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September 29, 2022

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Executive Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Business and Economic Affairs, Office of Workforce Opportunity (BEA/OWO) to enter into a contract with Public Consulting Group, LLC, (PCG) Boston, MA (Vendor #161843) in the amount of \$167,159 for a feasibility study to look at barriers that ex-offenders and justice involved individuals face when trying to enter the workforce after their release from incarceration, effective upon Governor and Council approval through April 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funding is available in account, Office of Workforce Opportunity, as follows:

	<u>FY 2023</u>
03-22-22-220510-14530000-102-500731-Contracts for Program Services	\$167,159

**EXPLANATION**

This contract between the BEA/OWO and PCG for a statewide feasibility study to look at barriers that ex-offenders and justice involved individuals face when trying to enter the workforce after their release from incarceration, is in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) #BEA 2023-03, released on August 3, 2022.

BEA/OWO is the state grant recipient for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I Federal Funds awarded by the US Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration. The above RFP was issued on behalf of the State Workforce Innovation Board (SWIB), which is the oversight body established in federal regulation to oversee the appropriate use of WIOA Federal Funds and members are appointed by the Governor. The RFP was for the provision of the development of a statewide feasibility study and strategic partner engagement to look at barriers that ex-offenders and justice involved individuals face when trying to enter the workforce after their release from incarceration.

A selection committee comprised of SWIB members (Schedule #2) reviewed and scored the proposals (Schedule #1). The committee identified the proposal from the PCG to be the most in line with the scope and deliverables outlined and therefore ranked their submission the highest. Scoring is included as Schedule #3.

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PCG has decades of experience in conducting program evaluations, especially those focused on workforce development services including those to ex-offenders. While the public workforce system offers a multitude of resources and incentives for employers and jobseekers, there are often challenges to connect based on complexity and understanding of available assistance through federal funding, including the WIOA.

Through data-driven solutions, PCG has extensive experience in conducting studies that focus on workforce development for ex-offenders. This statewide feasibility study will address the barriers and problems that ex-offenders face when trying to re-enter the workforce and implement the findings in coordination with BEA/OWO. In addition, PCG will identify strategic partners/agencies that should be involved in the engagement sessions and explain their engagement with their partners.

In the event that Federal Funds are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



Taylor Caswell  
Commissioner

**Department of Business and Economic Affairs**  
**Office of Workforce Opportunity**  
**Statewide Workforce Evaluation RFP**  
**Written Proposal Scoring Criteria**

**Schedule #1**

Proposals were reviewed, evaluated, and scored by an evaluation committee. Evaluation of proposals were based on the following criteria for each component. Each criterion was scored according to the degree of responsiveness present in the proposal being evaluated.

1. Proposal Cover Sheet	Appendix A	Required	
2. Table of Contents	with Page Numbers	Required	
			<b>100 Point Total</b>
3. Proposal Narrative		Required	<b>80 Point Total</b>
A. Proposed Evaluation Strategy and Methods	Max. Six (6) Pages	Required	45 Points (of 80)
B. Demonstrated Ability / Past Performance – include 3 client references	Max. Three (3) Pages	Required	20 Points (of 80)
C. Timeline with Milestones	Max. Two (2) Pages	Required	10 Points (of 80)
D. Conflict of Interest	Max. One (1) Page	Required	5 Points (of 80)
4. Contractor Data Sheet	Appendix B	Required	
5. Proposal Budget		Required	<b>20 Point Total</b>
A. Budget Narrative	Max. Four (4) Pages	Required	
6. State Assurances and Certification	Appendix C	Required	
7. WIOA Assurances and Certification	Appendix D	Required	
8. Miscellaneous	Max. Three (3) Pages	Optional	

**Department of Business and Economic Affairs  
Office of Workforce Opportunity  
Statewide Workforce Evaluation RFP  
Proposal Review Committee**

**Schedule #2**

The following committee members from the State Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Board (SWIB) reviewed all proposals.

**Scorers:**

Christine Brennan, Deputy Commissioner  
Department of Education  
101 Pleasant St,  
Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 271-3802  
[Christine.M.Brennan@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Christine.M.Brennan@doe.nh.gov)

Ms. Brennan was sworn in as Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Education on October 16, 2017 and manages the internal operations of the organization. In 1987, Ms. Brennan began her career as a first grade teacher at Wilson Elementary School in Manchester School District. Later, Brennan served as assistant principal at Wilson and Jewett Street elementary schools. Ms. Brennan was reappointed to the SWIB in 2022.

Tim Sink, President  
Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce  
49 South Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
[tsink@concordnhchamber.com](mailto:tsink@concordnhchamber.com)

Mr. Sink is the current President and CEO of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, serving 950 businesses and organizations in the Capital Region. He has over 30 years of dedicated service to Concord area. Mr. Sink has a degree in Music Education from Notre Dame College and was reappointed to the SWIB in 2022.

Tamer Koheil, Center Director  
New Hampshire Job Corps Center  
943 Dunbarton Road  
Manchester, NH 03102  
[Koheil.Tamer@jobcorps.org](mailto:Koheil.Tamer@jobcorps.org)

Tamer Koheil is the Center Director at the newly established New Hampshire Job Corps Center in Manchester NH. In this capacity, he oversees all aspects of the program to ensure that quality services and performance are provided for all students and staff. The New Hampshire Job Corps Center is operated by Adams and Associates, Inc. under contract with the U.S. Department of Labor. Mr. Koheil is a 1994 Graduate of Alexandria University in Alexandria, Egypt with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, specializing in Finance. He is multi-lingual, speaking fluent Arabic, Spanish and English.

