

**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
FOR PURCHASE OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT**

**ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS**

When used in the Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings given below except when expressly indicated otherwise:

- A. "Agent" means FirstEnergy Service Company, its successors and assigns, as the authorized agent for the Purchaser.
- B. "Agreement" means the terms and conditions set forth in this document, together with the Purchase Order and all attachments, exhibits, revisions and supplements thereto.
- C. "Goods" means the materials, equipment, supplies or other products.
- D. "Purchase Order" is the description of commercial terms connected to these Terms and Conditions and may contain additional terms and other messages unique to the transaction described therein.
- E. "Purchaser" means: (1) for Agreements with a single purchaser, the affiliate company designated on the Purchase Order for which the Goods shall be procured; and (2) for Agreements with multiple purchasers, the affiliate company designated on the Purchase Order or on the Release Order pertaining to the Goods being procured. If more than one company is identified as the Purchaser, the liability of each company named shall be several and not joint and shall be limited to such company's interest in the Agreement.
- F. "Release Order" means any individual release order issued pursuant to the terms of a Purchase Order, and may describe specific Goods to be provided and other terms pertaining to that release.
- G. "Supplier" means the organization, individual or entity which is furnishing the Goods.

**ARTICLE 2 – TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

- A. Offer and Acceptance. Supplier's acknowledgement, commencement of performance, or any conduct which recognizes the existence of a contract pertaining to the subject matter hereof shall constitute acceptance by Supplier of the Agreement and all of its terms and conditions. Acceptance of the Agreement is expressly limited to Supplier's assent to all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement. Additional or different terms provided in Supplier's acceptance of Purchaser's offer which vary in any degree from any of the terms herein or expressly referenced on the face of the Agreement shall be deemed material and are hereby objected to and rejected. If the Agreement shall be deemed an acceptance by Purchaser in response to an offer by Supplier and if any terms herein are additional to or different from any terms of such offer, then the issuance of the Agreement by Purchaser shall constitute an acceptance expressly conditioned upon Supplier's assent to all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement. Additional or different terms in any acknowledgement, invoice, or communication submitted by Supplier, or any attempt by Supplier to vary in any degree any of the terms of the Agreement, unless expressly agreed to by Purchaser in writing, shall be deemed material and are hereby objected to and rejected. Any such terms proposed by Supplier, whether by offer or acceptance, shall be void unless expressly agreed to in writing by Purchaser.
- B. Integration; Modification. The parties intend the Agreement to constitute the complete, exclusive and fully integrated statement of their agreement concerning the subject matter hereof. As such, the Agreement is the sole repository of their agreement and the parties are not bound by any other agreements of whatsoever kind or nature pertaining to the subject matter hereof. The parties further intend the complete, exclusive and fully integrated statement of their agreement may not be supplemented or interpreted by any evidence of trade usage, course of dealing, or course of performance. No amendment, modification, or rescission of the Agreement shall be enforceable unless the same is in writing and signed by the party against whom the terms of such amendment, modification, or rescission are sought to be enforced.
- C. Non-Exclusivity. The Agreement is not exclusive, and Purchaser may at its sole discretion contract with others to procure such Goods as are herein contemplated, or may procure such Goods with its own forces.
- D. Independent Contractor. Supplier shall be considered an independent contractor in its performance hereunder and responsible for all acts or omissions (negligent or otherwise) of its agents, employees and subcontractors. Supplier alone shall be liable and responsible for the manner and methods by which work is performed and for materials, work force and equipment related to the Goods, irrespective of whether or not any changes are made as a result of any comments received from Purchaser. Supplier shall be responsible for all contributions for unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, social security, and other employment benefits of its employees.

**ARTICLE 3 – SHIPMENT AND DELIVERY**

- A. Shipping Terms. Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all shipments shall be made F.O.B. Destination. Title to the Goods passes to the Purchaser upon acceptance of delivery. Supplier shall be responsible for filing loss and damage claims prior to acceptance of delivery by the Purchaser.
- B. Time is of the Essence. THE OBLIGATION OF SUPPLIER TO MEET THE DELIVERY DATES, SPECIFICATIONS AND QUANTITIES SET FORTH HEREIN IS OF THE ESSENCE OF THE AGREEMENT.
- C. Delivery. Unless otherwise noted elsewhere in the Agreement, Purchaser will not accept COD shipments. Supplier shall notify Purchaser immediately of any delay in delivery or shipment. Purchaser may return (at Supplier's expense) any shipment that is of greater or lesser quantity than ordered. If Supplier fails to meet the delivery schedule, Purchaser, without limiting its other rights or remedies, may: (1) direct expedited routing and charge to Supplier all additional and incidental costs incurred thereby; or (2) cancel delivery of all or part of the Goods. If Goods are delivered in advance of their scheduled delivery date, Purchaser, at its option may: (a) return delivered Goods at Supplier's expense; or (b) withhold payment therefor until the date the Goods are actually scheduled for delivery; or (c) place the delivered Goods in storage at Supplier's expense until delivery dates specified herein.
- D. Returned Items. The Supplier shall pay transportation charges for the return of any rejected Goods, or for which acceptance has been revoked and, upon receiving notice from Purchaser of rejection/revocation, shall bear the risk of loss.
- E. Packaging. Supplier shall ensure the Goods are packaged and shipped in a manner that ensure the shipped item(s) are not damaged in transport.

