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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF ECONOMIC STABILITY

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January 26, 2024

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Economic Stability, to enter into a contract with Brodsky Research, LLC (VC #482804), Longmont, CO in the amount of \$50,000 to analyze the market rates and cost of providing child care in New Hampshire and providing one (1) Child Care Market Report and one (1) Child Care Narrow Cost Analysis Study Report, with the option to renew for up to one (1) additional year, effective upon Governor and Council approval through December 31, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are available in the following account for State Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, with the authority to adjust budget line items within the price limitation and encumbrances between state fiscal years through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

05-95-42-421110-29780000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: HUMAN SERVICES, CHILD DEVELOPMENT, CHILD CARE DVLP-QUALITY ASSURE

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total Amount
2024	102-500731	Contracts for Opr Svc	42117810	\$45,000
2025	102-500731	Contracts for Opr Svc	42117810	\$5,000
			Total	\$50,000

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is for the Contractor to evaluate the cost of child care and the rates charged to families for care. This data will aid in setting the NH Child Care Scholarship reimbursement rates. In addition, the Narrow Cost Analysis Report will help identify the State's true cost of child care for both child care providers and families. The Market Rate Report and Narrow Cost Analysis Report are required pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 45 98.45 and Federal statute, 42 USC 9858c(c)(4)(A). The State is required to establish payment rates for child care assistance that are sufficient to ensure equal access to child care services for eligible children that are comparable to those provided to families that are not eligible to receive child care assistance. Further, 45 CFR 98.45(b)(2) requires that the State summarize how

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payment rates are adequately based on the most recent market rates or alternative methodology conducted no earlier than two (2) years prior to the submission date of the current New Hampshire State Child Care and Development Fund Plan. The Child Care Development Block Grant Act of 2014, authorizes the Child Care and Development Fund program, which is administered by the Department, to identify in its state plan, how funds are used when providing financial assistance to eligible families to access child care.

Access to reliable child care is essential for parents eligible to receive subsidies through the NH Child Care Scholarship Program so they can go to work, school and participate in structured job search activities. Access to reliable child care services, can promote children's learning and healthy development. Eligible families benefit from the continuance of available child care subsidies available through the NH Child Care Scholarship Program.

The Department will monitor services by ensuring the Contractor is adhering to the Department-approved work plan and by working with the Contractor to ensure analysis is reliable and can be used by the Department to determine the true cost of child care, and to make an informed recommendation regarding child care provider reimbursement rates statewide.

The Department selected the Contractor through a competitive bid process using a Request for Applications (RFA) that was posted on the Department's website from December 6, 2023 through January 2, 2024. The Department received one (1) response that was reviewed and scored by a team of qualified individuals. The Scoring Sheet is attached.

As referenced in Exhibit A, General Provisions, of the attached agreement, the parties have the option to extend the agreement for up one (1) additional year, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties and Governor and Council approval.

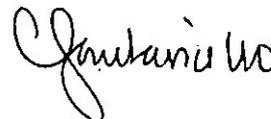
Should the Governor and Executive Council not authorize this request, the State would not be in compliance with federal regulations that govern the NH Child Care Scholarship Program requirements, resulting in a reduction of federal funds, which would cause financial hardship for families.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Federal Funds: Assistance Listing Number #ALN #93.575, FAIN #2301NHCCDD.

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

Respectfully submitted,



for:

Lori A. Weaver
Commissioner

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
 Division of Finance and Procurement
 Bureau of Contracts and Procurement
 Scoring Sheet

Project ID # **RFA-2024-DES-04-CCMRN**
 Project Title **Child Care Market Rate Report and Narrow Cost Analysis Study**

	Maximum Points Available	Brodsky Research, LLC
Technical		
Q1 - Ability	300	275
Q2 - Experience	200	175
Q3 - Capacity	150	125
Subtotal - Technical	650	575
TOTAL POINTS	650	575
TOTAL PROPOSED VENDOR COST		

Reviewer Name	Title
1. Jessie Davis	Bureau Chief, Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration
2. Rebecca Lorden	Finance Director
3. Tara Pinto	Special Projects Coordinator
4. Joseph MacRobert	Compliance Officer

Subject: RFA-2024-DES-04-CCMRN-01 - Child Care Market Rate Report and Narrow Cost Analysis Study

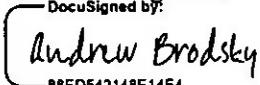
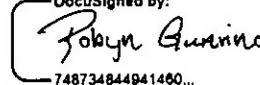
Notice: This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

AGREEMENT

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

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. IDENTIFICATION.

1.1 State Agency Name New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services		1.2 State Agency Address 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3857	
1.3 Contractor Name Brodsky Research, LLC		1.4 Contractor Address 879 Neon Forest Circle Longmont, CO 80504	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number 303-579-4173	1.6 Account Unit and Class 05-95-42-421110-29780000	1.7 Completion Date December 31, 2024	1.8 Price Limitation \$50,000
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Robert W. Moore, Director		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number (603) 271-9631	
1.11 Contractor Signature <small>DocuSigned by:</small>  Date: 1/26/2024		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Andrew Brodsky President	
1.13 State Agency Signature <small>DocuSigned by:</small>  Date: 1/29/2024		1.14 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory Karen Hebert Division Director	
1.15 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable) By: _____ Director, On: _____			
1.16 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if applicable) <small>DocuSigned by:</small> By:  Robyn Guarino On: 1/30/2024			
1.17 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council (if applicable) 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, 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.

3.3 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. 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 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, 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 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. 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.

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 The State's liability under this Agreement shall be limited to monetary damages not to exceed the total fees paid. The Contractor agrees that it has an adequate remedy at law for any breach of this Agreement by the State and hereby waives any right to specific performance or other equitable remedies against the State.

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 and the Governor's order on Respect and Civility in the Workplace, Executive order 2020-01. 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 age, sex, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, physical or mental disability, religious creed, national origin, gender identity, or gender expression, and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination, unless exempt by state or federal law. The Contractor shall ensure any subcontractors comply with these nondiscrimination requirements.

6.3 No payments or transfers of value by Contractor or its representatives in connection with this Agreement have or shall be made which have the purpose or effect of public or commercial bribery, or acceptance of or acquiescence in extortion, kickbacks, or other unlawful or improper means of obtaining business.

6.4. 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 this Agreement and all rules, regulations and orders pertaining to 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 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or any successor, shall be the State's point of contact pertaining to this Agreement.

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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) calendar days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely cured, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) calendar 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.

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) calendar 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) calendar 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. In addition, at the State's discretion, the Contractor shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a transition plan for Services under the Agreement.

10. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP/DISCLOSURE.

10.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "Property" shall mean all data, 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 Disclosure of data, information and other records shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A and/or other applicable law. Disclosure 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 Contractor shall provide the State written notice at least fifteen (15) calendar days before any proposed assignment, delegation, or other transfer of any interest in this Agreement. No such assignment, delegation, or other transfer shall be effective without the written consent of the State.

12.2 For purposes of paragraph 12, 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.

12.3 None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without prior written notice and consent of the State.

12.4 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. The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State, its officers, and employees from and against all actions, claims, damages, demands, judgments, fines, liabilities, losses, and other expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of or relating to this Agreement directly or indirectly arising from death, personal injury, property damage, intellectual property infringement, or other claims asserted against the State, its officers, or employees caused by the acts or omissions of negligence, reckless or willful misconduct, or fraud by the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors. 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 State's sovereign immunity, 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 any successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. At the request of the Contracting Officer, or any successor, the Contractor shall provide certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement. 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 any 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. WAIVER OF BREACH. A State's failure to enforce its rights with respect to any single or continuing breach of this Agreement shall not act as a waiver of the right of the State to later enforce any such rights or to enforce any other or any subsequent breach.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM.