**Department of Business and Economic Affairs  
Office of Workforce Opportunity  
Statewide Workforce Evaluation RFP  
RFP Scoring Results**

**Schedule #3**

<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Average Score</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Funded (Yes/No)</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Public Consulting Group, LLC	94.33	1	Yes	\$167,159
Social Contract, LLC	89.33	2	No	\$272,100
Commonwealth Medicine, UMass Chan Medical School	81	3	No	\$314,825
Thomas P. Miller and Associates, LLC	73	4	No	\$125,000

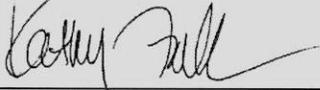
**Notice:** This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

**AGREEMENT**

The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. IDENTIFICATION.**

1.1 State Agency Name NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs		1.2 State Agency Address 100 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301	
1.3 Contractor Name Public Consulting Group LLC		1.4 Contractor Address 148 State Street, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02109	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number (317) 829-6560	1.6 Account Number 03-22-22-220510-14530000-102-500731	1.7 Completion Date April 30, 2023	1.8 Price Limitation \$ 167,159.00
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Joseph Doiron, Director, Office of Workforce Opportunity		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number (603) 271-7275	
1.11 Contractor Signature  Date: 9/28/2022		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Kathleen Fallon, Practice Area Director	
1.13 State Agency Signature  Date: 10/14/2022		1.14 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory Taylor Caswell, Commissioner, Business & Economic Affairs	
1.15 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel <i>(if applicable)</i> By: _____ Director, On: _____			
1.16 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) <i>(if applicable)</i> By: <i>/s/ Stacie M. Moesen</i> On: October 17, 2022			
1.17 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council <i>(if applicable)</i> G&C Item number: _____ G&C Meeting Date: _____			

**2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED.** The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

**3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.**

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement as indicated in block 1.17, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.13 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds affected by any state or federal legislative or executive action that reduces, eliminates or otherwise modifies the appropriation or availability of funding for this Agreement and the Scope for Services provided in EXHIBIT B, in whole or in part. In no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to reduce or terminate the Services under this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such reduction or termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account or source to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

**5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/PAYMENT.**

5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete

compensation to the Contractor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Contractor other than the contract price.

5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

**6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/ EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.**

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws. In addition, if this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all federal executive orders, rules, regulations and statutes, and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor shall also comply with all applicable intellectual property laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.

6.3. The Contractor agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**7. PERSONNEL.**

7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Contractor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subcontractor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.

7.3 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

**8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.**

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

- 8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;
- 8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or
- 8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely cured, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;

8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;

8.2.3 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or

8.2.4 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default, treat the Agreement as breached, terminate the Agreement and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

8.3. No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event of Default, or any subsequent Event of Default. No express failure to enforce any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other Event of Default on the part of the Contractor.

**9. TERMINATION.**

9.1 Notwithstanding paragraph 8, the State may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement for any reason, in whole or in part, by thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

9.2 In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall, at the State's discretion, deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in the attached EXHIBIT B. In addition, at the State's discretion, the Contractor shall, within 15 days of notice of early termination, develop and

submit to the State a Transition Plan for services under the Agreement.

**10. DATA/ACCESS/CONFIDENTIALITY/PRESERVATION.**

10.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

10.2 All data and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

10.3 Confidentiality of data shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A or other existing law. Disclosure of data requires prior written approval of the State.

**11. CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

**12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.**

12.1 The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written notice, which shall be provided to the State at least fifteen (15) days prior to the assignment, and a written consent of the State. For purposes of this paragraph, a Change of Control shall constitute assignment. "Change of Control" means (a) merger, consolidation, or a transaction or series of related transactions in which a third party, together with its affiliates, becomes the direct or indirect owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting shares or similar equity interests, or combined voting power of the Contractor, or (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Contractor.

12.2 None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without prior written notice and consent of the State. The State is entitled to copies of all subcontracts and assignment agreements and shall not be bound by any provisions contained in a subcontract or an assignment agreement to which it is not a party.

**13. INDEMNIFICATION.** Unless otherwise exempted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all claims, liabilities and costs for any personal injury or property damages, patent or copyright infringement, or other claims asserted against the State, its officers or employees, which arise out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omission of the

Contractor, or subcontractors, including but not limited to the negligence, reckless or intentional conduct. The State shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor arising under this paragraph 13. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

#### 14. INSURANCE.

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and continuously maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 commercial general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate or excess; and

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all property subject to subparagraph 10.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Contractor shall also furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration date of each insurance policy. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference.

#### 15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("*Workers' Compensation*").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

**16. NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

**17. AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless no such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

**18. CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM.** This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party. Any actions arising out of this Agreement shall be brought and maintained in New Hampshire Superior Court which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

**19. CONFLICTING TERMS.** In the event of a conflict between the terms of this P-37 form (as modified in EXHIBIT A) and/or attachments and amendment thereof, the terms of the P-37 (as modified in EXHIBIT A) shall control.

**20. THIRD PARTIES.** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

**21. HEADINGS.** The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

**22. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** Additional or modifying provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A are incorporated herein by reference.

**23. SEVERABILITY.** In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

**24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

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EXHIBIT A

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SPECIAL PROVISIONS

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines governing the fiscal administration of federally funded programs defines the role of Public Consulting Group LLC (PCG) under this Agreement as that of a "Contractor" of federal funds (versus a subrecipient). Therefore, applicable OMB guidelines governing the role of a contractor shall be applied to PCG through this Agreement.

Business and Economic Affairs, a department within New Hampshire State government describes the legal document used to implement this service Agreement a "contract" for services. Therefore, all State contract rules and procedures shall be applied to PCG through this Agreement.