- F. Shipping Documents. Supplier shall provide a packing list with each shipment and include order identification information Purchaser specifies (such as the order number and project system identification number) on all invoices, packages, shipping cases, shipping documents, and correspondence. Supplier shall (upon request) forward to Purchaser with the invoice, any original bills of lading or express receipts, signed by the carrier, for any Goods shipped.
- G. If shipments are made through Purchaser's carrier, different obligations may apply.

#### **ARTICLE 4 – INSPECTION PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE; DEFECTIVE OR NONCONFORMING WORK**

- A. Inspection. The Goods shall be subject to Purchaser's inspection, tests, and count at any time or place at the discretion of Purchaser whether during or after manufacture, delivery or installation. Nothing herein shall relieve Supplier of the obligation to make full and adequate testing and inspection of any of the Goods.
- B. Rejection and Revocation. If any of the Goods are defective or otherwise not in conformity with the requirements of the Agreement, Purchaser, in addition to its other rights, may reject the same and: (1) receive full credit from Supplier; or (2) replace same at Supplier's expense including transportation charges. Any Goods Purchaser rejects shall not thereafter be tendered for acceptance without Purchaser's written consent.
- C. Suspect or Counterfeit Goods. Supplier is hereby notified that the delivery of suspect or counterfeit Goods is of special concern to Purchaser. If any Goods specified in the Purchase Order are described using a part or model number, a product description, and/or an industry standard, Supplier shall assure the Goods supplied meet all requirements of the latest version of the applicable manufacturer data sheet, product description, and/or industry standard unless otherwise specified. If Supplier is not the manufacturer of the Goods, the Supplier shall assure that all Goods supplied under the Purchase Order shall be: (a) made by the original manufacturer; and (b) meet the applicable manufacturer data sheet, product description or industry standard. Should Supplier desire to supply alternate Goods that may not meet these requirements, Supplier shall notify Purchaser of any such exceptions and receive the Purchaser's written approval prior to shipment of the alternate Goods to the Purchaser. If Supplier does not receive Purchaser's written approval to ship alternate Goods and ships such Goods to Purchaser, it will be considered a material breach of the Agreement and any limitations on damages or liability shall not apply to Supplier. In addition, if suspect or counterfeit Goods are furnished under this Purchase Order or are found in any of the Goods delivered hereunder, such Goods will be dispositioned by Purchaser and/or the original manufacturer, and may be returned to the Supplier in accordance with the "Rejection and Revocation" provision above. Supplier shall promptly replace such suspect or counterfeit Goods with Goods meeting the requirements of the Purchase Order. If Supplier knowingly supplied suspect or counterfeit Goods, Supplier shall be liable for all reasonable costs incurred by Purchaser for the removal, replacement and reinstallation of said Goods.

#### **ARTICLE 5 – CONTRACT PRICE AND PAYMENT**

- A. Net Pricing. Prices stated in the Agreement shall be the maximum Purchaser shall pay Supplier for the Goods. Unless otherwise expressly set forth in the Agreement, Purchaser will not be responsible for any additional charges, including boxing, packing, crating, carting, insurance, or shipping. All amounts referenced in the Agreement are in United States dollars. Except to the extent otherwise provided in the Agreement, Supplier shall pay all taxes, duties, levies, and all other fees and charges imposed by any governmental entity with respect to the Agreement and the Goods.
- B. Invoicing.
  - 1. Invoices shall be submitted in the manner described in the Purchase Order. The elements of all amounts invoiced shall be shown separately, by applicable line items, and shall be classified as Purchaser may require for accounting and payment purposes. Any taxes payable by Purchaser hereunder shall be shown separately on any bids and invoices sent to Purchaser. Any disputed invoice or portion thereof need not be paid, but in such case, Purchaser shall promptly notify Supplier of any rejected invoice or portion thereof (with reasons for such rejection). Purchaser may deduct five percent (5%) as a processing fee from Supplier for any invoice issued more than one hundred eighty (180) days after Purchaser's acceptance of the Goods.
  - 2. Electronic Invoices. Unless otherwise expressly noted in the Agreement, Supplier shall enroll in and utilize Purchaser's then-current Electronic Invoice Presentment and Payment Program to submit invoices and receive payment electronically from Purchaser.
- C. Payment. Each invoice shall, after approval by Purchaser, be processed for payment in accordance with the terms of payment as set forth in the Agreement. Unless otherwise set forth in the Agreement, payment terms are 2% 10 Net 45 days. Payment dates shall be calculated from the date Purchaser receives a correct invoice or accepts the Goods, whichever is later. Payments by Purchaser shall not be deemed evidence of acceptance by Purchaser of the Goods.
- D. Set-Off. Purchaser shall be entitled at all times to set-off any amount owing from Supplier to Purchaser or any affiliate of Purchaser against any amount payable by Purchaser hereunder.
- E. Audit. Purchaser shall (upon reasonable notice) have the right to audit books and records of Supplier for the purpose of confirming the amount due to Supplier or Supplier's performance of its obligations under the Agreement. Supplier, its subcontractors and any other entity Supplier uses to perform its obligations under the Agreement shall preserve all such records for a period of three (3) years after final payment hereunder. Upon request, Supplier shall provide Purchaser with information relating to prices of materials, equipment and services sufficient to enable Purchaser to comply with accounting regulations of any governmental or quasi-governmental organization. Supplier shall provide for such right to audit by Purchaser in all contracts with subcontractors and other entities relating to the Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 6 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Supplier warrants the Goods supplied hereunder do not and will not infringe on or misappropriate any United States or foreign patent, copyright, trademark, or other intellectual property rights of any third party. If the Goods, or any portion thereof, is held to constitute an infringement or misappropriation of the intellectual property rights of a third party then Article 8(B) shall apply.