19.1 This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise. 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.

19.2 Any actions arising out of this Agreement, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration, but must, instead, be brought and maintained in the Merrimack County Superior Court of New Hampshire which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

20. CONFLICTING TERMS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this P-37 form (as modified in EXHIBIT A) and any other portion of this Agreement including any attachments thereto, the terms of the P-37 (as modified in EXHIBIT A) shall control.

21. THIRD PARTIES. This Agreement is being entered into for the sole benefit of the parties hereto, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or will confer any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy of any nature upon any other person.

22. 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.

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

24. FURTHER ASSURANCES. The Contractor, along with its agents and affiliates, shall, at its own cost and expense, execute any additional documents and take such further actions as may be reasonably required to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and give effect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

25. 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.

26. 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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Date 1/26/2024

**New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
Child Care Market Rate Report and Narrow Cost Analysis Study
EXHIBIT A**

Revisions to Standard Agreement Provisions

1. Revisions to Form P-37, General Provisions

1.1. Paragraph 3, Effective Date/Completion of Services, is amended by deleting subparagraph 3.3 in its entirety and replacing it as follows:

3.3. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7. The parties may extend the Agreement for up to one (1) additional year from the Completion Date, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties, and approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

1.2. Paragraph 12, Assignment/Delegation/Subcontracts, is amended by adding subparagraph 12.5 as follows:

12.5. Subcontractors are subject to the same contractual conditions as the Contractor and the Contractor is responsible to ensure subcontractor compliance with those conditions. The Contractor shall have written agreements with all subcontractors, specifying the work to be performed, and if applicable, a Business Associate Agreement in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Written agreements shall specify how corrective action shall be managed. The Contractor shall manage the subcontractor's performance on an ongoing basis and take corrective action as necessary. The Contractor shall annually provide the State with a list of all subcontractors provided for under this Agreement and notify the State of any inadequate subcontractor performance.

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EXHIBIT B**

Scope of Services

1. Statement of Work

- 1.1. The Contractor must provide one (1) Child Care Market Report and one (1) Child Care Narrow Cost Analysis Study Report in accordance with 45 CFR 98.45(c) and (d)(1).

Child Care Market Rate Report

- 1.1.1. The Contractor must develop and provide a final Child Care Market Rate Report (CCMR Report) to the Department as defined in, and in accordance with 45 CFR 98.45(c) and (d)(1).

1.1.1.1. The CCMR Report must be developed by utilizing Department-provided market rate and cost of care data (hereinafter referred to as "Department data"), which is compiled and collected in the New Hampshire Connections Information System: www.nh-connections.org, New HEIGHTS, New Hampshire Bridges and other resources. The Department will provide the Department data to the Contractor for the development of the CCMR Report.

1.1.1.2. The CCMR Report must be developed, in part, by making recommendations as a result of the Department data analyzed in the Child Care Narrow Cost Analysis referenced in Subsection 2.1.2., and in accordance with 45 CFR 98.45(f)(1). The CCMR Report must include comparisons of:

1.1.1.2.1. New Hampshire's subsidized and unsubsidized child care rates.

1.1.1.2.2. National and New Hampshire's subsidized and unsubsidized child care rates.

1.1.1.3. The CCMR Report must include the following:

1.1.1.3.1. Purpose and requirements of the CCMR Report.

1.1.1.3.2. Overview of the New Hampshire Child Care Scholarship program.

1.1.1.3.3. Department data as identified in Exhibit B-1 - Child Care Market Rate Report and Narrow Cost Analysis Study Data Points.

1.1.1.3.4. An explanation of the data collection process and/or sources, including but not limited to:

1.1.1.3.4.1. NHCIS.

1.1.1.3.4.2. New HEIGHTS.

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- 1.1.1.3.4.3. New Hampshire Bridges.
- 1.1.1.3.4.4. Additional resources utilized.
- 1.1.1.3.5. State of New Hampshire definitions and parameters for Department data, including, but not limited to:
 - 1.1.1.3.5.1. Child Care Scholarship Enrollment categories (full time, part time, half time, and on demand).
 - 1.1.1.3.5.2. Geographic parameters.
 - 1.1.1.3.5.3. Weekly rates, registration fees, cost-share and copayments.
 - 1.1.1.3.5.4. Child care licensing regulations.
- 1.1.1.3.6. Description of the data analysis process must include but is not limited to:
 - 1.1.1.3.6.1. Data cleansing, also referred to as data cleaning or data scrubbing, which is the process of fixing incorrect, incomplete, duplicate or otherwise erroneous data in a data set. It involves identifying data errors and then changing, updating or removing data to correct them.
 - 1.1.1.3.6.2. Sample size.
 - 1.1.1.3.6.3. Data conversion.
- 1.1.1.3.7. Analysis of New Hampshire Child Care Scholarship rates by type, categories, and New Hampshire Child Care unsubsidized rates and fees by categories, type, county, region and statewide, to include:
 - 1.1.1.3.7.1. Market rate data and trends between 2019 through 2022.
 - 1.1.1.3.7.2. Market rate data and trends in 2023.
 - 1.1.1.3.7.3. Market rate data and trends in: Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Vermont, in comparison to New Hampshire data and trends from 2019 through 2023.

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EXHIBIT B

- 1.1.1.3.8. New Hampshire provider rates and other percentiles.
- 1.1.1.3.9. New Hampshire provider rate variances.
 - 1.1.1.3.9.1. Geographic challenges related to child care in New Hampshire.
 - 1.1.1.3.9.2. Barriers to child care and caring for children receiving child care assistance in New Hampshire.
 - 1.1.1.3.9.3. Recommendations.
 - 1.1.1.3.9.4. Appendices.
 - 1.1.1.3.9.5. Citations and charts.

Child Care Narrow Cost Analysis (CCNCA) and Report

- 1.1.2. The Contractor must use Department data to analyze and compare subsidized and unsubsidized child care rates and fees, including weekly rates, registration fees, payment structure, cost-share and copayments charged by New Hampshire child care providers, as defined below. Analysis and comparison include the following child care providers:
 - 1.1.2.1. Full-time, part-time and hourly, licensed center-based and family child care serving children birth through age twelve (12), pursuant to NH Administrative Rule.
 - 1.1.2.2. License-exempt Facilities and Home Providers serving children birth through age twelve (12), pursuant to NH Administrative Rule He-C 6914.
- 1.1.3. The Contractor must utilize Department data to develop and provide one (1) final CCNCA Report identifying the true cost of child care, both actual and projected statewide, by region and county.
 - 1.1.3.1. The CCNCA must include the following information:
 - 1.1.3.1.1. Purpose and requirements.
 - 1.1.3.1.2. Overview of the New Hampshire Child Care sector.
 - 1.1.3.1.3. Any limitations in conducting a Narrow Cost Analysis.
 - 1.1.3.1.4. Data collected and utilized in the report.
 - 1.1.3.1.5. Cost study design.

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EXHIBIT B

- 1.1.3.1.6. Findings and summary of the cost of care by program type, age group in care, and variations statewide and by NH early childhood regions, and towns within regions.
- 1.1.3.1.7. Appendices.
- 1.1.3.1.8. Citations and charts.

