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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SEXUAL ASSAULT CONTRACT**

**BETWEEN THE**

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
AND**

**NEBRASKA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT COALITION**

This contract is entered into by and between the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, **DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES** (hereinafter "DHHS"), and **NEBRASKA DOMSETIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT COALITION** (hereinafter "Contractor").

**PURPOSE.** The purpose of this contract is for the performance of grant data collection and reporting, monitoring of domestic violence and sexual assault prevention, shelter and related services providers, and technical assistance for the implementation of the state plan.

**I. TERM AND TERMINATION**

- A. **TERM.** This contract is in effect from October 1, 2011 until September 30, 2012.
- B. **TERMINATION.** This contract may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent or by either party for any reason upon submission of written notice to the other party at least Thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination. DHHS may also terminate this contract in accord with the provisions designated "FUNDING AVAILABILITY" and "BREACH OF CONTRACT." In the event either party terminates this contract, the Contractor shall provide to DHHS all work in progress, work completed, and materials provided to it by DHHS in connection with this contract immediately.

**II. CONSIDERATION**

- A. **TOTAL PAYMENT.** DHHS shall pay the Contractor a total amount not to exceed \$63,000 (sixty three thousand dollars and no cents) for the services specified herein.
- B. **PAYMENT STRUCTURE.** Payment shall be structured as follows:

Project	Per item rate	Total cost
Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Prevention and Services State Plan; including the outreach plan to underserved populations		\$4,500

State plan year-end report		\$2,500
Site Visit and report (up to 10)	\$1,200 per visit	\$12,000
Peer Review and report (up to 4)	\$5,000 per review	\$20,000
Quarterly Program and State Performance Status Report	\$1,500 per quarter	\$6,000
Final Program and State Performance Status Report		\$1,000
Quarterly Program Financial Status Report	\$250/quarter	\$1,000
Final Program Financial Status Report		\$500
Technical Assistance*	\$16.00 per hour	\$15,500
Total		\$63,000

\*Technical Assistance –

It is anticipated the consultant will spend approximately 960 hours/year in fulfilling its obligations to provide technical assistance under this contract. The particular amount of time may vary from week to week. However, the consultant shall devote a minimum of 80 hours per month to its duties in accordance with this agreement. Technical Assistance will be paid at the rate of \$16.00 per hour for work performed in as technical assistance.

The contractor will submit an itemized invoice that lists the projects completed and the number of hours spent.

The State may withhold ten percent (10%) of each payment due as retainage. The entire retainage amount will be payable upon successful completion of the project. Upon completion of the project, the contractor will invoice the State for any outstanding work and for the retainage. The State may reject the final invoice by identifying the specific reasons for such rejection in writing to the contractor within 45 calendar days of receipt of the final invoice. Otherwise, the project will be deemed accepted and the State will release the final payment and retainage in accordance with the contract payment terms.

**C. PROMPT PAYMENT.**

1. Payment shall be made in compliance with the Nebraska Prompt Payment Act, NEB. REV. STAT. §81-2401 through 81-2408. Unless otherwise provided herein, payment shall be made by electronic means.

**D. Automated Clearing House (ACH) Enrollment Form Requirements for Payment.**

The vendor shall complete and sign the State of Nebraska ACH Enrollment Form and obtain the necessary information and signatures from their financial institution.

The completed form must be submitted before payments to the vendor can be made. Download ACH Form:  
[http://www.das.state.ne.us/accounting/nis/address\\_book\\_info.htm](http://www.das.state.ne.us/accounting/nis/address_book_info.htm)

### III. SCOPE OF SERVICES

A. The Contractor shall do the following:

**1. Protection from Domestic Abuse and Family Violence Prevention, Shelter, and Related services**

**a. Program monitoring**

- 1) Deliver the Program Standards setting the program expectations for approval by DHHS;
- 2) Conduct biennial site visits of each program (ten programs) that will monitor program performance and compliance with the contract;
  - a. Provide a summary of the site visit and recommendations to DHHS as part of NDVSAC quarterly report (approximately within 30 days of the site visit);
  - b. Prepare performance improvement plans, monitor improvement, and report findings to DHHS;
- 3) Conduct Peer Reviews of four programs per year to measure compliance with the Program Standards;
  - a. Provide a summary of the peer review and recommendations to DHHS as part of the NDVSAC quarterly report (approximately within 90 days of the original Peer Review) and
  - b. Prepare Peer Review performance improvement plans, monitor improvement, and report findings to DHHS.