## **ARTICLE 7 – WARRANTY**

- A. **Warranty.** Supplier warrants that all Goods: (1) will fully conform with the terms of the Agreement, and with specifications, drawings, samples, and other descriptions provided by Purchaser; and (2) will be of good design, material, and workmanship, free from defects; and (3) will be fit for the ordinary purposes for which such Goods are used or intended and for any particular purpose of Purchaser of which Supplier is aware; and (4) will be produced and supplied in compliance with applicable law. The foregoing warranties shall continue in effect for a period of two (2) years from the date Purchaser initially uses the Good as an integral part of Purchaser's site, or in the case of non-operational Goods, for a period of two (2) years from the date Purchaser accepts such Goods, whichever is later.
- B. **Replacement and Repair.** Goods which are modified, adjusted, repaired or replaced under the terms of the Agreement shall be subject to the same warranties, the same conditions and the same remedies provided for the original Goods, provided that the warranty period shall begin on the date the modification, adjustment, repair, or replacement is complete. Any defective or non-conforming Goods shall be removed from Purchaser's site if necessary. Supplier shall bear the cost of making good all work of separate contractors destroyed or damaged by such removal or correction.
- C. **Remedies.** If any Goods do not comply with the foregoing warranties, Purchaser may, at its sole option, and in each case at Supplier's sole expense: (1) reject such Goods; or (2) require Supplier to repair, correct, or replace such Goods as necessary to render them in conformance with the foregoing warranties and consistent with Purchaser's time schedule; or (3) return such Goods and receive a full refund of the contract price; or (4) arrange for Purchaser or a third party to make any corrections and replacement required to cause such Goods to fully conform to the foregoing warranties. Supplier shall reimburse Purchaser for all expenses Purchaser incurs in connection with a breach of the foregoing warranties (including transportation, storage, administrative, expediting and other incidental expenses of Purchaser). If Supplier does not remove defective or non-conforming Goods within a reasonable time fixed by written notice from Purchaser, Purchaser may remove and store such Goods at Supplier's expense. If Supplier does not pay the cost of such removal and storage within ten (10) days thereafter, Purchaser may, upon ten (10) additional days' written notice, sell such Goods at auction or at private sale and shall account for the net proceeds thereof, after deducting all the costs. The remedies set forth in the Agreement are cumulative, and shall not preclude any other remedy available to Purchaser at law or in equity.
- D. **Title.** Supplier warrants title to the Goods is free of defects, which shall continue without limitation as to time.
- E. **Survival.** All of Supplier's warranties shall survive performance and acceptance of and payment for the Goods and shall inure to the benefit of Purchaser and to subsequent purchasers of the Goods.

## **ARTICLE 8 – INDEMNITY**

- A. **Supplier's Indemnity.** Supplier shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Purchaser, its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates, and each of their respective agents, officers, employees, successors, assigns, and indemnitees (the "**Indemnified Parties**") from and against any and all losses, costs, damages, claims, liabilities, fines, penalties, and expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' and other professional fees and expenses, any mediation, arbitration, and court costs, incurred in connection with the investigation, defense, and settlement of any claim asserted against any Indemnified Party or the enforcement of Supplier's obligations under this Article (collectively, "**Losses**")), which any of the Indemnified Parties may suffer or incur arising out of or related to the Goods, and/or the actions or omissions of Supplier and/or its subcontractors, including Losses relating to: (1) actual or alleged bodily or mental injury to or death of any person; or (2) damage to or loss of use of property of Purchaser, Supplier, or any third party; or (3) any contractual liability owed by Purchaser to a third party; or (4) any breach of or inaccuracy in the covenants, representations, and warranties made by Supplier under the Agreement; or (5) any violation by Supplier or any subcontractor of any ordinance, regulation, rule, or law of the United States or any political subdivision or duly constituted public authority; or (6) any lien or encumbrance arising out of or in connection with performance of Supplier's obligations under the Agreement; **provided, however,** that Supplier's indemnity obligations under this Article 8(A) shall not apply to any Losses to the extent such Losses are found to have been caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of any of the Indemnified Parties.
- B. **Intellectual Property Indemnity.** Supplier shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties from and against any and all Losses which any of the Indemnified Parties may suffer or incur arising out of or related to any claim, suit, or proceeding alleging that the Goods, the intended use thereof, or any materials and information designed, specified, or used by Supplier or any subcontractor in the Goods, violates, infringes, or misappropriates any patent rights, copyrights, trade secrets, or other intellectual property rights of any third party. If the use of any Good(s) is enjoined or restrained, and Supplier fails to remove such injunction or restraining order within a reasonable time, Supplier shall promptly and at Supplier's expense: (1) secure for Purchaser the right to use the Goods or any portion thereof which is said to be infringing by procuring for Purchaser a royalty-free license; or (2) replace the Goods or such portion thereof with non-infringing Goods that meet the requirements of the Agreement; or (3) remove such infringing Goods or such portion thereof, as Purchaser may elect, and refund the sums paid therefor by Purchaser, together with any out-of-pocket costs incurred by Purchaser in connection with its purchase and use of the infringing Goods, all without damage or injury to Purchaser's other property.
- C. **Waiver of Immunities.** If an employee of Supplier or its subcontractor, or such employee's heirs, assigns, or anyone otherwise entitled to receive damages by reason of injury or death to such employee, brings an action at law against any Indemnified Party, then Supplier, for itself, its successors, assigns, and subcontractors hereby expressly waives any provision of any workers' compensation act or other similar law whereby Supplier could preclude its joinder by such Indemnified Party as an additional defendant in such actions, or avoid liability for damages, contribution, defense, or indemnity in any such action at law, or otherwise. Supplier's obligation to Purchaser under this Article 8 shall not be limited by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, benefits or compensation payable by or for Supplier under any worker's compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts on account of claims against Purchaser by an employee of Supplier or anyone employed directly or indirectly by Supplier or anyone for whose acts Supplier may be liable.

