends an Order, pursuant to this Agreement and only if allowed hereunder, between completed milestones, Company will invoice Client for a pro-rated share of the completed portion of each milestone(s) for Deliverables performed through the date of such termination or delay. If Services are resumed or Deliverables continued, Company will recommence invoicing per the applicable Order.

Client is a local government entity and is tax exempt. Client understands and accepts that any pricing set forth in an Order does not include such taxes.

All recurring software maintenance support, subscriptions and/or other service packages ("**Recurring Services**") will automatically renew unless Client has

- (a) terminated the Agreement and/or applicable Order, per Section 4;
- (b) provided sixty (60) days written notice prior to the scheduled renewal date of the Recurring Services; or
- (c) not paid in full the renewal invoice within 45 days after scheduled renewal date of the Recurring Services, the Order (and/or applicable addendum) will systematically terminate, but may be reinstated if/when the Client pays the renewal invoice in full (including any applicable reinstatement fees);

Once payment has been received, no refunds for Recurring Services are available.

4. Term and Termination

This Agreement will commence on the Effective Date and will be effective for the longer of (i) a one (1) year period or (ii) the term of the original Order and will renew automatically for one (1) year periods and continue in full force and effect, unless terminated by either Party as set forth below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if at any point an Order, Recurring Services, or similar underlying work document be active, then the terms of this Agreement shall govern the Order or similar underlying work document until termination or expiration of the same. Termination of this Agreement or any Order hereunder may occur upon any of the following:

- (a) Thirty (30) days after a Party's receipt of written notice from the other Party that this Agreement or the Services, in whole or in part under an Order, shall be terminated; or
- (b) Thirty (30) days after a Party notifies the other in writing that they are in breach or default of this Agreement, unless the breaching Party cures such breach or default within such thirty (30) day period; or
- (c) Fifteen (15) days after the filing of a petition in bankruptcy by or against either Party, any insolvency of a Party, any appointment of a receiver for such Party, or any assignment for the benefit of such Party's creditors (a "**Bankruptcy Event**"), unless such Party cures such Bankruptcy Event within the fifteen (15) day period; or
- (d) If Client is a city, county, or other government entity the following applies: If Client's governing body fails to appropriate sufficient funds to make payments due and to become due during Client's next fiscal period, Client may, subject to the terms herein, terminate the applicable Order as of the last day of the fiscal period for which appropriations were received (each an "**Event of Non-appropriation**"). Client agrees to deliver notice of an Event of Non-appropriation to Company at least 30 days prior to the end of Client's then-current fiscal period, or if an Event of Non-appropriation has not occurred by that date, promptly upon the occurrence of any such Event of Non-appropriation.

5. Working Arrangements

All Services shall be performed remotely, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

Client will ensure that all Client's personnel, vendors, and/or subcontractors who may be necessary or appropriate for the successful performance of the Services and/or delivery of a Deliverable will, on reasonable notice: (i) be available to assist Company Personnel by answering business, technical and operational questions and providing requested documents, guidelines and procedures in a timely manner; (ii) participate in the Services as reasonably necessary for performance under an Order; and (iii) be available to assist Company with any other activities or tasks required to complete the Services in accordance with the Order.

6. Company Personnel

Neither Company nor its Personnel (defined below) are or shall be deemed to be employees of Client but instead are independent contractors to Client. Company shall be responsible for the compensation of its Personnel, in addition to any applicable employment taxes, workmen's compensation and any other taxes, insurance or provisions associated with the engagement of such Personnel.

In addition, Company shall be responsible for all acts or omissions of its Personnel.

Company may utilize independent subcontractors in satisfying its obligations under this Agreement (collectively with Company employees "**Personnel**"). Company remains responsible for all acts and omissions of all Personnel.

Upon receipt of notice from Client that any Company Personnel is not suitable, Company shall remove such person from the performance of Services and will provide a qualified replacement as quickly as reasonably possible.

Unless a particular Company Personnel member has been identified as a key resource to the relevant Order, Company at its sole discretion may reassign, if and as necessary, other appropriately qualified Company Personnel to the relevant Order as long as such assignment will not affect Company's fee for the Services defined or ability to satisfy its Deliverables.