**b. Data Collection and Outcome Reporting**

- 1) Collect performance, outcome, and financial reports from the domestic violence providers. The method of collection may be determined by the Coalition, but the information collected must be forwarded to DHHS to be used for activities such as, but not limited to, monitor contract compliance and for submission of reports to the funders.
- 2) Prepare and submit quarterly and annual performance and outcome status reports by program and by state;  
Review the quarterly domestic violence performance and outcome reports from the community based Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Programs and the four tribes;
- 3) Prepare and submit quarterly and annual summary reports that include, but not limited to, information of merit or concern as identified by program and by state.  
Review the quarterly domestic violence financial reports from the community based Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Programs and

the four tribes to maintain a program and statewide financial picture of domestic violence services; and

**c. Technical Assistance**

- 1) Coalition will conduct training on topics such administrative and management issues and enhancement of provider skills to serve the identified underserved populations;
- 2) Provide technical assistance/training to other organizations such as CFS Specialist for DHHS on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and
- 3) Provide information and assistance to DHHS, upon request, regarding questions or concerns about domestic violence/sexual assault services in Nebraska.

**d. Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program and Prevention State Plan**

- 1) Prepare and submit a NE Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Prevention and Services state plan covering the period of October 1, 2011 to September 31, 2015; and
- 2) Prepare and submit an annual report of accomplishments and recommendations for the next plan.

**2. Requirements**

**a. Insurance**

The contractor shall not commence work under this contract until he or she has obtained all the insurance required hereunder and such insurance has been approved by the State. The contractor shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on his or her subcontract until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained and approved by the State (or contractor). Approval of the insurance by the State shall not limit, relieve or decrease the liability of the contractor hereunder.

If by the terms of any insurance a mandatory deductible is required, or if the contractor elects to increase the mandatory deductible amount, the contractor shall be responsible for payment of the amount of the deductible in the event of a paid claim.

- 1) **WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY**

Coverage A	Statutory
Coverage B	
Bodily Injury by Accident	\$100,000 each accident
Bodily Injury by Disease	\$500,000 policy limit
Bodily Injury by Disease	\$100,000 each employee
  
- 2) **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY**

General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
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Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Personal/Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000 any one person
Bodily Injury/Property Damage	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Fire Damage	\$50,000 any one fire
Medical Payments	\$5,000 any one person

- 3) COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY  
 Bodily Injury/Property Damage \$1,000,000 combined single limit

- 4) EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE  
 The Contractor should furnish the State, with their proposal response, a certificate of insurance coverage complying with the above requirements, which shall be submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services, Julie Hippen at P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509 (facsimile (402) 471-9034).

**b. Deliverables**

Item	Due Date
Site visit and report	As completed
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault State Plan	July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2012
NDVSAC performance and financial report; site visits and peer reviews and technical assistance provided	January 30, 2011
Quarterly summary of the review of program and state performance and outcome data and financial reports	February 29th, 2012
NDVSAC performance and financial report; site visits and peer reviews and technical assistance provided	April 30, 2012
Quarterly summary of the review of program and state performance and outcome data and financial reports	May 31st, 2012
NDVSAC performance and financial report; site visits and peer reviews and technical assistance provided	July 31, 2012
Quarterly summary of the review of program and state performance and outcome data and financial reports	August 31st, 2012
NDVSAC performance and financial report; site visits and peer reviews and technical assistance provided	October 31, 2012
Quarterly summary of the review of program and state performance and outcome data and financial reports; including data for FVPSA report (10-1-2011 to 9-30-2012)	Nov. 31th, 2012
Annual report of the year's accomplishments compared to State Plan	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2012

**B. DHHS shall do the following:**

1. DHHS will maintain responsibility for monitoring compliance with the provider contracts and will be responsible for decisions regarding program funding

- and/or revisions to current program contracts.
2. Monitor the contract;
  3. Provide technical assistance in the conduct of this contract; and
  4. Review, evaluate and report performance.