As a condition of this contract agreement, PCG (herein after referred to as "the Contractor") covenants and agrees that all funds received by the Contractor under this Agreement shall be used only as payment to the Contractor for the design and implementation of a statewide Study to look at barriers that ex-offenders and justice involved individuals face when trying to enter the workforce after their release from incarceration, in the furtherance of the aforesaid covenants, the Contractor hereby covenants and agrees to:

1. **Gratuities or Kickbacks:** The Contractor agrees that it is a breach of this Agreement to accept or make a payment, gratuity or offer of employment on behalf of the Contractor, any sub-contractor or contractor of the Contractor or the State in order to influence the performance of the Scope of Services detailed in Exhibit B of this Agreement. The State may terminate this Agreement and any sub-agreement if it is determined that payments, gratuities or offers of employment of any kind were offered or received by any officials, officers, employees or agents of the Contractor, or sub-contractor or contractor of the Contractor.
2. **Retroactive Payments:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Agreement or in any other document, Agreement or understanding, it is expressly understood and agreed by the parties hereto, that no payments will be made hereunder to reimburse the Contractor for costs incurred for any purpose or for any services provided to any individual prior to the effective date of the Agreement.
3. **Confidentiality of Records:** The Contractor agrees to maintain WIOA participant confidentiality to the extent that they have direct contact with WIOA eligible customers in the course of carrying out the responsibilities outlined in the scope of services in Exhibit B. In addition, information regarding participants and their immediate families that may be obtained through application forms, interviews, tests, reports from public agencies or counselors, or any other source in accordance with the Personally Identifiable Information policy and procedure. Without the permission of the applicant/participant such information shall be divulged only as necessary for purposes related to the performance or evaluation of this Agreement, and to persons having responsibilities under the Agreement:
  - (a) The Contractor is responsible for taking reasonable steps to ensure the physical security of such data under its control.
  - (b) The Contractor is responsible for ensuring each of its employees, vendors or contractors being involved with personal data or other confidential information are informed in the laws and regulations relating to confidentiality.

- (c) Each employee funded through this Agreement shall be required to sign a confidentiality statement provided by the Contractor and kept on file.
- 4. Funds from this contract or the products developed with funds from this contract with similar deliverables shall not be used to supplant, supplement or otherwise offset costs for other similar federal contracts held by Public Consulting Group LLC.
- 5. **Veterans' Priority Provisions:** The contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of the "Jobs for Veterans Act" (JVA), Public Law 107-288 (38 USC 4215), as implemented by the Final Rule published on December 19, 2008 at 73 Fed. Reg. 78132. The JVA provides priority of service to veterans and spouses of eligible veterans for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services. Priority of service for veterans is a condition of receipt of US DOL funds.
- 6. **Buy American Notice Requirement:** To the greatest extent practicable, and the extent to which purchases are allowable in this Agreement, the contractor agrees to purchase American made equipment and products. (See WIOA Section 505-Buy American Requirements).
- 7. **Salary and Bonus Limitations:**
  - (a) No funds available under this Agreement may be used by a recipient or contractor of such funds to pay the salary and bonuses of an individual, either as direct costs or indirect costs, at a rate in excess of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level II of the Executive Schedule under 5 U.S.C. 5313, which can be found at <https://www.opm.gov/>.
  - (b) In instances where funds awarded under this agreement pay only a portion of the salary or bonus, the WIOA Adult funds may only be charged for the share of the employee's salary or bonus attributable to the work performed on the WIOA Adult grant. That portion cannot exceed the proportional Executive level II rate. The restriction applies to the sum of salaries and bonuses charged as either direct costs or indirect costs under WIOA Adult.
  - (c) The limitation described in paragraph (a) of this section will not apply to contractors (as defined in 2 CFR 200.23) providing goods and services.
  - (d) When an individual is working for the same recipient or Contractor in multiple offices that are funded by Title I of WIOA or the Wagner-Peyser Act, the recipient or Contractor must ensure that the sum of the individual's salary and bonus does not exceed the prescribed limit in paragraph (a) of this section.
- 8. **Intellectual Property Rights:** The Federal Government reserves a paid-up, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use for federal purposes:
  - i) the copyright in all products developed under the grant, including a sub grant or contract under the grant or sub grant, and;
  - ii) rights of copyright to which the grantee, sub grantee or a contractor purchases ownership under an award (including, but not limited to, curricula, training models, technical assistance products, and any related materials) Such uses include, but are not limited to, the right to modify and distribute such products worldwide by any means, electronically or otherwise.

iii) Federal funds may not be used to pay any royalty or licensing fee associated with such copyrighted material, although they may be used to pay costs for obtaining a copy, which is limited to the developer/seller costs of copying and shipping. If revenues are generated through selling products developed with Agreement funds, including intellectual property, these revenues are program income. Program Income is added to the Agreement and must be expended for allowable Agreement activities.

9. If applicable, the following language needs to be included on all products developed, in whole or in part, with grant funds in accordance WIOA law:

*"This workforce product was funded by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. This product was created by the grantee and does not necessarily reflect the official position of the U.S. Department of Labor. The Department of Labor makes no guarantees, warranties, or assurances of any kind, express or implied, with respect to such information, including any information on linked sites and including, but not limited to, accuracy of the information or its completeness, timeliness, usefulness, adequacy, continued availability, or ownership. The institution that created it copyrights this product. Internal use by an organization and/or personal use by an individual for non-commercial purposes is permissible. All other uses require the prior authorization of the copyright owner."*

10. **Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement:** If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401-2 (a) and the recipient or sub-recipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or sub-recipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

11. **Requirement to Provide Certain Information in Public Communications "Stevens Amendment"** (Public Law 116-94, Division A, Title V, Section 505): Pursuant to P.L. 116-94, Division A, Title V, Section 505, when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with Federal money, all non-Federal entities receiving Federal funds shall clearly state:

- i. The percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with Federal money;
- ii. The dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program; and
- iii. The percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by non-governmental sources.