## **ARTICLE 9 – INSURANCE**

- A. **Supplier's Insurance.** If the Supplier is furnishing services on Purchaser's site, the Supplier shall secure and maintain in force minimum policies of insurance of the types listed below and shall furnish to Purchaser, prior to providing any portion of the Goods

and throughout the duration of Supplier's performance of providing the Goods, certificates of insurance evidencing current coverage listed below (collectively, the "Policies").

1. Commercial General Liability (CGL) insurance including products-completed operations, independent contractors, and contractual liability coverages with minimum limits of \$2,000,000 per occurrence, combined single limit for bodily injury (including disease or death), personal injury, and property damage (including loss of use) liability.
2. Automobile Liability insurance, including non-ownership and hired car endorsement, with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, combined single limit.
3. Worker's Compensation coverage in the statutory amounts under the worker's compensation act(s) of the location(s) in which the Agreement is to be performed, for the current period.
4. Employer's Liability with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 for each accident or illness.
5. If the Supplier will have access to Purchaser's Network/Systems or any of Purchaser's customer data, Supplier is required to provide Cyber Liability Insurance with limits not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence

Any of the above per-occurrence limits may be satisfied by a combination of primary and excess liability coverage.

- B. Additional Insured. FirstEnergy Corp. and its subsidiaries and affiliates shall be included by Supplier as an additional insured to the Policies for the portion of any losses resulting from, or related to, the Supplier's sole or concurrent negligence. The Policies shall provide primary and non-contributory coverage in relation to any insurance Purchaser carries for the same losses, and include a separation of insured's provisions. A copy of the endorsement adding FirstEnergy Corp. and its subsidiaries and its affiliates as an additional insured (blanket endorsement is acceptable) shall be attached to the certificate of insurance providing general liability coverage.
- C. Lapse of Coverage. The Policies shall not be canceled or allowed to lapse, and no material change shall be made altering, restricting or reducing the insurance provided or changing the name of the insured without giving immediate notice in writing to *FirstEnergy Service Company, Insurance Risk Management, 76 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308*, with receipt of notice acknowledged. In the event of cancellation or lapse of or prohibited change in any Policy, Purchaser shall have the right to suspend provision of the work by Supplier until the Policy and certificates in evidence thereof are reinstated or arrangements acceptable to Purchaser are made pending issuance of new Policies and certificates. If any Policy shall be about to lapse or be canceled, Supplier shall, obtain a new Policy with like coverage, and if Supplier fails to do so, Purchaser may terminate the Agreement.
- D. Waiver of Subrogation. Supplier hereby waives (and any of its subcontractors shall waive) any rights of subrogation they or any of their insurers may have against Purchaser and each non-affiliated company disclosed in the Agreement, their respective agents or employees.

#### **ARTICLE 10 – ENCUMBRANCES**

Supplier shall neither file (nor cause or permit to be filed) any lien or encumbrance with respect to the Goods and hereby expressly waives any right to file (or cause to be filed) such lien or encumbrance. Supplier, in each of its subcontracts and agreements with suppliers related to the Goods, shall require all subcontractors and suppliers to expressly waive the right to file liens and shall provide Purchaser with copies of such waivers.

#### **ARTICLE 11 – TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION BY PURCHASER**

- A. Termination for Convenience. Purchaser may, at any time without cause and for its own convenience, terminate the Agreement, or from time to time cancel any portion of the Agreement (and Purchaser's corresponding obligations) by giving Supplier written notice. In the event termination is not based upon a breach by Supplier, Purchaser may pay Supplier the proportionate part of the purchase price representing Goods delivered and accepted prior to the date of termination. Acceptance of any portion of the Goods ordered shall not bind Purchaser to accept any future shipment or deprive Purchaser of the right to revoke acceptance and return previously delivered Goods, or waive its right to reject future deliveries. Supplier shall have no right to substitute for returned or rejected Goods without Purchaser's written instructions and agreement. Purchaser shall not be liable for any consequential or incidental damages or the loss of any claims for anticipated profits on the unfinished or unshipped portion of Goods. The compensation described in this paragraph shall be Supplier's sole and exclusive compensation and remedy if the Agreement is terminated for convenience.
- B. Suspension. Supplier, upon written notice from Purchaser, shall suspend or temporarily stop performance hereunder.
- C. Return of Pre-Paid Funds. Upon termination of the Agreement under this Article, Supplier shall return all pre-paid funds received from Purchaser to which Supplier is not entitled.