Neither Party is a legal representative of the other nor does a Party have the authority, either express or implied, to bind or obligate the other in any way.

7. Non-Solicitation

To the extent permitted by law, during the term of this Agreement and for a period of twelve (12) months thereafter, neither Party shall knowingly (i) induce or attempt to induce any then-current employee or independent contractor of the other Party to terminate his or her employment or other relationship with the non-soliciting Party or (ii) solicit or hire any former employee or independent contractor that had been employed or engaged by the non-soliciting Party during the previous twelve (12) months. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either Party may solicit for employment, offer employment to, employ, or engage as a consultant or advisor, any of the other Party's personnel who: (i) had no previous direct contact with the soliciting Party's personnel in connection with, and during the performance of, the Services hereunder, or (ii) have responded to a general, publicly-available advertisement for employment by the hiring Party (including its Affiliates), or (iii) make unsolicited approaches or inquiries to such Party (including its Affiliates) regarding employment opportunities. The current engaging Party, in its sole discretion, may waive this provision in writing for an individual. Except for government entities, In consideration for such waiver, the soliciting Party agrees to pay a placement fee equal to fifty (50) percent of such person's new total annual compensation. This placement fee shall be due immediately upon such person's commencement of services.

8. Confidential Information

The Parties acknowledge that in the course of Company providing Services for Client hereunder, each may receive Confidential Information (as defined below) of the other Party. Any and all Confidential Information in any form or media obtained by a Recipient (defined below) shall be held in confidence and shall not be copied, reproduced, or disclosed to third parties for any purpose whatsoever except as necessary in connection with the performance hereunder. Each Recipient further acknowledges that it shall not use such Confidential Information for any purposes other than in connection with the activities contemplated by this Agreement. All consultants assigned by Company to Client will sign appropriate forms of confidentiality agreements on or prior to their start date.

Notwithstanding any provision contrary, Company hereby acknowledges that Client is a county government and a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina and, as a local government entity, is subject to public records laws pursuant to Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and may be required to disclose Confidential Information if required by law unless exception to the public records laws applies to the specific Confidential Information being sought to be disclosed.

"Confidential Information" means any and all confidential information of a Party disclosed to the other Party, including, but not limited to, research, development, proprietary software, technical information, techniques, know-how, trade secrets, processes, clients, employees, consultants, pricing information and financial and business information, plans and systems. Confidential Information shall not include information which: (i) was known to the Party receiving the information (the **"Recipient"**) prior to the time of disclosure by the other Party (the **"Disclosing Party"**); (ii) at the time of disclosure is generally available to the public or after disclosure becomes generally available to the public through no breach of this Agreement or other wrongful act by the Recipient; (iii) was lawfully received by Recipient from a third party without any obligation of confidentiality; or (iv) is required to be disclosed by law or order of a court of competent jurisdiction or regulatory authority.

The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive termination of this Agreement for a period of three (3) years thereafter.