The requirements of this part are separate from those in the 2 CFR part 200 and, when applicable, both must be complied with.

12. **Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension:** (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689) - A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

- (a) The Contractor shall certify by signature to this agreement that to the best of their knowledge, neither the Contractor nor any of its principals:
- i. are presently or have been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by a Federal Agency or State Agency;
  - ii. have within a five-year period preceding this agreement been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud, a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or Agreement under a public transaction, violation of antitrust statutes; commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - iii. are presently indicted for or criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with the commission of any of the offenses enumerated in (b) of this certification; and
  - iv. have not within a three-year period preceding this agreement had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause.
13. **Compliance with the Clean Air Act** (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended: Contracts and sub-grants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
14. **Compliance with Procurement of recovered materials:** The Contractor shall certify by signature to this agreement that they shall comply with Solid Waste Disposal Act to the extent that such provisions may apply to this agreement. See §200.322 Procurement of recovered materials. A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section. 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines. [78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75888, Dec. 19, 2014).
15. **Breach of Contract:** Contracts and sub-awards for more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold currently set at \$250,000, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors/contractors violate or breach contract terms. The Contractor agrees to comply with the terms and conditions as set forth in the State Contract P-37 document #8, which provides for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.
16. All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity. In addition to the Event of Default/Remedies as outlined in number eight (8) of the NH P-37 Contract Document; BEA/OWO by thirty (30) day written notice, may terminate this agreement, in whole or in part, when it is in the best interests of BEA/OWO. For supplies, the Contractor shall be compensated in accordance with its auditable costs to point or notification of termination. For services, BEA/OWO shall be liable only for payment in accordance with the payment provisions of the agreement for the actual services rendered to the effective date of the termination.

17. **Equal Employment Opportunity.** As a condition to the award of financial assistance from the Department of Labor under Title I of WIOA, the Contractor assures that it has the ability to comply with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions of the following laws and will remain in compliance for the duration of the award of federal financial assistance:
- (a) Section 188 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which prohibits discrimination against all individuals in the United States on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions, transgender status, and gender identity), national origin (including limited English proficiency), age, disability, or political affiliation or belief, or against beneficiaries on the basis of either citizenship status or participation in any WIOA Title I-financially assisted program or activity;
  - (b) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the bases of race, color and national origin;
  - (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities;
  - (d) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;
  - (e) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs.
  - (f) Compliance with 29 CFR part 38 and all other regulations implementing the laws listed above.
  - (g) The Contractor shall agree by signature to this agreement to comply with the requirement to include equal opportunity clause outlined below. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.
18. During the performance of this Agreement, the Contractor agrees as follows:
- (a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
  - (b) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

- (c) The Contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
  - (d) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
  - (e) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
  - (f) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to their books, records, and accounts by the awarding agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
  - (g) In the event of the Contractor's non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Agreement or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this Agreement may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
  - (h) The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every sub award or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each sub awardee or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any sub-award or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: *provided*, however, that in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a sub awardee or vendor as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.
19. **Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148):** The Contractor shall certify by signature to this agreement that they are familiar with the Davis-Bacon Act and shall comply with the provisions of this act to the extent it is or becomes applicable to this agreement. When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors/subrecipients must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a

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rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors/subrecipients must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or sub award must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts or sub awards must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or sub-recipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

20. **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act** (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708): The Contractor shall certify by signature to this agreement that they are familiar with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and shall comply with the provisions of this act to the extent it is or becomes applicable to this agreement. Where applicable, all contracts and sub awards awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor/subrecipient must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
21. **Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment** (31 U.S.C. 1352): Contractors/Subrecipients that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.
22. **Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment:** The Contractor agrees to comply with Public Law 115-232, section 889 regarding the prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment and agrees to not use any covered equipment or services produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities). (See 2 CFR § 200.216).

**EXHIBIT B**

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**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Agreement Period: **Effective upon Governor & Council Approval – April 30, 2023**

Contractor: Public Consulting Group LLC

This Agreement for services between PCG and Department of Business and Economic Affairs, Office of Workforce Opportunity (OWO) will be for a **term effective upon Governor & Council Approval and terminating on April 30, 2023**, as approved by the Governor and Executive Council.

Total payments under this Agreement **shall not exceed \$167,159.00** and shall be expended consistent with the payment schedule in Exhibit C.

The contractor will complete a Return to Community Strategic Partner Engagement and Study to look at barriers that ex-offenders and justice involved individuals face when trying to enter the workforce after their release from incarceration. There are two main components: strategic partner engagement and a feasibility study. The results of these two components will be used to decide on whether a Return to Community program is needed. If needed, the information gathered will be used to design a program that addresses the workforce needs of this population.

In addition, the contractor will identify strategic partners/agencies that should be involved in the engagement and explain how the contractor will engage with the partners. The contractor will design and implement a study that would address the barriers and problems that ex-offenders face when trying to re-enter the workforce. The contractor will also Evaluate the current NH workforce system and identify the needs of both ex-offenders and businesses as well as identify gaps in the system as well as identify and map existing programs serving ex-offenders and justice involved individuals. Additionally, the contractor will Provide a set of practical recommendations and draft language for program design that the SWIB can utilize to design the Return to Community program and develop a strategy for implementation of action items identified.