#### **ARTICLE 12 – COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND PERMITS**

- A. During the performance of the Agreement, Supplier shall strictly comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules or regulations and executive orders applicable to the Goods.
- B. Without limiting the foregoing, and unless exempted under the rules, regulations and relevant orders (41 CFR Chapter 60) of the U.S. Secretary of Labor, in connection with the Goods, Supplier agrees as follows:
  1. Supplier shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age or disability. Supplier shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age or disability. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Supplier shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the U.S. Department of Labor setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
  2. Supplier shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on its behalf, that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age or disability.

3. Supplier shall send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, advising the labor union or workers' representative of Supplier's commitments under the following provisions, as amended from time to time:
  - a. Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 (Equal Opportunity);
  - b. Executive Order 11701 (Employment of Veterans);
  - c. Executive Order 11758 (Employment of the Handicapped);
  - d. Executive Order 11141 (Employment Discrimination Because of Age);
  - e. Executive Order 11625 and Public Law 95-507 (Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises); and
  - f. Executive Order 13496 (Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act), and shall post copies thereof in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
4. Supplier and its subcontractors shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-300.5(a). This regulation prohibits discrimination against qualified protected veterans and requires affirmative action by covered prime contractors and subcontractors to employ and advance in employment qualified protected veterans.
5. Supplier and its subcontractors shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-741.5(a). This regulation prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals on the basis of disability, and requires affirmative action by covered prime contractors and subcontractors to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.
- C. If this Agreement is a subcontract under a government contract or federally-funded project, Supplier shall comply with subcontractor flow down requirements under the Federal Acquisition Regulations (48 CFR Chapter 1), as amended from time to time, which are specified in supplemental terms to this Agreement.
- D. Supplier shall comply with the Department of Commerce Export Administration Regulations ("EAR") in 15 CFR Chapter VII, subchapter C, including 15 CFR Section 734.2 which prohibits the export or release of controlled technology and/or software to foreign nationals within the United States who are not lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence. Supplier shall confirm that these regulations either do not apply to Supplier's activities under the terms of the Agreement or that Supplier has procedures to ensure compliance. If Supplier is directly or indirectly employing a foreign national not currently lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence to perform work under the Agreement, Supplier warrants to Purchaser that such employment does not violate the foregoing regulations.
- E. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA"). The following provisions shall apply to Supplier (unless it is a foreign concern) if it performs or obtains any of the work in a foreign country:
  1. All payments to Supplier shall be by check or bank transfer only. No payment shall be in cash or by bearer instrument, and no payment shall be made to any corporation or person other than Supplier. All payments due hereunder shall be made to Supplier at its principal place of business in the United States, even if Supplier performs or obtains the work in a foreign country.
  2. Supplier represents that it is familiar with the FCPA and its purposes; and that, in particular, it is familiar with the prohibition against paying or giving of anything of value, either directly or indirectly, by an American company to an official of a foreign government for the purpose of influencing an act or decision in his official capacity, or inducing him to use his influence with that government, to assist a company in obtaining or retaining business for or with, or directing business to, any person.
  3. Supplier represents that none of its partners, purchasers, principals, and staff members are officials, officers, or representatives of any government or political party or candidates for political office. Supplier shall not use any part of its compensation for any purpose, and shall take no action that would constitute a violation of any law of the United States (including the FCPA) or of any jurisdiction where it performs services or manufactures or sells goods. Purchaser represents that it does not desire and will not knowingly request any work by Supplier that would or might constitute any such violation.
  4. Purchaser may terminate the Agreement for default at any time and without any liability or obligation, if it believes, in good faith, that Supplier has violated this Article. Any action by Supplier which would or might constitute a violation of the FCPA, or a request for such action from Supplier's representative, shall result in immediate termination of the Agreement for default. Should Supplier ever receive, directly or indirectly, from any Purchaser representative a request that Supplier believes will or might violate the FCPA, Supplier shall immediately notify Purchaser's general counsel.
  5. Purchaser may disclose the existence and terms of the Agreement, including the compensation provisions, at any time, for any reason and to whomever Purchaser's general counsel determines has a legitimate need to know the same including, without limitation, the United States government, the government of any country where the work is performed or obtained, and any regulatory agency with jurisdiction over Purchaser.
- F. Government Authorizations. Unless the Agreement otherwise provides, Supplier shall, at its own expense, obtain from appropriate governmental authorities all permits, inspections and licenses which are required for the work and comply with all rules and regulations of insurance companies that have insured Supplier in any way related to the Goods.
- G. Any costs, fines, penalties, awards, damages or other liabilities associated with any violations of this Article shall be borne and paid by Supplier.
- H. Network Access. If Supplier's employees are given access to Purchaser's information and control systems, Supplier and such employees shall be subject to a Network/System Access Agreement governing Supplier's and such employees' use of such systems. The Network/System Access Agreement requires that each person given access is given a background check, is either a U.S. Citizen or holds a valid green card and shall comply with the FE IT Cyber Security Policy.
- I. Information Security. If applicable to its performance of the Work, Supplier shall be subject to the following:
  1. Supplier Requirements: Without limiting Supplier's confidentiality obligations under the Agreement, Supplier shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining an information security program (including any relevant subcontractors) that is designed to: (i) ensure the security and confidentiality of Purchaser's data; and (ii) protect against any threats or hazards to the security or integrity of Purchaser's data; and (iii) protect against unauthorized access to or use of Purchaser's data; and (iv) ensure the proper deletion of Purchaser's data; and (v) ensure that all Supplier's subcontractors, if any, comply with the foregoing. If Supplier's information security