9. Intellectual Property

Unless otherwise specified in any Order, or subject to a third-party license agreement, title to all materials, Services, and/or Deliverables, including, but not limited to, reports, designs, programs, specifications, documentation, manuals, visual aids, and any other materials developed and/or prepared for Client by Company under any Order, to the extent that the same are custom and unique in application to Client, (whether or not such Order is completed) (**"Works"**), and all interest therein shall vest in Client and shall be deemed to be a work made for hire and made in the course of the Services rendered hereunder. Company shall retain a non-exclusive, royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual license to use, sell, modify, distribute, and create derivative works based upon any of the foregoing Works in its information technology professional services business, provided that in so doing Company shall not use or disclose any Client Confidential Information or Deliverables custom and unique to Client. To the extent that title to any such Works may not, by operation of law, vest in Client or such Works may not be considered works made for hire, all rights, title and interest therein are hereby irrevocably assigned to Client. All such Works shall belong exclusively to Client, except as set forth herein, with Client having the right to obtain and to hold in its own name, copyrights, registrations, or such other protection as may be appropriate to the subject matter, and any extensions and renewals thereof. Company agrees to give Client and any person designated by Client, reasonable assistance, at Client's expense, required to perfect the rights defined in this Section 9. Unless otherwise requested by Client, upon the completion of the Services to be performed under each Order or upon the earlier termination of such Order, Company shall promptly turn over to Client all Works and Deliverables developed pursuant to such Order, including, but not limited to, working papers, narrative descriptions, reports, and data.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following shall not constitute the property of Client: (i) Company software, including but not limited to any proprietary code (source and object), or that which is subject to third-party license agreements with Company and/or Client; (ii) those portions of the Deliverables which include information in the public domain or which are generic ideas, concepts, know-how and techniques within the computer design, support and consulting business generally; and (iii) those portions of the Deliverables which contain the computer consulting knowledge, techniques, tools, routines and sub-routines, utilities, know-how, methodologies and information which Company had prior to or acquired during the performance of its Services for Client and which do not contain any Confidential Information of Client conveyed to Company. Should Company, in performing any Services hereunder, use any computer program, code, or other materials developed by it independently of the Services provided hereunder (**"Pre-existing Work"**), Company shall retain any and all rights in such Pre-existing Work. Company hereby grants Client a paid up, royalty free, world-wide, non-exclusive license to use outputs generated by the Company software and Pre-existing Work for its

internal business needs for the term of each applicable Order.

Client understands and agrees that Company may perform similar services for third Parties using the same Personnel that Company may use for rendering Services for Client hereunder, subject to Company's obligations respecting Client's Confidential Information pursuant to Section 8.

10. **Data Privacy**

In the event that Company, in the course of providing Services to Client, receives, stores, maintains, processes or otherwise has access to “**Personal Information**” (as defined by the State Data Protection Laws (defined below) and/or European Union Directives, and including, but not limited to, an individual’s name and social security number, driver’s license number or financial number) then Company shall safeguard this information in accordance with these laws. Company may disclose Personal Information and other Client provided information for business purposes only on a need-to-know basis and only to (i) Company Personnel, (ii) any third-party service providers that have agreed to safeguard Personal Information and other Client provided information in a like manner as Company safeguards such information, and (iii) with other entities authorized to have access to such information under applicable law or regulation. Company may disclose Personal Information when necessary to protect its rights and property, to enforce its terms of use and legal agreements, as required or permitted by law, or at the request of law enforcement authorities and the courts, and pursuant to a subpoena. Company shall have no duty to notify Client of such compliance with law. Company takes reasonable and appropriate measures to maintain the confidentiality and security of Personal Information and to prevent its unauthorized use or disclosure. To the extent that Company experiences a Security Breach as defined under the applicable State Data Protection Laws for information generated in connection with this Agreement or any Order hereto, Company shall notify Client in writing within five (5) business days of confirming the same.

11. **Warranty**

(a) **General Representation and Warranty.**

Client represents and warrants that it shall have all rights and licenses, including, without limitation those related to data, software and the like, of third parties, necessary or appropriate for Company to access or use such data and/or third-party products and agrees to produce evidence of such rights and licenses upon the reasonable request of Company.

(b) **Services Warranty.**

EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION 10, THE APPLICABLE EXHIBITS AND/OR ORDERS, COMPANY DOES NOT MAKE OR GIVE ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, WHETHER SUCH REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY BE EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, QUALITY, OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY FROM COURSE OF DEALING OR USAGE OF TRADE.

(c) **General Warranty.**

Company shall perform the Services in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations and industry codes, including but not limited to (i) federal and state anti-kickback laws and regulations, (ii) federal and state securities laws, meaning that Company agrees that Client may be a publicly traded company and Company shall instruct Company Personnel that federal and state securities laws prohibit the purchase, sale, or pledge of Client stock while in possession of any material, non-public information, (iii) the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, (iv) federal and state privacy and data protection laws, including, but not limited to, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (collectively, “**State Data Protection Laws**”), and (v) Company also represents that it uses E-Verify to verify the work authorization of all newly hired employees.