Funds authorized under this Agreement are for the sole purpose of implementing a Statewide Return to Community Strategic Partner Engagement and shall not be used for any purpose other than those activities identified in SECTION 3 — Proposed Scope of Work outlined in RFP #DBEA 2023-03, released 8/3/2022 – and/or in accordance with US DOL WIOA program rules and regulations.

**Deliverables**

1. PCG will be responsible for all deliverables specified in the RFP and all deliverables shall be implemented consistent with the process and procedures outlined in the proposal submitted by PCG in response to the RFP, all of which are incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
2. PCG will conduct focus groups with different state, local and community groups as well as individuals and businesses throughout New Hampshire to garner a better understanding of the barriers that formerly incarcerated individuals face.
3. PCG will complete the evaluation and provide the analysis of the barriers faced by ex-offenders and businesses no later than April 30, 2023. This final written report will describe, among other things, the research methodology, findings, conclusion, and recommendations from the evaluation.
4. PCG will update OWO staff as to the progress towards meeting the objectives and deliverables.

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5. PCG will conduct monthly update calls throughout the period of performance. These calls will provide updates and next steps for the project as well as provide an opportunity for feedback on the work being done and any adjustments that need to be made.
6. PCG will present at a SWIB meeting (TBD) progress toward meeting the objectives and deliverables.
7. PCG will submit and present a final report to the SWIB at the April 2023 Board meeting (TBD).
8. PCG will present the findings and recommendations of the final report to OWO staff.

**Timeline**

To achieve all outcomes, the following timeline is planned for PCG. All dates are tentative and contingent upon the contract award date. Unexpected delays that will result in changes to the timeline will be communicated in writing to OWO.

	2022			2023			
Month	10	11	12	1	2	3	4
Task 1: Identify Strategic Partners							
Task 2: Develop Study							
Task 3: Conduct Study							
Task 4: Create Asset Map							
Task 5: Develop Recommendations							
Task 6: Develop Implementation Strategy							
Task 7: Project Management							

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**EXHIBIT C**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT**

Agreement Period: **Effective upon Governor & Council Approval - April 30, 2023**

Contractor: Public Consulting Group LLC

This Agreement for services between PCG and Department of Business and Economic Affairs, Office of Workforce Opportunity (OWO) will be for a **term effective upon Governor & Council Approval and terminating on April 30, 2023**, as approved by the Governor and Executive Council.

Total payments under this Agreement **shall not exceed \$167,159.00** as reflected below and shall be expended consistent with the payment schedule.

1. Subject to PCG's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and for services provided consistent with the Scope of Services as outlined in Exhibit B and the RFP, BEA/OWO shall **compensate PCG up to a maximum total payment of \$ 167,159.00.**
2. Payments for services are **subject to satisfactory completion of deliverables as outlined in Exhibit B.** PCG will receive final payment upon the acceptance of the Final Report by BEA/OWO.
3. See below the proposed payment schedule. Scheduled activities may fluctuate, which may change the actual invoice amount. In total, invoiced amounts shall not exceed \$167,159.00
  - a. At a minimum, all invoices shall be submitted in a format that includes the contractor's organization information, date of the invoice, due date, an invoice number, the services provided, the time period under which those services were provided, and the amount due.
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Task	Estimated Hours	Cost
Tasks 1 & 2: Identify Strategic Partners and Develop Study	185	\$ 24,560.00
Tasks 3 & 4: Conduct Study & Create Asset Map	418	\$ 87,569.00
Tasks 5 & 6: Develop Recommendations and Implementation Strategy	190	\$ 55,030.00
Total:		\$ 167,159.00

4. An authorized representative of the contractor must sign request(s) for payment.
5. Payments may be withheld pending receipt of required deliverables as defined in Exhibit B of this contract.

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6. Request(s) for payment for services performed shall be payable to PCG in accordance with the State of NH's 30-day statutory payment schedule.

Invoices shall be sent to:           Nora.A.Noble-Christoff@livefree.nh.gov  
Office of Workforce Opportunity  
100 N. Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Payment shall be made to:       Public Consulting Group LLC  
148 State Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02109

14. PCG shall maintain sufficient documentation on file in their offices to support invoice, funds, and make such documentation available for review by authorized BEA/OWO staff and/or its auditors, as necessary.
15. BEA/OWO reserves the right to request ad hoc financial information in the event further information is needed to evaluate program effectiveness as deemed reasonable and necessary by BEA/OWO and/or the State of New Hampshire.
16. PCG shall adhere to all fiscal management policies and procedures stipulated in the body of this Agreement, and all other applicable WIOA, federal, State and BEA/OWO cash management regulations and policies.
17. PCG is solely responsible for paying to BEA/OWO any disallowed costs associated with the misappropriation of federal funds. Disallowed costs may not be paid with federal funds, regardless of the funding source.
18. BEA/OWO reserves the right to increase and/or decrease Agreement funds subject to continued availability of federal funds, satisfactory performance of services, and approval by the Governor and Executive Council.
19. PCG use of funds in this Agreement must be in accordance with any applicable Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program assurances.
20. PCG is prohibited from using federal funds awarded under this Agreement for the following items and/or activities: automobiles; lobbying; real property and improvements; cost of interest payments; membership dues; professional license; annual professional dues or fees; finance charges, late fees or penalties; and depreciation charges. This is not intended to be an all-inclusive list.
21. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the PCG agrees that funding under this agreement may be withheld, in whole or in part, in the event of non-compliance with any Federal or State law, rule or regulation applicable to the services provided, or if the said services or products have not been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the terms and conditions, of this agreement.