Executive Summary

- 1.1.4. The Contractor must produce one (1) Executive Summary for the CCMR and one (1) Executive Summary for the CCNCA that includes instructions regarding charts and tables within the Final Report and copies of all significant documents produced including, but not limited to:
 - 1.1.4.1. Complete rate tables for all categories of care and age segments.
 - 1.1.4.2. Standard rate tables that include the mean, median, standard deviation and percentages.
 - 1.1.4.3. Tables that are prepared, at the 50th, 55th, 60th, and 75th percentile.
 - 1.1.4.4. An exhibit comparing rates by geographic region within the State.
 - 1.1.4.5. Changes in New Hampshire child care rates, number of providers, enrollment rates and capacity since 2018 by NH early child care region.
 - 1.1.4.6. Analyses of selected current Department data , against other available data regarding poverty and issues regarding access to child care, to assist the Department in determining rates that ensure equal access.
 - 1.1.4.7. The estimated cost of child care, including any relevant variation by geographic location, category of provider, or age of child, necessary to support child care providers' implementation of the health, safety, quality, and staffing requirements.
 - 1.1.4.8. The estimated cost of higher-quality care, including any relevant variation by geographic location, category of provider, or age of child, for Granite Steps for Quality or nationally accredited programs.

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- 1.1.5. The Contractor must collaborate and cooperate with the Department to provide, develop, review, and edit all drafts, until final drafts and final reports are approved by the Department. The Contractor must:
 - 1.1.5.1. Meet with Department virtually and/or as requested by the Department to develop the draft and final report.
 - 1.1.5.2. Provide an electronic draft copy one (1) final Child Care Market Rate Report, and one (1) final Child Care Narrow Cost Analysis Report in draft form, to the Department (in Microsoft Word) for review and comments due to the Department by May 1, 2024.
 - 1.1.5.3. Make a formal presentation of the draft report to the Department.
- 1.1.6. The Contractor must ensure the CCMR Report and CCNCA Report described herein are submitted in a clear and readable format utilizing graphics, mapping and other infographics, in addition to narrative sections to clearly convey the findings, data points and conclusions.
- 1.1.7. The Contractor must present the Department approved CCMR and CCNCA in a public forum at a time and place to be determined by the Department, using a presentation document described in section 1.4.5.
- 1.1.8. The Contractor must use the final Department approved CCMR and CCNCA Report content to create a Department approved PowerPoint presentation, which will be utilized to convey findings to key audiences and stakeholders in a public forum within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Final Report; . The PowerPoint must simplify and visually represent the findings and recommendations to provide a concise and engaging overview of the content, relying on the comprehensive CCMR and CCNCA.
- 1.1.9. The Contractor must provide a comprehensive work plan, detailing how the Statement of Work will be executed, to the Department within five (5) business days from contract effective date, due February 27, 2024. The Department reserves the right to require the Contractor to edit and/or update the work plan at the Department's request.

The Contractor must conduct a "kick-off" meeting with the Department to discuss the expected work and deliverables of this Agreement within five (5) business days from contract effective date.
- 1.1.10. The Contractor must participate in meetings with the Department twice a month, or as otherwise requested by the Department.

1.2. Reporting

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- 1.2.1. The selected Vendor must submit one (1) final Child Care Market Rate Report, and one (1) final Child Care Narrow Cost Analysis Report due to the Department by May 15, 2024.
- 1.2.2. The selected Vendor must complete and submit monthly activity progress reports.
- 1.3. Confidential Data
 - 1.3.1. The Contractor must meet all information security and privacy requirements as set by the Department and in accordance with the Department's Information Security Requirements Exhibit as referenced below.
 - 1.3.2. The Contractor must ensure any individuals involved in delivering services through this Agreement contract sign an attestation agreeing to access, view, store, and discuss Confidential Data in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations and the Department's Information Security Requirements Exhibit. The Contractor must ensure said individuals have a justifiable business need to access confidential data. The Contractor must provide attestations upon Department request.
- 1.4. Privacy Impact Assessment
 - 1.4.1. Upon request, the Contractor must allow and assist the Department in conducting a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) of its system(s)/application(s)/web portal(s)/website(s) or Department system(s)/application(s)/web portal(s)/website(s) hosted by the Contractor, if Personally Identifiable Information (PII) is collected, used, accessed, shared, or stored. To conduct the PIA the Contractor must provide the Department access to applicable systems and documentation sufficient to allow the Department to assess, at minimum, the following:
 - 1.4.1.1. How PII is gathered and stored;
 - 1.4.1.2. Who will have access to PII;
 - 1.4.1.3. How PII will be used in the system;
 - 1.4.1.4. How individual consent will be achieved and revoked; and
 - 1.4.1.5. Privacy practices.
 - 1.4.2. The Department may conduct follow-up PIAs in the event there are either significant process changes or new technologies impacting the collection, processing or storage of PII.
- 1.5. Department Owned Devices, Systems and Network Usage
 - 1.5.1. If Contractor End Users, defined in the Department's Information

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Security Requirements Exhibit that is incorporated into this Agreement, are authorized by the Department's Information Security Office to use a Department issued device (e.g. computer, tablet, mobile telephone) or access the Department network in the fulfillment of this Agreement, each End User must:

- 1.5.1.1. Sign and abide by applicable Department and New Hampshire Department of Information Technology (NH DoIT) use agreements, policies, standards, procedures and guidelines, and complete applicable trainings as required;
- 1.5.1.2. Use the information that they have permission to access solely for conducting official Department business and agree that all other use or access is strictly forbidden including, but not limited, to personal or other private and non-Department use, and that at no time shall they access or attempt to access information without having the express authority of the Department to do so;
- 1.5.1.3. Not access or attempt to access information in a manner inconsistent with the approved policies, procedures, and/or agreement relating to system entry/access;
- 1.5.1.4. Not copy, share, distribute, sub-license, modify, reverse engineer, rent, or sell software licensed, developed, or being evaluated by the Department, and at all times must use utmost care to protect and keep such software strictly confidential in accordance with the license or any other agreement executed by the Department;
- 1.5.1.5. Only use equipment, software, or subscription(s) authorized by the Department's Information Security Office or designee;
- 1.5.1.6. Not install non-standard software on any Department equipment unless authorized by the Department's Information Security Office or designee;
- 1.5.1.7. Agree that email and other electronic communication messages created, sent, and received on a Department-issued email system are the property of the Department of New Hampshire and to be used for business purposes only. Email is defined as "internal email systems" or "Department-funded email systems."
- 1.5.1.8. Agree that use of email must follow Department and NH DoIT policies, standards, and/or guidelines; and

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- 1.5.1.9. Agree when utilizing the Department's email system:
 - 1.5.1.9.1. To only use a Department email address assigned to them with a "@ affiliate.The Department.NH.Gov".
 - 1.5.1.9.2. Include in the signature lines information identifying the End User as a non-Department workforce member; and
 - 1.5.1.9.3. Ensure the following confidentiality notice is embedded underneath the signature line:

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: "This message may contain information that is privileged and confidential and is intended only for the use of the individual(s) to whom it is addressed. If you receive this message in error, please notify the sender immediately and delete this electronic message and any attachments from your system. Thank you for your cooperation."
- 1.5.1.10. Contractor End Users with a Department issued email, access or potential access to Confidential Data, and/or a workspace in a Department building/facility, must:
 - 1.5.1.10.1. Complete the Department's Annual Information Security & Compliance Awareness Training prior to accessing, viewing, handling, hearing, or transmitting Department Data or Confidential Data.
 - 1.5.1.10.2. Sign the Department's Business Use and Confidentiality Agreement and Asset Use Agreement, and the NH DoIT Department wide Computer Use Agreement upon execution of the Agreement and annually thereafter.
 - 1.5.1.10.3. Only access the Department's intranet to view the Department's Policies and Procedures and Information Security webpages.
- 1.5.1.11. Contractor agrees, if any End User is found to be in violation of any of the above terms and conditions, said End User may face removal from the Agreement, and/or criminal and/or civil prosecution, if the act constitutes a violation of law.