12. **Indemnification and Limitation of Liability**

(a) **Indemnification.**

To the extent caused by Company, Company shall indemnify, defend, and hold Client harmless against any loss, damage, or costs (including reasonable attorneys’ fees) in connection with third party claims, demands, suits, or proceedings (“**Claims**”) for bodily injury or tangible property damage arising out of Company’s performance within the scope of its responsibilities under this Agreement or by a third-party alleging that the use of any Deliverable (expressly excluding third party software and/or cloud host provider) as provided to Client under this Agreement or any Order hereto and used in accordance with this Agreement and relevant documentation, infringes any third party’s intellectual property rights perfected in the United States. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Company shall not be required to indemnify Client to the extent the alleged infringement: (i) is based on information or requirements furnished by Client, (ii) is the result of a modification made by an entity other than Company, or (iii) arises from use of a Deliverable in combination with any other product or service not provided or approved in writing by Company. If Client is enjoined from using the Deliverable or Company reasonably believes that Client will be enjoined, Company shall have the right, at its sole option, to obtain for Client the right to continue use of the Deliverable or to replace or modify the same so that it is no longer infringing. If neither of the foregoing options is reasonably available to Company, then this Agreement may be terminated at either Party’s option, and Company’s sole liability shall be subject to the limitation of liability provided in this Section.

(b) **Indemnification Procedure.**

Client shall give Company (i) prompt written notice of the Claim; (ii) sole control of the defense and settlement of the Claim (provided that Company may not settle any Claim unless it unconditionally releases Client of all liability and does not otherwise negatively impact Client’s rights, including, without limitation, those in its intellectual property); and (iii) at Company’s cost, all reasonable assistance.

(c) **Limitation of Liability.**

Except for a breach of intellectual property rights, a third party’s end user and/or terms of use agreement, and to the extent caused by the applicable Party:

(i) IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE FOR SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LOST REVENUES, PROFITS, SAVINGS OR BUSINESS) OR LOSS OF RECORDS OR DATA, WHETHER OR NOT THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES HAS BEEN DISCLOSED TO SUCH PARTY IN ADVANCE OR COULD HAVE BEEN REASONABLY FORESEEN BY SUCH PARTY, AND WHETHER IN AN ACTION BASED ON CONTRACT, WARRANTY, STRICT LIABILITY, TORT (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, NEGLIGENCE), OR OTHERWISE. EXCEPT FOR A PARTY’S PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS; (ii) EACH PARTY’S MAXIMUM AGGREGATE LIABILITY FOR ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, OR OTHER

LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF, OR CONNECTED WITH, THIS AGREEMENT, THE SERVICES, DELIVERABLES AND/OR SOFTWARE PROVIDED HEREUNDER OR CLIENT'S USE OF ANY SUCH SERVICES, DELIVERABLES, AND/OR SOFTWARE, AND WHETHER BASED UPON CONTRACT, WARRANTY, STRICT LIABILITY, TORT (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, NEGLIGENCE), OR OTHERWISE, SHALL IN NO CASE EXCEED THE AGGREGATE AMOUNTS PAID TO COMPANY BY CLIENT UNDER THE APPLICABLE ORDER, GIVING RISE TO SUCH CLAIM DURING THE LAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS. THIS LIMITATION OF LIABILITY SHALL APPLY TO ALL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER EXECUTED PRIOR TO OR SUBSEQUENT TO THIS AGREEMENT.

EACH PARTY'S ENTIRE LIABILITY AND CLIENT'S REMEDIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION. THE LIMITATIONS ON WARRANTY AND LIABILITY SPECIFIED IN SECTIONS 11 AND 12 HEREOF WILL SURVIVE AND APPLY EVEN IF ANY LIMITED REMEDY HEREIN IS FOUND TO HAVE FAILED OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE.

The Parties acknowledge that the limitation of warranties and liabilities as set out in this Agreement are an essential basis of this Agreement and that the prices agreed to be paid by Client for Services reflect these limitations.