EXHIBIT D

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying, and 31 U.S.C. 1352, and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - CONTRACTORS

Programs (indicate applicable program covered): **Title I Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Programs**

Agreement Period: **Effective upon Governor & Council Approval through April 20, 2023**

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- 1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement (and by specific mention sub-grantee or sub-contractor).
- 2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement (and by specific mention sub-grantee or sub-contractor), the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, (Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions, attached and identified as Standard Exhibit E-I.)
- 3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award document for sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.



Kathleen Fallon, Practice Area Director

(Contractor Representative Signature)

(Authorized Contractor Representative Name & Title)

Public Consulting Group LLC (PCG)

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(Contractor Name)

(Date)

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**EXHIBIT E**

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION  
AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Executive Office of the President, Executive Order 12549 and 45 CFR Part 76 regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters, and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION**

1. By signing and submitting this proposal (contract), the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. If necessary, the prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when BEA determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, BEA may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to B E A to whom this proposal (contract) is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549: 45 CFR Part 76. See the attached definitions.
6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal (contract) that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by BEA.
7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or involuntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Non-procurement List (of excluded parties).

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9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, BEA may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

**PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

1. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
  - a. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
  - b. have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal (contract) been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or a contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - c. are not presently indicted for otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (l)(b) of this certification; and
  - d. have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (contract).

**LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

By signing and submitting this lower tier proposal (contract), the prospective lower tier participant, as defined in 45 CFR Part 76, certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- (a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.
- (b) where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the above, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (contract).

The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal (contract) that it will include this clause entitled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

  
(Contractor Representative Signature)

Kathleen Fallon, Practice Area Director  
(Authorized Contractor Representative Name & Title)

Public Consulting Group LLC (PCG)  
(Contractor Name)

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EXHIBIT F

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING  
COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT  
OF 1973, as  
AMENDED AND AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990**

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees by signature of the Contractor's representative as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions, to execute the following certification:

The Contractor hereby agrees that it will comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and American's with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and all requirements imposed by the applicable regulations (45 CFR Part 84) and guidelines and interpretations issued pursuant thereto.

Pursuant to subsection 84.5(a) of the regulations (45 CFR 84.5(a)), the Contractor gives this Assurance in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all federal grants, loans, contracts, (except procurement contracts and contracts of insurance or guaranty), property, discounts, or other federal financial assistance extended by BEA/OWO after the date of this Assurance, including payments or other assistance made after such date on applications for federal financial assistance that were approved before such date. The Contractor recognizes and agrees that such federal financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representation and agreements made in this Assurance and that the United States will have the right to enforce this Assurance through lawful means. This Assurance is binding on the Contractor, its successors, transferees, and assignees, and the person or person whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this Assurance on behalf of the recipient.

This Assurance obligates the recipient for the period during which federal financial assistance is extended to it by BEA/OWO or, where the assistance is in the form of real property. For the period provided for in subsection 84.5(b) of the regulation (45 CFR 84.5(b)).

  
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(Contractor Representative Signature) Kathleen Fallon, Practice Area Director  
(Authorized Contractor Representative Name & Title)

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(Contractor Name) Public Consulting Group LLC (PCG) 9/28/2022  
(Date)

EXHIBIT G

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT  
BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions of the Agreement agrees to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191 and with the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 and those parts of the HITECH Act applicable to business associates. As defined herein, "Business Associate" shall mean the Contractor and subcontractors and agents of the Contractor that receive, use or have access to protected health information under this Agreement and "Covered Entity" shall mean the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services.

**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

(1) **Definitions.**

- a. "Breach" shall have the same meaning as the term "Breach" in Title XXX, Subtitle D. Sec. 13400.
- b. "Business Associate" has the meaning given such term in section 160.103 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- c. "Covered Entity" has the meaning given such term in section 160.103 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- d. "Designated Record Set" shall have the same meaning as the term "designated record set" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- e. "Data Aggregation" shall have the same meaning as the term "data aggregation" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- f. "Health Care Operations" shall have the same meaning as the term "health care operations" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- g. "HITECH Act" means the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Title XIII, Subtitle D, Part 1 & 2 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- h. "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 and the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160, 162 and 164.
- i. "Individual" shall have the same meaning as the term "individual" in 45 CFR Section 164.501 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.501(g).
- j. "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, promulgated under HIPAA by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- k. "Protected Health Information" shall have the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 CFR Section 164.501, limited to the information created or received by Business

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Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity.

- l. "Required by Law" shall have the same meaning as the term "required by law" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- m. "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his/her designee.
- n. "Security Rule" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart C, and amendments thereto.
- o. "Unsecured Protected Health Information" means protected health information that is not secured by a technology standard that renders protected health information unusable, unreasonable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and is developed or endorsed by a standards developing organization that is accredited by the American National Standards Institute.
- p. Other Definitions - All terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning established under 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164, as amended from time to time, and the HITECH Act.