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- 1.5.1.12. Contractor agrees to notify the Department a minimum of three business days prior to any upcoming transfers or terminations of End Users who possess Department credentials and/or badges or who have system privileges. If End Users who possess Department credentials and/or badges or who have system privileges resign or are dismissed without advance notice, the Contractor agrees to notify the Department's Information Security Office or designee immediately.

2. Exhibits Incorporated

- 2.1. The Contractor must comply with all Exhibit D Federal Requirements, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.
- 2.2. The Contractor must manage all confidential data related to this Agreement in accordance with the terms of Exhibit E, DHHS Information Security Requirements.

3. Additional Terms

- 3.1. Impacts Resulting from Court Orders or Legislative Changes
 - 3.1.1. The Contractor agrees that, to the extent future state or federal legislation or court orders may have an impact on the Services described herein, the State has the right to modify Service priorities and expenditure requirements under this Agreement so as to achieve compliance therewith.
- 3.2. Federal Civil Rights Laws Compliance: Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Programs and Services
 - 3.2.1. The Contractor must submit, within ten (10) days of the Agreement Effective Date, a detailed description of the communication access and language assistance services to be provided to ensure meaningful access to programs and/or services to individuals with limited English proficiency; individuals who are deaf or have hearing loss; individuals who are blind or have low vision; and individuals who have speech challenges.
- 3.3. Credits and Copyright Ownership
 - 3.3.1. All documents, notices, press releases, research reports and other materials prepared during or resulting from the performance of the services of the Agreement must include the following statement, "The preparation of this (report, document etc.) was financed under an Contract with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, with funds provided in part by the State of New Hampshire and/or such other funding sources as were available or

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required, e.g., the United States Department of Health and Human Services.”

- 3.3.2. All materials produced or purchased under the Agreement must have prior approval from the Department before printing, production, distribution or use.
- 3.3.3. The Department must retain copyright ownership for any and all original materials produced, including, but not limited to:
 - 3.3.3.1. Brochures.
 - 3.3.3.2. Resource directories.
 - 3.3.3.3. Protocols or guidelines.
 - 3.3.3.4. Posters.
 - 3.3.3.5. Reports.
- 3.3.4. The Contractor must not reproduce any materials produced under the Agreement without prior written approval from the Department.

4. Records

- 4.1. The Contractor must keep records that include, but are not limited to:
 - 4.1.1. Books, records, documents and other electronic or physical data evidencing and reflecting all costs and other expenses incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract, and all income received or collected by the Contractor.
 - 4.1.2. All records must be maintained in accordance with accounting procedures and practices, which sufficiently and properly reflect all such costs and expenses, and which are acceptable to the Department, and to include, without limitation, all ledgers, books, records, and original evidence of costs such as purchase requisitions and orders, vouchers, requisitions for materials, inventories, valuations of in-kind contributions, labor time cards, payrolls, and other records requested or required by the Department.
- 4.2. During the term of this Agreement and the period for retention hereunder, the Department, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and any of their designated representatives must have access to all reports and records maintained pursuant to the Agreement for purposes of audit, examination, excerpts and transcripts.
- 4.3. If, upon review of the Final Expenditure Report the Department must disallow any expenses claimed by the Contractor as costs hereunder, the Department retains the right, at its discretion, to deduct the amount of such expenses as are disallowed or to recover such sums from the Contractor.

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Child Care Market Rate Report and Narrow Cost Analysis Study

1.1. Market Rate Report Data Points, including but not limited to:

- 1.1.1. Number of Licensed Programs
- 1.1.2. Region, County, Town
- 1.1.3. Licensed Type – Licensed, Licensed-exempt
- 1.1.4. Licensed Capacity and Enrollment
- 1.1.5. Program Types – center-based, family child care, etc.
- 1.1.6. Licensed Number of Children to Serve
- 1.1.7. Types of Programs – profit, non-profit, etc.
- 1.1.8. Types of Services Provided
- 1.1.9. Quality Indicators – GSQ, Licensed-plus
- 1.1.10. Annual Schedule
- 1.1.11. Months of Operation
- 1.1.12. Days and Hours of Operation
- 1.1.13. Rate Types – monthly, weekly, daily, part-time, full time
- 1.1.14. Registration Fee
- 1.1.15. Sliding Fee Scale
- 1.1.16. Special Care Offerings
- 1.1.17. Charges to Scholarship Families
- 1.1.18. DHHS Scholarship Provider status
- 1.1.19. Number of children on scholarship program
- 1.1.20. Waitlist and parameters
- 1.1.21. Specific Rate and Enrollment Data for the following age groups:

Age Group	Number of Total Classrooms	Number of served		Monthly Rate		Weekly Rate		Daily Rate		Wait List	
		Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time

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- 1.1.22. NH Infant (6 weeks to 12 months)
 - 1.1.23. NH Toddler (13-24 months)
 - 1.1.24. Preschool I (3-4 years)
 - 1.1.25. Preschool II (4-5 years)
 - 1.1.26. School Age I (5-6 years)
 - 1.1.27. Full Time
 - 1.1.28. Before and After School
 - 1.1.29. Before Only
 - 1.1.30. After School Only
 - 1.1.31. School Age II (6-15 years)
 - 1.1.32. Full-Time
 - 1.1.33. Before and After School
 - 1.1.34. Before School Only
 - 1.1.35. After School Only
 - 1.1.36. School Age II (6-15 years) Summer
 - 1.1.37. Full Time
 - 1.1.38. Part Time
 - 1.1.39. Data list is representative of many of the data points, but may not be all-inclusive.
- 1.2. Additional Data Points related to Narrow Cost Analysis Report, including but not limited to:
- 1.2.1. Number of Staff by Type
 - 1.2.2. Number of Staff by Room Type
 - 1.2.3. Staff Schedule (Part-time, Full-time, etc.)
 - 1.2.4. Annual Director Salary
 - 1.2.5. Annual Staff Salaries (all staff)
 - 1.2.6. Annual Staff and Director Benefits Cost
 - 1.2.7. Monthly Rent/Mortgage
 - 1.2.8. Type of Lease

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- 1.2.9. Annual Property Taxes
- 1.2.10. Insurance (homeowner's or liability)
- 1.2.11. Utilities: Heating Costs
- 1.2.12. Utilities: Electric Costs
- 1.2.13. Utilities: Internet Costs
- 1.2.14. Utilities: Water
- 1.2.15. Utilities: Sewer
- 1.2.16. Utilities: Phone
- 1.2.17. Food
- 1.2.18. Supplies
- 1.2.19. Equipment
- 1.2.20. Professional Fees
- 1.2.21. Services
- 1.2.22. Transportation
- 1.2.23. Repairs/Maintenance
- 1.2.24. Legal/Accounting
- 1.2.25. Office Supplies
- 1.2.26. Payroll taxes
- 1.2.27. Professional Development
- 1.2.28. Advertising/Marketing
- 1.2.29. Furniture, Fixtures and Improvements
- 1.2.30. Installment Loans/Debt Service
- 1.2.31. Payroll Services
- 1.2.32. CPR/First Aid
- 1.2.33. Background Checks
- 1.2.34. Data list is representative of many of the data points, but may not be all-inclusive.