system is breached, Supplier must timely notify Purchaser of such breach via e-mail and phone call. The minimum information security requirements will be incorporated into this Agreement as "FirstEnergy Security Requirements for Application Service Providers" and will be a material obligation of Supplier in its performance of the Work.

2. Right to Audit. Supplier's information security program will be subject to periodic review, as requested by Purchaser. Supplier shall notify Purchaser of any modification to the information security program (including modifications made by subcontractors) for Purchaser's review and implement any safeguards required by Purchaser.
3. Third-Party Audit. No less than annually, Supplier shall conduct an independent third-party audit of its information security program and provide such audit results to Purchaser. Supplier shall implement any required safeguards as identified by such information security program audit.

J. Codes of Conduct. Supplier shall comply with all requirements of **FirstEnergy's Code of Conduct (located at [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com))** and any governmental regulatory codes of conduct applicable to the work.

K. NERC CIP Requirements. The following obligations shall apply to each Supplier employee who is authorized as part of the work to have either electronic, or unescorted physical access to Bulk Electric Systems ("BES") Cyber Systems (which Purchaser shall from time to time identify for Supplier) ("**CIP Employee**"). Upon request from Purchaser, at any time prior to the start of or during the work, Supplier shall:

- (a) provide direct evidence (i.e. the actual search criteria and results) verifying that no CIP Employee possesses a criminal conviction, and
- (b) certify that each CIP Employee has completed the training necessary to achieve the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("**NERC**") Critical Infrastructure Protection ("**CIP**") certification. (If required, Purchaser shall provide and pay for the training to achieve NERC CIP certification).

Pursuant to a NERC CIP compliant documented personnel risk assessment and training program, Supplier shall provide such evidence and certification confirming that each CIP Employee:

- (y) has either: (i) within the past seven (7) years, submitted to a background check consisting of at a minimum an identity verification (e.g. Social Security Number verification in the U.S.) and a seven (7) year criminal check that revealed no evidence of a criminal conviction; or (ii) has been subject to a similar seven-year cycle re-check; and
- (z) has received the Purchaser-sponsored Security Awareness training or will receive such training prior to accessing BES Cyber Systems.

Supplier shall inform Purchaser immediately, but no later than four (4) hours after actual knowledge, via email and phone call, if Supplier's employee having authorized electronic or authorized unescorted physical access to BES Cyber Systems is terminated, or when the access rights of a Supplier's employee to BES Cyber Systems needs to be changed or revoked. Supplier agrees to adhere to current and future NERC CIP compliance regulations applicable to the Work and as required by Purchaser.

L. Gifts and Gratuities/Conflicts of Interest. Purchaser's employees are subject to conflicts of interest and gifts and gratuities policies, which generally prohibit such employees and/or their family members, from giving or receiving gifts, favors, services, or privileges (including travel, entertainment and discounts that would not be available to the general public) from existing or potential customers, suppliers, or contractors that: (1) have more than a nominal value; (2) exceed the level of standard business courtesies; or (3) the acceptance of cash, gift certificates, or loans in any amount. The conflicts of interest policy generally prohibits Purchaser's employees, and/or their family members, from serving as an officer, director, employee, consultant, agent, of, or owning any beneficial interest in, an organization which has a business relationship with Purchaser as a supplier or contractor, if the employee is in a position to influence decisions concerning the relationship. The entire text of these policies may be found within the Supply Chain Section at [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com). Supplier and prospective suppliers to Purchaser are expected to be aware of and comply with these policies in their dealings with Purchaser's employees and their family members. *Any suspected or actual violations of these policies should be reported; and, may be reported anonymously and confidentially by a customer, supplier, contractor, or employee by calling the Employee Concerns Line (1-800-683-3625), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*

M. Conflict Minerals. For purposes of this Agreement, "**Conflict Minerals**" means any cassiterite, columbite-tantalite, gold, wolframite, or the derivatives tantalum, tin, or tungsten and any other mineral or its derivatives determined by the U.S. Secretary of State pursuant to Section 13p of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to be financing conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo ("**DRC**") or any country that shares an internationally recognized border with the DRC (collectively, and together with the DRC, the "**Conflict Region**"). With respect to any Goods Purchaser reasonably determines has been or will be "contracted to be manufactured" or incorporated into a product "manufactured" by Purchaser, in each case, as contemplated by Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "**Act**"), and could contain Conflict Minerals:

1. Supplier shall disclose to Purchaser in writing whether such Goods do contain Conflict Minerals and, if so, the type(s) of Conflict Mineral(s) the Goods contain;
2. Supplier hereby represents to Purchaser that any such Conflict Minerals did not originate in the Conflict Region or, in the alternative, such Goods are "DRC conflict free" as defined in the Act and the implementing regulations; and
3. Supplier shall comply with, and support Purchaser's efforts to comply with, the Act and its implementing regulations (including, without limitation, the Act's due diligence and reporting requirements), regardless of whether Supplier is a covered issuer under the Act, and comply with Purchaser's Conflict Minerals Policy.