(2) **Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information.**

- a. Business Associate shall not use, disclose, maintain or transmit Protected Health Information (PHI) except as reasonably necessary to provide the services outlined under Exhibit A of the Agreement. Further, the Business Associate shall not, and shall ensure that its directors, officers, employees and agents, do not use, disclose, maintain or transmit PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy and Security Rule.
- b. Business Associate may use or disclose PHI:
  - i. For the proper management and administration of the Business Associate;
  - ii. As required by law, pursuant to the terms set forth in paragraph d. below; or
  - iii. For data aggregation purposes for the health care operations of Covered Entity.
- a. To the extent Business Associate is permitted under the Agreement to disclose PHI to a third party, Business Associate must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable assurances from the third party that such PHI will be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the third party; and (ii) an agreement from such third party to notify Business Associate, in accordance with the HITECH Act, Subtitle D, Part 1, Sec. 13402 of any breaches of the confidentiality of the PHI, to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such breach.
- b. The Business Associate shall not, unless such disclosure is reasonably necessary to provide services under Exhibit B of the Agreement, disclose any PHI in response to a request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, without first notifying Covered Entity so that Covered Entity has an opportunity to object to the disclosure and to seek appropriate relief. If Covered Entity objects to such disclosure, the Business Associate shall refrain from disclosing the PHI until Covered Entity has exhausted all remedies.
- c. If the Covered Entity notifies the Business Associate that Covered Entity has agreed to be bound by additional restrictions over and above those uses or disclosures or security safeguards of PHI pursuant to the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall be bound by such additional restrictions and shall not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and shall abide by any additional security safeguards.

(3) **Obligations and Activities of Business Associate.**

- a. Business Associate shall report to the designated Privacy Officer of Covered Entity, in writing, any use or disclosure of PHI in violation of the Agreement, including any security incident involving Covered Entity data, in accordance with the HITECH Act, Subtitle D, Part 1, Sec. 13402.
- b. The Business Associate shall comply with all sections of the Privacy and Security Rule as set forth in, the HITECH Act, Subtitle D, Part 1, Sec. 13401, and Sec.13404.
- c. Business Associate shall make available all of its internal policies and procedures, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity to the Secretary for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule.
- d. Business Associate shall require all of its business associates that receive, use or have access to PHI under the Agreement, to agree in writing to adhere to the same restrictions and conditions on the use and disclosure of PHI contained herein, including the duty to return or destroy the PHI as provided under Section (3) b and (3) k herein. The Covered Entity shall be considered a direct third-party beneficiary of the Contractor's business associate agreements with Contractor's intended business associates, who will be receiving PHI pursuant to this Agreement, with rights of enforcement and indemnification from such business associates who shall be governed by standard provision #13 of this Agreement for the purpose of use and disclosure of protected health information.
- e. Within five (5) business days of receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall make available during normal business hours at its offices all records, books, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use and disclosure of PHI to the Covered Entity, for purposes of enabling Covered Entity to determine Business Associate's compliance with the terms of the Agreement.
- f. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall provide access to PHI in a Designated Record Set to the Covered Entity, or as directed by Covered Entity, to an individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR Section 164.524.
- g. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for an amendment of PHI or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, the Business Associate shall make such PHI available to Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under 45 CFR Section 164.526.
- h. Business Associate shall document such disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
- i. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for a request for an accounting of disclosures of PHI, Business Associate shall make available to Covered Entity such information as Covered Entity may require to fulfill its obligations to provide an accounting of disclosures with respect to PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.

- j. In the event any individual requests access to, amendment of, or accounting of PHI directly from the Business Associate, the Business Associate shall within two (2) business days forward such request to Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall have the responsibility of responding to forwarded requests. However, if forwarding the individual's request to Covered Entity would cause Covered Entity or the Business Associate to violate HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall instead respond to the individual's request as required by such law and notify Covered Entity of such response as soon as practicable.
- k. Within ten (10) business days of termination of the Agreement, for any reason, the Business Associate shall return or destroy, as specified by Covered Entity; all PHI received from or created or received by the Business Associate in connection with the Agreement and shall not retain any copies or back-up tapes of such PHI. If return or destruction is not feasible, or the disposition of the PHI has been otherwise agreed to in the Agreement, Business Associate shall continue to extend the protections of the Agreement, to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such PHI. If Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, requires that the Business Associate destroy any or all PHI, the Business Associate shall certify to Covered Entity that the PHI has been destroyed.

**(4) Obligations of Covered Entity**

- a. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any changes or limitation(s) in its Notice of Privacy Practices provided to individuals in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.520, to the extent that such change or limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- b. Covered Entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of permission provided to Covered Entity by individuals whose PHI may be used or disclosed by Business Associate under this Agreement, pursuant to 45 CFR Section 164.506 or 45 CFR Section 164.508.
- c. Covered entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any restrictions on the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

**(5) Termination for Cause**

In addition to standard provision #10 of this Agreement the Covered Entity may immediately terminate the Agreement upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a breach by Business Associate of the Business Associate Agreement set forth herein as Exhibit G. The Covered Entity may either immediately terminate the Agreement or provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the alleged breach within a timeframe specified by Covered Entity. If Covered Entity determines that neither termination nor cure is feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary.

**(6) Miscellaneous**

- a. Definitions and Regulatory References. All terms used, but not otherwise defined herein, shall have the same meaning as those terms in the Privacy and Security Rule, and the HITECH Act as amended from time to time. A reference in the Agreement, as amended to include this Exhibit G, to a Section in the Privacy and Security Rule means the Section as in effect or as amended.
- b. Amendment. Covered Entity and Business Associate agree to take such action as is necessary to amend the Agreement, from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the

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changes in the requirements of HIPAA, the Privacy and Security Rule, and applicable federal and state law.

- c. Data Ownership. The Business Associate acknowledges that it has no ownership rights with respect to the PHI provided by or created on behalf of Covered Entity.
- d. Interpretation. The parties agree that any ambiguity in the Agreement shall be resolved to permit Covered Entity to comply with HIPAA, the Privacy and Security Rule and the HITECH Act.
- e. Segregation. If any term or condition of this Exhibit G or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms or conditions which can be given effect without the invalid term or condition; to this end the terms and conditions of this Exhibit G are declared severable.
- f. Survival. Provisions in this Exhibit G regarding the use and disclosure of PHI, return or destruction of PHI, extensions of the protections of the Agreement in section 3 k, the defense and indemnification provisions of section 3 d and standard contract provision #13, shall survive the termination of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Exhibit G.

NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs  
(State Agency Name)

Public Consulting Group LLC (PCG)  
(Contractor Name)



(Signature of Authorized Representative)

(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Taylor Caswell, Commissioner  
(Name of Authorized Representative)

Kathleen Fallon, Practice Area Director  
(Name of Authorized Representative)

10/14/2022

9/28/2022

(Date)

(Date)

EXHIBIT H

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE  
WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS**

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Sections 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

**ALTERNATIVE I - FOR GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS**

**US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - CONTRACTORS**

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Sections 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701 et seq.). The January 31, 1989 regulations were amended and published as Part II of the May 25, 1990 Federal Register (pages 21681-21691), and require certification by grantees (and by inference, sub-grantees and sub-contractors), prior to award, that they will maintain a drug-free workplace. The certificate set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. False certification or violation of the certification shall be grounds for suspension of payments, suspension or termination of grants, or government wide suspension or debarment. Contractors using this form should send it to: NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs, Office of Workforce Opportunity, 100 North Main Street, Suite 100, Concord, NH 03301.

- (A) The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:
- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
  - (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about—
    - (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
    - (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
    - (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
    - (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
  - (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
  - (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will—
    - (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
    - (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
  - (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice

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of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

- (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted—
  - (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
  - (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

(B) The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant.

Place of Performance: **148 State Street, 10th floor, Boston, MA 02109**

Period Covered by this Certification: **From: Effective upon Governor & Council Approval  
To: April 30, 2023**

Contractor Name: **Public Consulting Group LLC**

Name & Title of Authorized Representative: **Kathleen Fallon, Practice Area Director**

Representative Signature:



Date: **9/28/2022**

EXHIBIT I

STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Every client has the right to privacy and confidentiality of his or her record. Information contained in an individual's case record is designated confidential under state and federal law.

All staff and employees of the Department of Business and Economic Affairs, Office of Workforce Opportunity (BEA/OWO), including agencies under agreement with BEA/OWO, are under an equal obligation to treat as confidential any information they may acquire, by any means, about an applicant, a recipient or former recipient.

The fact that an individual is a current or past participant in any US Department of Labor funded program administered by BEA/OWO is considered confidential information. Information about a client may be shared among staff of BEA/OWO (or contract agency) only as is necessary for the administration of the program(s) from which the individual is receiving services.

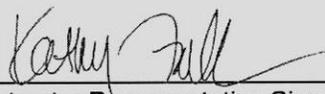
No information is to be shared outside of BEA/OWO (or the contractor) with anyone except with the informed written authorization of the client or the person authorized to give consent on the client's behalf. Clients must be advised of the information that will be shared and the time period this sharing will take place.

The Contractor and BEA/OWO shall share information with one another that is related to the service(s) provided and administration of the program as described in the contract without an additional release.

Without a specific release, discussions cannot include mention of any client names or facts that would identify an individual. Information cannot be given over the phone unless it is given directly to the client or an individual whom the client has designated, in writing, to act in their behalf. This prohibition applies to police officers, legislators, lawyers and others who assert a need to know confidential information. All third parties must provide written authorization of the client to discuss or receive confidential information.

Breaches of confidentiality will be regarded as a serious offense and grounds for disciplinary action.

The Contractor agrees to ensure that a signed confidentiality form is placed in the personnel file of all staff funded with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds.

	Kathleen Fallon, Practice Area Director
_____ (Contractor Representative Signature)	_____ (Authorized Contractor Representative Name & Title)
Public Consulting Group LLC (PCG)	9/28/2022
_____ (Contractor Name)	_____ (Date)

# State of New Hampshire

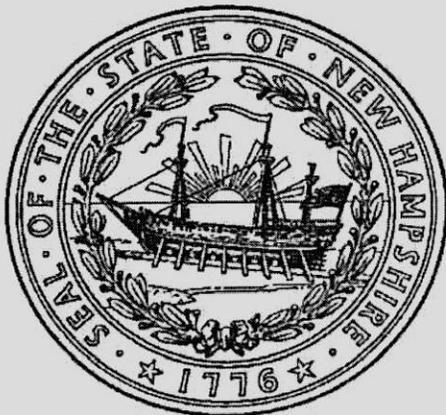
## Department of State

### CERTIFICATE

I, David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP LLC is a Delaware Limited Liability Company registered to transact business in New Hampshire on January 30, 1987. I further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: 104752

Certificate Number: 0005755135



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed  
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,  
this 11th day of April A.D. 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Scanlan".

David M. Scanlan  
Secretary of State

**Limited Partnership or LLC Certification of Authority**

I, Kathy Fallon, hereby certify that I am a Partner, Member or  
(Name)  
Manager of Public Consulting Group LLC a limited liability partnership  
(Name of Partnership or LLC)

under RSA 304-C.

I certify that I am authorized to bind the partnership or LLC. I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence that the person listed above currently occupies the position indicated and that they have fully authority to bind the partnership or LLC and that this authorization shall remain valid for thirty (30) days from the date of this Corporate Resolution.

DATED: 10/27/2022

Kathy Fallon  
ATTEST: Kathy Fallon Director of Practice Area  
(Name & Title)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
County of Suffolk

Signed or attested before me on 27th day of October 2022  
by Kathy Fallon (name(s) of person(s)).

Ian L. Hickey  
(Signature of notarial officer)  
(Seal, if any)



Notary Public, State of New Hampshire  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_  
(This may be a stamp)