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Payment Terms

1. This Agreement is funded by:
 - 1.1. 100% Federal funds, Child Care and Development Block Grant, as awarded on October 28, 2022, by the DHHS: Administration for Children and Families, ALN #93.575, FAIN #2301NHCCDD.
2. For the purposes of this Agreement the Department has identified:
 - 2.1. The Contractor as a Contractor, in accordance with 2 CFR §200.331.
 - 2.2. The Agreement as NON-R&D, in accordance with 2 CFR §200.332.
3. Payment shall be on a cost reimbursement basis for actual expenditures incurred in the fulfillment of this Agreement, and shall be in accordance with the approved line items, as specified in Exhibit C-1.
4. The Contractor shall submit an invoice with supporting documentation to the Department no later than the fifteenth (15th) working day of the month following the month in which the services were provided. The Contractor shall ensure each invoice:
 - 4.1. Includes the Contractor's Vendor Number issued upon registering with New Hampshire Department of Administrative Services.
 - 4.2. Is submitted in a form that is provided by or otherwise acceptable to the Department.
 - 4.3. Identifies and requests payment for allowable costs incurred in the previous month.
 - 4.4. Includes supporting documentation of allowable costs with each invoice that may include, but are not limited to, time sheets, payroll records, receipts for purchases, and proof of expenditures, as applicable.
 - 4.5. Is completed, dated and returned to the Department with the supporting documentation for allowable expenses to initiate payment.
 - 4.6. Is assigned an electronic signature, includes supporting documentation, and is emailed to bcdhsinvoices@dhhs.nh.gov or mailed to:

Financial Manager
Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301
5. The Department shall make payments to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of each invoice and supporting documentation for authorized expenses, subsequent to approval of the submitted invoice.
6. The final invoice and supporting documentation for authorized expenses shall be due to the Department no later than forty (40) days after the ^{contract} 

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completion date specified in Form P-37, General Provisions Block 1.7 Completion Date.

7. Notwithstanding Paragraph 17 of the General Provisions Form P-37, changes limited to adjusting amounts within the price limitation and adjusting encumbrances between State Fiscal Years and budget class lines through the Budget Office may be made by written agreement of both parties, without obtaining approval of the Governor and Executive Council, if needed and justified.
8. Audits
 - 8.1. The Contractor must email an annual audit to dhhs.act@dhhs.nh.gov if any of the following conditions exist:
 - 8.1.1. Condition A - The Contractor expended \$750,000 or more in federal funds received as a subrecipient pursuant to 2 CFR Part 200, during the most recently completed fiscal year.
 - 8.1.2. Condition B - The Contractor is subject to audit pursuant to the requirements of NH RSA 7:28, III-b, pertaining to charitable organizations.
 - 8.1.3. Condition C - The Contractor is a public company and required by Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations to submit an annual financial audit.
 - 8.2. If Condition A exists, the Contractor shall submit an annual Single Audit performed by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to dhhs.act@dhhs.nh.gov within 120 days after the close of the Contractor's fiscal year, conducted in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal awards.
 - 8.2.1. The Contractor shall submit a copy of any Single Audit findings and any associated corrective action plans. The Contractor shall submit quarterly progress reports on the status of implementation of the corrective action plan.
 - 8.3. If Condition B or Condition C exists, the Contractor shall submit an annual financial audit performed by an independent CPA within 120 days after the close of the Contractor's fiscal year.
 - 8.4. Any Contractor that receives an amount equal to or greater than \$250,000 from the Department during a single fiscal year, regardless of the funding source, may be required, at a minimum, to submit annual financial audits performed by an independent CPA if the Department's risk assessment determination indicates the Contractor is high-risk.

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- 8.5. In addition to, and not in any way in limitation of obligations of the Agreement, it is understood and agreed by the Contractor that the Contractor shall be held liable for any state or federal audit exceptions and shall return to the Department all payments made under the Agreement to which exception has been taken, or which have been disallowed because of such an exception.

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Exhibit C-1 Budget

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services		
Contractor Name: <i>Brodsky Research, LLC</i>		
Budget Request for: <i>Child Care Market Rate Report and Narrow Cost Analysis Study</i>		
Budget Period: <i>Upon Governor and Council Approval through December 31, 2024</i>		
Indirect Cost Rate (if applicable) #DIV/0!		
Line Item	Program Cost - Funded by DHHS - SFY 24	Program Cost - Funded by DHHS - SFY 25
1. Salary & Wages	\$34,020	\$3,780
2. Fringe Benefits	\$10,980	\$1,220
3. Consultants	\$0	\$0
4. Equipment Indirect cost rate cannot be applied to equipment costs per 2 CFR 200.1 and Appendix IV to 2 CFR 200.	\$0	\$0
5.(a) Supplies - Educational	\$0	\$0
5.(b) Supplies - Lab	\$0	\$0
5.(c) Supplies - Pharmacy	\$0	\$0
5.(d) Supplies - Medical	\$0	\$0
6. Travel	\$0	\$0
7. Software	\$0	\$0
8. (a) Other - Marketing/Communications	\$0	\$0
8. (b) Other - Education and Training	\$0	\$0
8. (c) Other - Other (specify below)	\$0	\$0
<i>Other (please specify)</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>Other (please specify)</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>Other (please specify)</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>Other (please specify)</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>Other (please specify)</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>Other (please specify)</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>Other (please specify)</i>	\$0	\$0
9. Subrecipient Contracts	\$0	\$0
Total Direct Costs	\$45,000	\$5,000
Total Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0
Subtotals	\$45,000	\$5,000
TOTAL		\$50,000.00

Project ID #

Contractor Initial: DB
Date: 1/26/2024

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SECTION A: 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 CONTRACTORS OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS

US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - CONTRACTORS
US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - CONTRACTORS
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - 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 contractors (and by inference, sub-contractors), prior to award, that they will maintain a drug-free workplace. Section 3017.630(c) of the regulation provides that a contractor (and by inference, sub-contractors) that is a State may elect to make one certification to the Department in each federal fiscal year in lieu of certificates for each Agreement during the federal fiscal year covered by the certification. The certificate set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the Agreement. False certification or violation of the certification shall be grounds for suspension of payments, suspension or termination of Agreements, or government wide suspension or debarment. Contractors using this form should send it to:

Commissioner
NH Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301-6505

1. The Contractor certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:
 - 1.1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
 - 1.2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about
 - 1.2.1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - 1.2.2. The Contractor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - 1.2.3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - 1.2.4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
 - 1.3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the Agreement be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
 - 1.4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the Agreement, the employee will
 - 1.4.1. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - 1.4.2. 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;

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- 1.5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 1.4.2 from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every contract officer on whose contract 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 Agreement;
 - 1.6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 1.4.2, with respect to any employee who is so convicted
 - 1.6.1. 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
 - 1.6.2. 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;
 - 1.7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, and 1.6.
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2. The Contractor may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific Agreement.

Place of Performance (street address, city, county, state, zip code) (list each location)

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

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SECTION B: 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 Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (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 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – CONTRACTORS
US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - CONTRACTORS
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - CONTRACTORS

Programs (indicate applicable program covered):

- *Temporary Assistance to Needy Families under Title IV-A
- *Child Support Enforcement Program under Title IV-D
- *Social Services Block Grant Program under Title XX
- *Medicaid Program under Title XIX
- *Community Services Block Grant under Title VI
- *Child Care Development Block Grant under Title IV

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, loan, or cooperative agreement (and by specific mention 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, loan, or cooperative agreement (and by specific mention sub- contractor), the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, (Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions, see <https://omb.report/icr/201009-0348-022/doc/20388401>
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, 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.

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SECTION C: 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 12689 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 Agreement, 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 Health and Human Services' (DHHS) 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 DHHS 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, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the DHHS agency to whom this Agreement 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 <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CFR-2004-title45-vol1/CFR-2004-title45-vol1-part76/context>.
6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this Agreement 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 DHHS.
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," provided by DHHS, 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 Nonprocurement List (of excluded parties) <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-22/chapter-V/part-513>.