Purchaser may terminate this Agreement for default at any time, without any liability or obligation, if it believes, in good faith, that Supplier has violated this Article 12(M).

N. Identity Theft. Supplier agrees to perform all duties contemplated herein consistent with reasonable policies, procedures and related controls that are designed to detect, prevent and mitigate the risk of identity theft, and to take appropriate steps to prevent, or mitigate the same if any such events occur. The need for this contractual provision is based on the Identity Theft Red Flags Rule promulgated under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003, which provides in pertinent part at 16 CFR Part 681 Attachment A VI (C): A

financial institution or creditor should take steps to ensure that the activity of the service provider is conducted in accordance with reasonable policies and procedures designed to detect, prevent, and mitigate the risk of identity theft.

#### **ARTICLE 13 – LIMITATION OF LIABILITY/DAMAGES**

Except as otherwise expressly provided under this Agreement, under no circumstance shall Purchaser, its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates be liable for any incidental, indirect, special, punitive or consequential damages (including anticipated profits or revenues).

#### **ARTICLE 14 – AUTHORITY OF AGENT**

- A. Authority of Agent. Agent is wholly authorized to perform any action, as agent and representative of Purchaser, included in, related to, or necessary to carry out the provisions of this Agreement, including any Purchase Order, change order or Release Order issued hereunder.
- B. Limitation of Agent. Notwithstanding the Agent's authority described herein, the Agent is not, nor shall it be construed to be, a party to the Agreement or to any Purchase Order, change order or Release Order governed thereby. Under no circumstances shall Agent be liable for any obligations of Purchaser hereunder for any incidental, indirect, special, punitive or consequential damages (including anticipated profits or revenues) for any controversy or dispute arising out of, related to, or touching in any way this Agreement or any agreement related hereto.

#### **ARTICLE 15 - PROHIBITION OF PUBLICITY**

Supplier shall not refer to the Agreement or reference Purchaser, its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates, directly or indirectly, in its advertising or promotional materials, or in any form of so called "social media" without Purchaser's prior express written consent.

#### **ARTICLE 16 – CONFIDENTIALITY**

- A. Supplier acknowledges that in the course of performing under the Agreement it may have access to and/or be in possession of Purchaser's Confidential Information. "**Confidential Information**" shall include scientific and technical information, formulas, devices, concepts, inventions, designs, drawings, methods, techniques, computer software, screens, user interfaces, system designs and documentation, marketing and commercial strategies, information concerning Purchaser's or any of its affiliates' employees, customers, or suppliers, processes, data concepts, and know-how, and unique combinations of separate items that individually may or may not be confidential, which information is not generally known to the public and either derives economic value, (actual or potential), from not being generally known or has a character such that Purchaser or any of its affiliates has an interest in maintaining its secrecy. Supplier shall hold in confidence, in the same manner as it holds its own Confidential Information, all Purchaser's Confidential Information to which it has access pursuant to the Agreement. Supplier shall not use Purchaser's Confidential Information for any purpose other than providing the Goods. Access to Purchaser's Confidential Information shall be restricted to Supplier's employees with a need to know such information in connection with the Goods and who are either a U.S. citizen or hold a valid green card. Supplier shall return Confidential Information to Purchaser upon completion of performance of the Agreement.
- B. Supplier shall not use or disclose Confidential Information for any reason or purpose without the prior written consent of the Purchaser. Supplier may use Confidential Information for the sole purpose of the performance of the Agreement for the benefit of the Purchaser. Supplier will take all precautions and actions to prevent sale, transfer, sublicense, use or disclosure of Confidential Information to any third party.
- C. The restrictions set forth in this Article shall not apply to information that: (1) is or has become generally known to, or readily ascertainable by, the public without the fault or omission of the Supplier or its employees or agents; or (2) was already known to Supplier prior to the first disclosure of such information to Supplier by Purchaser; or (3) was received by Supplier without restrictions as to its use from a third party who is lawfully in possession and not restricted as to the use thereof; or (4) is required to be disclosed by law or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction; or (5) was independently developed by Supplier through persons who have not had, either directly or indirectly, access to or knowledge of similar information provided by Purchaser.
- D. If Supplier is requested or required (by interrogatories, governmental request for information, request for production of documents, subpoena, Civil Investigative Demand or otherwise required by applicable law) to disclose any Confidential Information of Purchaser, Supplier shall provide Purchaser with prompt notice of such request(s) so that Purchaser may seek an appropriate protective order and Supplier shall use appropriate efforts to limit the disclosure and maintain confidentiality to the maximum extent possible.
- E. If Supplier breaches or threatens to breach this Article, the parties acknowledge that there may exist no adequate remedy at law, and hereby agree that Purchaser shall have the right to seek temporary and permanent injunctive relief to restrain a violation of this Article, without the necessity of posting a bond. Purchaser's right to injunctive relief shall be cumulative and in addition to its right to seek and obtain other remedies, including monetary damages.
- F. Supplier shall incorporate the above provisions in all agreements with its subcontractors, agents and assigns.