13. Insurance

During the term of this Agreement, Company shall carry, at its sole expense, insurance coverage to include at a minimum the following:

- Workers Compensation: State statutory limits and \$1,000,000 employers' liability
- Comprehensive General Liability: \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$4,000,000 in the aggregate
- Professional Liability and Errors & Omissions: \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 in the aggregate
- Cyber and Technical Errors and Omissions: \$3,000,000 in the aggregate

Company, at Client's request, will name Client as an additional insured under the Comprehensive General Liability policy. Company represents that Client is automatically included as an additional insured under the Errors and Omissions and Cyber and Technical Errors and Omissions policies for vicarious liability, but no modified certificate of insurance will be provided.

14. Notices

All notices, demands, and other communications required or permitted hereunder or in connection herewith shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered (including by receipt verified electronic transmission) or five (5) business days after mailed in the Continental United States by first class mail, postage prepaid, to a Party at the following address, or to such other address as such Party may hereafter specify by notice:

If to Company

MCCI, LLC
3717 Apalachee Parkway
Suite 201
Tallahassee, FL 32311
Attn: Legal Department
Email: legal@mccinnovations.com

If to Client:

Rutherford County
289 N. Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139
Attn: Jai Doherty
Email: Informationtechnology@Rutherfordcountync.Gov

15. Miscellaneous

(a) Third-Party EULA (End User License Agreement) Provisions.

Client acknowledges that they are responsible for adhering to any third-party End User License Agreements, acceptable use policies, and/or terms and conditions or similar requirements ("**EULA**"), whether supplied by Company as a convenience or not, for any products procured on behalf of Client by Company and Company shall not be responsible for such products except related services provided directly by Company

(b) Use of Open-Source Code.

Except as disclosed in the Order, Company does not distribute nor otherwise use any open-source or similar software in a manner that would obligate Company to disclose, license, make available or distribute any of its material proprietary source code as a condition of such use. For purposes of this Agreement, "**Open Source**" shall mean any software or other Intellectual Property that is distributed or made available as "open-source software" or "free software" or is otherwise publicly distributed or made generally available in source code or equivalent form under terms that permit modification and redistribution of such software or Intellectual Property. Open Source includes, but may not be limited to, software that is licensed under the GNU General Public License, GNU Lesser General Public License, Mozilla License, Common Public License, Apache License, or BSD License, as well as all other similar "public" licenses.

(c) Client Software Customizations.

Client may choose to customize their software internally without Company's help. Company is not responsible for any damages caused by Client's customization of the software. Company will not be held responsible for correcting any problems that may occur from these customizations.

(d) Company Software Configuration Services.

Client may elect to contract with Company to configure Client's software. In these situations, Client acknowledges they are responsible for testing all software configurations and as such, waives any and all liability to Company for any damages that could be related to these software configurations.

(e) Compliance with Laws.

To the extent applicable to the Parties each Party shall comply with and give all notices required by all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and lawful orders of any public authority bearing on use of the Services, Deliverables and/or software and the performance of this Agreement.

(f) Equal Opportunity.

To the extent applicable to the Parties each shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-1.4(a), 60-300.5(a) and 60-741.5(a), and the posting requirements of 29 CFR Part 471, appendix A to subpart A, if applicable. These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin.

(g) Excluded Parties List.

To the extent required by law and applicable to Client, Company agrees to promptly report to Client if an employee or contractor is listed by a federal agency as debarred, excluded or otherwise ineligible for participation in federally funded health care programs.

(h) Boycotts.

Company is not engaged in and will not engage in a boycott prohibited under United States and/or applicable State laws.

(i) E-Verify

Company uses E-Verify to verify the work authorization of all newly hired employees.

(j) Force Majeure.

If either of the Parties hereto are delayed or prevented from fulfilling any of its obligations under this Agreement by force majeure, said Parties shall not be liable under this Agreement for said delay or failure. "**Force Majeure**" means any cause beyond the reasonable control of a Party including, but not limited to, an act of God, an act or omission of civil or military authorities of a state or nation, epidemic, pandemic, fire, strike, flood, riot, war, delay of transportation, or inability due to the aforementioned causes to obtain necessary labor, materials or facilities.

(k) Audit Rights.

With reasonable notice and at a convenient location, Client will have the right to audit Company's records to verify the accuracy of invoicing to Client.

In addition, should any of Client's regulators legally require access to audit the Services, Company will, to the extent legally required by such regulators, provide access for the same. All results of such audits shall be Company Confidential Information.