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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, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS

11. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - 11.1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - 11.2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal (Agreement) 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;
 - 11.3. 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 (I)(b) of this certification; and
 - 11.4. 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.
12. 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

13. By signing and submitting this lower tier proposal (Agreement), 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:
 - 13.1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.
 - 13.2. 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 (Agreement).
14. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal (Agreement) 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.

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SECTION D: CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

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 will comply, and will require any subcontractors to comply, with any applicable federal requirements, which may include but are not limited to:

1. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR 200).
2. The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. Section 3789d) which prohibits recipients of federal funding under this statute from discriminating, either in employment practices or in the delivery of services or benefits, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, and sex. The Act requires certain recipients to produce an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan;
3. The Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. Section 5672(b)) which adopts by reference, the civil rights obligations of the Safe Streets Act. Recipients of federal funding under this statute are prohibited from discriminating, either in employment practices or in the delivery of services or benefits, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, and sex. The Act includes Equal Employment Opportunity Plan requirements;
4. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in any program or activity);
5. The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794), which prohibits recipients of Federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of disability, in regard to employment and the delivery of services or benefits, in any program or activity;
6. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sections 12131-34), which prohibits discrimination and ensures equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in employment, State and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities, and transportation;
7. The Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. Sections 1681, 1683, 1685-86), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally assisted education programs;
8. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. Sections 6106-07), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. It does not include employment discrimination;
9. 28 C.F.R. pt. 31 (U.S. Department of Justice Regulations – OJJDP Grant Programs); 28 C.F.R. pt. 42 (U.S. Department of Justice Regulations – Nondiscrimination; Equal Employment Opportunity; Policies and Procedures); Executive Order No. 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations); Executive Order No. 13559, which provide fundamental principles and policy-making criteria for partnerships with faith-based and neighborhood organizations;
10. 28 C.F.R. pt. 38 (U.S. Department of Justice Regulations – Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations); and Whistleblower protections 41 U.S.C. §4712 and The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239, enacted January 2, 2013) the Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contract Employee Whistleblower Protections, which protects employees against reprisal for certain whistle blowing activities in connection with federal grants and contracts.
11. The Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) which seeks to protect human health and the environment from emissions that pollute ambient, or outdoor, air.

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12. The Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387) which establishes the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States and regulating quality standards for surface waters.
13. Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) (41 U.S.C. 1908) which establishes administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.
14. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701–3708) which establishes that all contracts 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).
15. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) which establishes the recipient or subrecipient 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 subrecipient 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.

The certificate set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the Agreement. False certification or violation of the certification shall be grounds for suspension of payments, suspension or termination of Agreements, or government wide suspension or debarment.

In the event a Federal or State court or Federal or State administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex against a recipient of funds, the recipient will forward a copy of the finding to the Office for Civil Rights, to the applicable contracting agency or division within the Department of Health and Human Services, and to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Ombudsman.

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:

1. By signing and submitting this Agreement, the Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions indicated above.

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SECTION E: CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

Public Law 103-227, Part C - Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Act), requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity.

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

1. By signing and submitting this Agreement, the Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable provisions of Public Law 103-227, Part C, known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994.

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SECTION F: CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA) COMPLIANCE

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires prime awardees of individual Federal grants equal to or greater than \$30,000 and awarded on or after October 1, 2010, to report on data related to executive compensation and associated first-tier sub-grants of \$30,000 or more. If the initial award is below \$30,000 but subsequent grant modifications result in a total award equal to or over \$30,000, the award is subject to the FFATA reporting requirements, as of the date of the award.

In accordance with 2 CFR Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information), the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) must report the following information for any sub award or contract award subject to the FFATA reporting requirements:

1. Name of entity
2. Amount of award
3. Funding agency
4. NAICS code for contracts / CFDA program number for grants
5. Program source
6. Award title descriptive of the purpose of the funding action
7. Location of the entity
8. Principle place of performance
9. Unique Entity Identifier (SAM UEI; DUNS#)
10. Total compensation and names of the top five executives if:
 - 10.1. More than 80% of annual gross revenues are from the Federal government, and those revenues are greater than \$25M annually and
 - 10.2. Compensation information is not already available through reporting to the SEC. Prime grant recipients must submit FFATA required data by the end of the month, plus 30 days, in which the award or award amendment is made.

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act, Public Law 109-282 and Public Law 110-252, and 2 CFR Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information), 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:

The below named Contractor agrees to provide needed information as outlined above to the NH Department of Health and Human Services and to comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act.

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FORM A

As the Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions, I certify that the responses to the below listed questions are true and accurate.

1. The UEI (SAM.gov) number for your entity is: FLFUVKNLUBD1
2. In your business or organization's preceding completed fiscal year, did your business or organization receive (1) 80 percent or more of your annual gross revenue in U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, sub-grants, and/or cooperative agreements; and (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements?

X NO YES

If the answer to #2 above is NO, stop here
If the answer to #2 above is YES, please answer the following:

3. Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the executives in your business or organization through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C.78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986?

NO YES

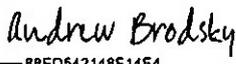
If the answer to #3 above is YES, stop here
If the answer to #3 above is NO, please answer the following:

4. The names and compensation of the five most highly compensated officers in your business or organization are as follows:

Name: _____	Amount: _____

Contractor Name: Brodsky Research, LLC

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 Name: Andrew Brodsky
 Title: President

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A. Definitions

The following terms may be reflected and have the described meaning in this document:

1. "Breach" means the loss of control, compromise, unauthorized disclosure, unauthorized acquisition, unauthorized access, or any similar term referring to situations where persons other than authorized users and for an other than authorized purpose have access or potential access to personally identifiable information, whether physical or electronic. With regard to Protected Health Information, "Breach" shall have the same meaning as the term "Breach" in section 164.402 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
2. "Computer Security Incident" shall have the same meaning "Computer Security Incident" in section two (2) of NIST Publication 800-61, Computer Security Incident Handling Guide, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce.
3. "Confidential Information" or "Confidential Data" means all confidential information disclosed by one party to the other such as all medical, health, financial, public assistance benefits and personal information including without limitation, Substance Abuse Treatment Records, Case Records, Protected Health Information and Personally Identifiable Information.

Confidential Information also includes any and all information owned or managed by the State of NH - created, received from or on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or accessed in the course of performing contracted services - of which collection, disclosure, protection, and disposition is governed by state or federal law or regulation. This information includes, but is not limited to Protected Health Information (PHI), Personal Information (PI), Personal Financial Information (PFI), Federal Tax Information (FTI), Social Security Numbers (SSN), Payment Card Industry (PCI), and or other sensitive and confidential information.

4. "End User" means any person or entity (e.g., contractor, contractor's employee, business associate, subcontractor, other downstream user, etc.) that receives DHHS data or derivative data in accordance with the terms of this Contract.
5. "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
6. "Incident" means an act that potentially violates an explicit or implied security policy, which includes attempts (either failed or successful) to gain unauthorized access to a system or its data, unwanted disruption or denial of service, the unauthorized use of a system for the processing or storage of data; and changes to system hardware, firmware, or software characteristics without the owner's knowledge, instruction, or consent. Incidents include the loss of data through theft or device misplacement, loss

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or misplacement of hardcopy documents, and misrouting of physical or electronic mail, all of which may have the potential to put the data at risk of unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification or destruction.