#### **ARTICLE 17 - FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither party shall be liable to the other for failure to perform or for delay in performance due to unforeseen causes beyond its reasonable control, and such causes are without the failure or negligence of the affected party. Such unforeseen causes include, but are not limited to, acts of God, fire, flood, epidemic, strike, work stoppage or other labor difficulty, acts of governmental authority, federal, state, or local laws, orders or regulations, embargo, war, terrorist act, riot, civil commotion, and/or insurrection, or by any other event or circumstance of whatsoever kind or nature not within the control of the affected party which, by the exercise of reasonable diligence such party is unable to prevent, whether or not similar or dissimilar to any of the foregoing class of events or circumstances ("**Force Majeure Event**"). For the avoidance of doubt, economic hardship of an affected party shall not be considered a Force Majeure Event.

In the event of a Force Majeure Event, the time for performance by the affected party shall be extended by a period of time equal to the time lost by reason thereof. The affected party will: (a) promptly notify the other party in writing of any causes or circumstances claimed to constitute a Force Majeure Event, the obligations which will be affected by such Force Majeure Event, the measures taken or to be taken to minimize the impact thereof, the schedule upon which such measures will be implemented, the anticipated duration of the failure to perform or delay, and documented evidence supporting the claim; and (b) use reasonable commercial efforts to mitigate the effect of such failure to perform or delay and to remedy the impact on the work. The non-affected party will review the claim and advise the affected party in writing of the decision regarding the claim for extension of time for performance of the Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 18 – MISCELLANEOUS**

### **A. Assignment and Subcontractors.**

1. Supplier may not assign any rights or claims, or delegate any duties under the Agreement, in whole or in part, without Purchaser's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. In the event of any assignment, subcontracting or delegation permitted hereunder, Supplier shall continue to be liable for the performance of its obligations hereunder.
2. If Supplier proposes to subcontract any portion of the Agreement for Goods, it shall submit to Purchaser the name of each proposed subcontractor(s) prior to engaging such subcontractor(s), with the proposed portion of the work and such information about the subcontractor(s) as Purchaser may request. Purchaser may reject any and all subcontractors at its absolute discretion. Supplier shall not be relieved of any responsibility or obligations under the Agreement by subcontracting any portion of the work, whether or not such proposed subcontract is approved by Purchaser.
3. This Agreement is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties and their permitted successors and assigns.

**B. Non-Wavier.** The delay or failure of either party to assert or enforce the strict performance of any of the terms of the Agreement or to exercise any rights hereunder, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment to any extent of its rights to assert or rely upon such terms or rights at any later time or on any future occasion.

**C. Severability.** If any portion of the Agreement is held invalid, the parties agree that such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Agreement, and the parties further agree to substitute for the invalid provision, a valid provision that most closely approximates the economic effect and intent of the invalid provision.

**D. Cumulative Rights.** Purchaser's rights and remedies set forth in the Agreement are cumulative and not exclusive, are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided at law, in equity, or under the Agreement, and may be pursued separately or concurrently as Purchaser determines.

**E. Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue.** All matters of dispute between the parties, whether regarding, arising from or relating to the Agreement or arising from alleged extra-contractual facts prior to, during, or subsequent to formation of the Agreement, including, without limitation, fraud, misrepresentation, negligence or any other alleged tort or violation of contract shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio for both substantive and procedural matters (without giving effect to conflict of laws principles) regardless of the theory upon which such matter is asserted. The parties expressly exclude the applicability of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. Any legal suit, action, or proceeding regarding, arising from or relating to the Agreement, may be (and, if against Purchaser, must exclusively be) instituted in a State or Federal Court in Summit County, Ohio. Supplier waives any objection it may have now or hereafter regarding the jurisdiction or venue of any such suit, action or proceeding and hereby irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of any such court in any such suit, action or proceeding.

**F. Interpretation.** The following principles of interpretation shall apply to the Agreement: (1) paragraph headings and captions are inserted for convenience only and shall not constitute a part of the Agreement and shall not be considered in construing intent, meaning, content or construction; (2) neither Purchaser nor Supplier shall be considered to be the party responsible for drafting any particular provision of the Agreement; (3) the words "hereof," "herein," "hereunder," and words of similar import shall refer to the Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision hereof; (4) the word "including" means "including, but not limited to" and shall be interpreted as broadly as possible; (5) words in the singular include the plural and vice versa; (6) all references to "days" shall be calendar days (and not merely business days, unless the Agreement so states); (7) any provision hereof that is prohibited or unenforceable shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction and the prohibited or unenforceable provision shall be reformed or modified to reflect the parties' intent to the maximum extent permitted by applicable legal requirements; and (8) if any conflict arises between a term defined in this document and a term (defined or otherwise) contained in another document comprising a part of the Agreement, the conflict shall be resolved in favor of the more specific defined term unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

**G. Execution and Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement. Delivery of a copy of this Agreement by facsimile transmission, by electronic mail in "portable document format" ("pdf") form, or by any other electronic means intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document shall have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing the original signature.