Client shall bear all costs associated with audits.

(l) Assignment.

Neither Party may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights, duties, or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. Either Party, however, without any requirement for prior consent by the other, may assign this Agreement and its rights hereunder to any entity who succeeds (by purchase, merger, operation of law or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the capital stock, assets, or business of such Party, if the succeeding entity agrees in writing to assume and be bound by all of the obligations of such Party under this Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding upon and accrue to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assignees.

(m) Modification.

This Agreement may be modified only by a written amendment executed by duly authorized officers or representatives of both Parties.

(n) Provisions Severable.

If any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, then such provision shall be severed from this Agreement and the remaining provisions will continue in full force.

(o) Dispute Resolution.

Should a dispute arise between Company and Client involving their respective responsibilities, limitations, or the working relations between the Parties under this Agreement or any Order, then the Parties will make reasonable efforts to amicably resolve the dispute. Prior to entering mediation as set forth below, the Parties agree that any dispute will initially be referred to their senior management for resolution within ten (10) business days of receipt of notice specifying and asking for the intervention of the Parties' superiors. If the dispute is still unresolved after such ten (10) business day period, the Parties agree, at the written request of either Party, to submit the dispute to mediation. In the event mediation should reach an impasse, each party may file in a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

(p) Interpretation.

The descriptive headings of this Agreement and of any Order under this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement. As used herein, "include" and its derivatives (including, "e.g.") shall be deemed to mean "including but not limited to." Each Party acknowledges that this Agreement has been the subject of active and complete negotiations, and that this Agreement should not be construed in favor of or against any Party by reason of the extent to which any Party or its professional advisers participated in the preparation of this Agreement.

(q) Publicity.

Company may use the name of Client, the existence of this Agreement and the nature of the associated services provided herein for marketing purposes, except that such use shall not include any Client Confidential Information as defined in Section 8 of this Agreement.

(r) Entire Agreement.

This Agreement and all Order(s) attached hereto constitute the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between the Parties and supersedes all proposals, oral or written, and all other prior or contemporaneous communications between the Parties relating to the subject matter herein.

(s) Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, and all of which taken together will constitute one single agreement between the Parties with the same effect as if all the signatures were upon the same instrument. The counterparts of this Agreement may be executed and delivered by facsimile or other electronic signature (including portable document format) by either of the Parties and the receiving Party may rely on the receipt of such document so executed and delivered electronically or by facsimile as if the original had been received.

(t) Governing Law.

This Agreement, any claim dispute or controversy hereunder (a "Dispute") will be governed by (i) the laws of the State of North Carolina, or (ii) if Client is a city, county, municipality or other governmental entity, the law of state where Client is located, in all cases without regard to its conflicts of law. The UN Convention for the International Sale of Goods and the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act will not apply. In any Dispute, each Party will bear its own attorneys' fees and costs and expressly waives any statutory right to attorneys' fees.

(u) Survival.

Sections 2 (Fees), 3 (Invoicing and Payment), 6 (Company Personnel), 7 (Non-solicitation), 8 (Confidential Information), 9 (Intellectual Property), 10 (Data Privacy), 11 (Warranty), 12 (Indemnification and Limitation of Liability), 14 (Notices), 15 (Miscellaneous), and all other terms that by their context are intended to survive, whether in or under this Agreement, shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

(v) Bench Trial.

The Parties agree to waive, to the maximum extent permitted by law, any right to a jury trial with respect to any Dispute.

(w) No Class Actions.

NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO JOIN OR CONSOLIDATE CLAIMS BY OR AGAINST EACH OTHER, SUCH PARTY'S PROVIDERS, AND/OR CLIENTS, OR PURSUE ANY CLAIM AS A REPRESENTATIVE OR CLASS ACTION OR IN A PRIVATE ATTORNEY GENERAL CAPACITY.

(x) Limitation Period.

Neither Party shall be liable for any claim brought more than two (2) years after the cause of action for such claim first arose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives as of the Effective Date.

MCCi, LLC

RUTHERFORD COUNTY ("Client")

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

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RUTHERFORDTON, NC 28139