7. "Open Wireless Network" means any network or segment of a network that is not designated by the State of New Hampshire's Department of Information Technology or delegate as a protected network (designed, tested, and approved, by means of the State, to transmit) will be considered an open network and not adequately secure for the transmission of unencrypted PI, PFI, PHI or confidential DHHS data.
8. "Personal Information" (or "PI") means information which can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, such as their name, social security number, personal information as defined in New Hampshire RSA 359-C:19, biometric records, etc., alone, or when combined with other personal or identifying information which is linked or linkable to a specific individual, such as date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, etc.
9. "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, promulgated under HIPAA by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
10. "Protected Health Information" (or "PHI") has the same meaning as provided in the definition of "Protected Health Information" in the HIPAA Privacy Rule at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
11. "Security Rule" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Subpart C, and amendments thereto.
12. "Unsecured Protected Health Information" means Protected Health Information that is not secured by a technology standard that renders Protected Health Information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and is developed or endorsed by a standards developing organization that is accredited by the American National Standards Institute.

I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHHS AND THE CONTRACTOR

A. Business Use and Disclosure of Confidential Information.

1. The Contractor must not use, disclose, maintain or transmit Confidential Information except as reasonably necessary as outlined under this Contract. Further, Contractor, including but not limited to all its directors, officers, employees and agents, must not use, disclose, maintain or transmit PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy and Security Rule.

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2. The Contractor must not disclose any Confidential Information in response to a request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, in response to a subpoena, etc., without first notifying DHHS so that DHHS has an opportunity to consent or object to the disclosure.
3. If DHHS notifies the Contractor that DHHS 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 Contractor must be bound by such additional restrictions and must not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and must abide by any additional security safeguards.
4. The Contractor agrees that DHHS Data or derivative there from disclosed to an End User must only be used pursuant to the terms of this Contract.
5. The Contractor agrees DHHS Data obtained under this Contract may not be used for any other purposes that are not indicated in this Contract.
6. The Contractor agrees to grant access to the data to the authorized representatives of DHHS for the purpose of inspecting to confirm compliance with the terms of this Contract.

II. METHODS OF SECURE TRANSMISSION OF DATA

1. Application Encryption. If End User is transmitting DHHS data containing Confidential Data between applications, the Contractor attests the applications have been evaluated by an expert knowledgeable in cyber security and that said application's encryption capabilities ensure secure transmission via the internet.
2. Computer Disks and Portable Storage Devices. End User may not use computer disks or portable storage devices, such as a thumb drive, as a method of transmitting DHHS data.
3. Encrypted Email. End User may only employ email to transmit Confidential Data if email is encrypted and being sent to and being received by email addresses of persons authorized to receive such information.
4. Encrypted Web Site. If End User is employing the Web to transmit Confidential Data, the secure socket layers (SSL) must be used and the web site must be secure. SSL encrypts data transmitted via a Web site.
5. File Hosting Services, also known as File Sharing Sites. End User may not use file hosting services, such as Dropbox or Google Cloud Storage, to transmit Confidential Data.
6. Ground Mail Service. End User may only transmit Confidential Data via *certified* ground mail within the continental U.S. and when sent to a named individual.
7. Laptops and PDA. If End User is employing portable devices to transmit Confidential Data said devices must be encrypted and password-protected.

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8. Open Wireless Networks. End User may not transmit Confidential Data via an open wireless network. End User must employ a virtual private network (VPN) when remotely transmitting via an open wireless network.
9. Remote User Communication. If End User is employing remote communication to access or transmit Confidential Data, a virtual private network (VPN) must be installed on the End User's mobile device(s) or laptop from which information will be transmitted or accessed.
10. SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), also known as Secure File Transfer Protocol. If End User is employing an SFTP to transmit Confidential Data, End User will structure the Folder and access privileges to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information. SFTP folders and sub-folders used for transmitting Confidential Data will be coded for 24-hour auto-deletion cycle (i.e. Confidential Data will be deleted every 24 hours).
11. Wireless Devices. If End User is transmitting Confidential Data via wireless devices, all data must be encrypted to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information.

III. RETENTION AND DISPOSITION OF IDENTIFIABLE RECORDS

The Contractor will only retain the data and any derivative of the data for the duration of this Contract. After such time, the Contractor will have 30 days to destroy the data and any derivative in whatever form it may exist, unless, otherwise required by law or permitted under this Contract. To this end, the parties must:

A. Retention

1. The Contractor agrees it will not store, transfer or process data collected in connection with the services rendered under this Contract outside of the United States. This physical location requirement shall also apply in the implementation of cloud computing, cloud service or cloud storage capabilities, and includes backup data and Disaster Recovery locations.
2. The Contractor agrees to ensure proper security monitoring capabilities are in place to detect potential security events that can impact State of NH systems and/or Department confidential information for contractor provided systems.
3. The Contractor agrees to provide security awareness and education for its End Users in support of protecting Department confidential information.
4. The Contractor agrees to retain all electronic and hard copies of Confidential Data in a secure location and identified in section IV. A.2
5. The Contractor agrees Confidential Data stored in a Cloud must be in a FedRAMP/HITECH compliant solution and comply with all applicable statutes and regulations regarding the privacy and security. All servers and devices must have currently-supported and hardened operating systems, the latest anti-viral, antihacker, anti-spam, anti-spyware, and anti-malware utilities. The environment, as a whole, must have aggressive intrusion-detection and firewall protection.

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6. The Contractor agrees to and ensures its complete cooperation with the State's Chief Information Officer in the detection of any security vulnerability of the hosting infrastructure.

B. Disposition

1. If the Contractor will maintain any Confidential Information on its systems (or its sub-contractor systems), the Contractor will maintain a documented process for securely disposing of such data upon request or contract termination; and will obtain written certification for any State of New Hampshire data destroyed by the Contractor or any subcontractors as a part of ongoing, emergency, and or disaster recovery operations. When no longer in use, electronic media containing State of New Hampshire data shall be rendered unrecoverable via a secure wipe program in accordance with industry-accepted standards for secure deletion and media sanitization, or otherwise physically destroying the media (for example, degaussing) as described in NIST Special Publication 800-88, Rev 1, Guidelines for Media Sanitization, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U. S. Department of Commerce. The Contractor will document and certify in writing at time of the data destruction, and will provide written certification to the Department upon request. The written certification will include all details necessary to demonstrate data has been properly destroyed and validated. Where applicable, regulatory and professional standards for retention requirements will be jointly evaluated by the State and Contractor prior to destruction.
2. Unless otherwise specified, within thirty (30) days of the termination of this Contract, Contractor agrees to destroy all hard copies of Confidential Data using a secure method such as shredding.
3. Unless otherwise specified, within thirty (30) days of the termination of this Contract, Contractor agrees to completely destroy all electronic Confidential Data by means of data erasure, also known as secure data wiping.

IV. PROCEDURES FOR SECURITY

- A. Contractor agrees to safeguard the DHHS Data received under this Contract, and any derivative data or files, as follows:
 1. The Contractor will maintain proper security controls to protect Department confidential information collected, processed, managed, and/or stored in the delivery of contracted services.
 2. The Contractor will maintain policies and procedures to protect Department confidential information throughout the information lifecycle, where applicable, (from creation, transformation, use, storage and secure destruction) regardless of the media used to store the data (i.e., tape, disk, paper, etc.).

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3. The Contractor will maintain appropriate authentication and access controls to contractor systems that collect, transmit, or store Department confidential information where applicable.
4. The Contractor will ensure proper security monitoring capabilities are in place to detect potential security events that can impact State of NH systems and/or Department confidential information for contractor provided systems.
5. The Contractor will provide regular security awareness and education for its End Users in support of protecting Department confidential information.
6. If the Contractor will be sub-contracting any core functions of the engagement, supporting the services for State of New Hampshire, the Contractor will maintain a program of an internal process or processes that defines specific security expectations, and monitoring compliance to security requirements that at a minimum match those for the Contractor, including breach notification requirements.
7. The Contractor will work with the Department to sign and comply with all applicable State of New Hampshire and Department system access and authorization policies and procedures, systems access forms, and computer use agreements as part of obtaining and maintaining access to any Department system(s). Agreements will be completed and signed by the Contractor and any applicable sub-contractors prior to system access being authorized.
8. If the Department determines the Contractor is a Business Associate pursuant to 45 CFR 160.103, the Contractor will execute a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (BAA) with the Department and is responsible for maintaining compliance with the agreement.
9. The Contractor will work with the Department at its request to complete a System Management Survey. The purpose of the survey is to enable the Department and Contractor to monitor for any changes in risks, threats, and vulnerabilities that may occur over the life of the Contractor engagement. The survey will be completed annually, or an alternate time frame at the Departments discretion with agreement by the Contractor, or the Department may request the survey be completed when the scope of the engagement between the Department and the Contractor changes.
10. The Contractor will not store, knowingly or unknowingly, any State of New Hampshire or Department data offshore or outside the boundaries of the United States unless prior express written consent is obtained from the Information Security Office leadership member within the Department.
11. Data Security Breach Liability. In the event of any security breach Contractor shall make efforts to investigate the causes of the breach, promptly take measures to prevent

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future breach and minimize any damage or loss resulting from the breach. The State shall recover from the Contractor all costs of response and recovery from the breach, including but not limited to: credit monitoring services, mailing costs and costs associated with website and telephone call center services necessary due to the breach.

12. Contractor must, comply with all applicable statutes and regulations regarding the privacy and security of Confidential Information, and must in all other respects maintain the privacy and security of PI and PHI at a level and scope that is not less than the level and scope of requirements applicable to federal agencies, including, but not limited to, provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a), DHHS Privacy Act Regulations (45 C.F.R. §5b), HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules (45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164) that govern protections for individually identifiable health information and as applicable under State law.
13. Contractor agrees to establish and maintain appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the confidentiality of the Confidential Data and to prevent unauthorized use or access to it. The safeguards must provide a level and scope of security that is not less than the level and scope of security requirements established by the State of New Hampshire, Department of Information Technology. Refer to Vendor Resources/Procurement at <https://www.nh.gov/doiit/vendor/index.htm> for the Department of Information Technology policies, guidelines, standards, and procurement information relating to vendors.
14. Contractor agrees to maintain a documented breach notification and incident response process. The Contractor will notify the State's Privacy Officer and the State's Security Officer of any security breach immediately, at the email addresses provided in Section VI. This includes a confidential information breach, computer security incident, or suspected breach which affects or includes any State of New Hampshire systems that connect to the State of New Hampshire network.
15. Contractor must restrict access to the Confidential Data obtained under this Contract to only those authorized End Users who need such DHHS Data to perform their official duties in connection with purposes identified in this Contract.
16. The Contractor must ensure that all End Users:
 - a. comply with such safeguards as referenced in Section IV A. above, implemented to protect Confidential Information that is furnished by DHHS under this Contract from loss, theft or inadvertent disclosure.
 - b. safeguard this information at all times.
 - c. ensure that laptops and other electronic devices/media containing PHI, PI, or PFI are encrypted and password-protected.

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- d. send emails containing Confidential Information only if encrypted and being sent to and being received by email addresses of persons authorized to receive such information.
- e. limit disclosure of the Confidential Information to the extent permitted by law.
- f. Confidential Information received under this Contract and individually identifiable data derived from DHHS Data, must be stored in an area that is physically and technologically secure from access by unauthorized persons during duty hours as well as non-duty hours (e.g., door locks, card keys, biometric identifiers, etc.).
- g. only authorized End Users may transmit the Confidential Data, including any derivative files containing personally identifiable information, and in all cases, such data must be encrypted at all times when in transit, at rest, or when stored on portable media as required in section IV above.
- h. in all other instances Confidential Data must be maintained, used and disclosed using appropriate safeguards, as determined by a risk-based assessment of the circumstances involved.
- i. understand that their user credentials (user name and password) must not be shared with anyone. End Users will keep their credential information secure. This applies to credentials used to access the site directly or indirectly through a third party application.

Contractor is responsible for oversight and compliance of their End Users. DHHS reserves the right to conduct onsite inspections to monitor compliance with this Contract, including the privacy and security requirements provided in herein, HIPAA, and other applicable laws and Federal regulations until such time the Confidential Data is disposed of in accordance with this Contract.

V. LOSS REPORTING

The Contractor must notify the State's Privacy Officer and Security Officer of any Security Incidents and Breaches immediately, at the email addresses provided in Section VI.

The Contractor must further handle and report Incidents and Breaches involving PHI in accordance with the agency's documented Incident Handling and Breach Notification procedures and in accordance with 42 C.F.R. §§ 431.300 - 306. In addition to, and notwithstanding, Contractor's compliance with all applicable obligations and procedures, Contractor's procedures must also address how the Contractor will:

1. Identify Incidents;
2. Determine if personally identifiable information is involved in Incidents;
3. Report suspected or confirmed Incidents as required in this Exhibit or P-37;

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4. Identify and convene a core response group to determine the risk level of Incidents and determine risk-based responses to Incidents; and
5. Determine whether Breach notification is required, and, if so, identify appropriate Breach notification methods, timing, source, and contents from among different options, and bear costs associated with the Breach notice as well as any mitigation measures.

Incidents and/or Breaches that implicate PI must be addressed and reported, as applicable, in accordance with NH RSA 359-C:20.

VI. PERSONS TO CONTACT

A. DHHS Privacy Officer:

DHHSPrivacyOfficer@dhhs.nh.gov B.

DHHS Security Officer:

DHHSInformationSecurityOffice@dhhs.nh.gov

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 BRODSKY RESEARCH, LLC is a Colorado Limited Liability Company registered to transact business in New Hampshire on January 17, 2024. 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: 951277

Certificate Number : 0006547074



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,
this 17th day of January A.D. 2024.

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

David M. Scanlan
Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, Lisa Brodsky, hereby certify that:
(Name of the elected Officer of the Corporation/LLC; cannot be contract signatory)

1. I am a duly elected Clerk/Secretary/Officer of Brodsky Research, LLC
(Corporation/LLC Name)

2. The following is a true copy of a vote taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors/shareholders, duly called and held on January 23, 2024, at which a quorum of the Directors/shareholders were present and voting.
(Date)

VOTED: That Andrew Brodsky (may list more than one person)
(Name and Title of Contract Signatory)

is duly authorized on behalf of Brodsky Research, LLC to enter into contracts or agreements with the State
(Name of Corporation/ LLC)

of New Hampshire and any of its agencies or departments and further is authorized to execute any and all documents, agreements and other instruments, and any amendments, revisions, or modifications thereto, which may in his/her judgment be desirable or necessary to effect the purpose of this vote.

3. I hereby certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of the contract/contract amendment to which this certificate is attached. This authority was **valid thirty (30) days prior to and remains valid for thirty (30) days** from the date of this Certificate of Authority. I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence that the person(s) listed above currently occupy the position(s) indicated and that they have full authority to bind the corporation. To the extent that there are any limits on the authority of any listed individual to bind the corporation in contracts with the State of New Hampshire, all such limitations are expressly stated herein.

Dated: January 23,
2024



Signature of Elected Officer
Name: Lisa Brodsky
Title: Shareholder



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
01/30/2024

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

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NAIC#	
INSURER A: Hartford Insurance Company of the Southeast 38261	
INSURER B: _____	
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