#### **IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

##### **A. ACCESS TO RECORDS AND AUDIT RESPONSIBILITIES.**

1. All Contractor books, records, and documents regardless of physical form, including data maintained in computer files or on magnetic, optical or other media, relating to work performed or monies received under this contract shall be subject to audit at any reasonable time upon the provision of reasonable notice by DHHS. Contractor shall maintain all records for five (5) years from the date of final payment, except that records that fall under the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) shall be maintained for six (6) full years from the date of final payment. In addition to the foregoing retention periods, all records shall be maintained until all issues related to an audit, litigation or other action are resolved to the satisfaction of DHHS. All records shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted business practices.
2. The Contractor shall provide DHHS any and all written communications received by the Contractor from an auditor related to Contractor's internal control over financial reporting requirements and communication with those charged with governance including those in compliance with or related to Statement of Auditing Standards (SAS) 112 *Communicating Internal Control related Matters Identified in an Audit* and SAS 114 *The Auditor's Communication with Those Charged With Governance*. The Contractor agrees to provide DHHS with a copy of all such written communications immediately upon receipt or instruct any auditor it employs to deliver copies of such written communications to DHHS at the same time copies are delivered to the Contractor, in which case the Contractor agrees to verify that DHHS has received a copy.
3. The Contractor shall immediately correct any material weakness or condition reported to DHHS in the course of an audit and notify DHHS that the corrections have been made.
4. In addition to, and in no way in limitation of any obligation in this contract, the Contractor shall be liable for audit exceptions, and shall return to DHHS all payments made under this contract for which an exception has been taken or which has been disallowed because of such an exception, upon demand from DHHS.
5. The above provisions shall survive termination of the contract.

- B. AMENDMENT. This contract may be modified only by written amendment, executed by both parties. No alteration or variation of the terms and conditions of this contract shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties.
- C. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal statutes and regulations regarding civil rights and equal opportunity employment, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law 93-112; the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336; and the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act, NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 48-1101 to 48-1125. Violation of said statutes and regulations will constitute a material breach of contract. The Contractor shall insert this provision in all subcontracts.
- D. ASSIGNMENT. The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest, rights, or duties under this contract to any person, firm, or corporation without prior written consent of DHHS. In the absence of such written consent, any assignment or attempt to assign shall constitute a breach of this contract.
- E. ASSURANCE. If DHHS, in good faith, has reason to believe that the Contractor does not intend to, is unable to, or has refused to perform or continue to perform all material obligations under this contract, DHHS may demand in writing that the Contractor give a written assurance of intent to perform. Failure by the Contractor to provide written assurance within the number of days specified in the demand may, at DHHS's option, be the basis for terminating this contract.
- F. BREACH OF CONTRACT. DHHS may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, if the Contractor fails to perform its obligations under the contract in a timely and proper manner. DHHS may, by providing a written notice of default to the Contractor, allow the Contractor to cure a failure or breach of contract within a period of thirty (30) days or longer at DHHS's discretion considering the gravity and nature of the default. Said notice shall be delivered by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested or in person with proof of delivery. Allowing the Contractor time to cure a failure or breach of contract does not waive DHHS's right to immediately terminate the contract for the same or different contract breach which may occur at a different time. DHHS may, at its discretion, contract for any services required to complete this contract and hold the Contractor liable for any excess cost caused by Contractor's default. This provision shall not preclude the pursuit of other remedies for breach of contract as allowed by law.
- G. CONFIDENTIALITY. Any and all information gathered in the performance of this contract, either independently or through DHHS, shall be held in the strictest confidence and shall be released to no one other than DHHS without the prior written authorization of DHHS, provided, that contrary contract provisions set forth herein shall be deemed to be authorized exceptions to this general confidentiality provision. This provision shall survive termination of this contract.

- H. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall avoid all conflicts of interest and all appearances of conflicts of interest. The Contractor shall immediately notify DHHS of any such instances encountered so that other arrangements can be made to complete the work.
- I. DATA OWNERSHIP AND COPYRIGHT. All data collected as a result of this project shall be the property of DHHS. The Contractor shall not copyright any of the copyrightable material produced in conjunction with the performance required under this contract without written consent from DHHS. DHHS hereby reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use the copyrightable material for state government purposes. This provision shall survive termination of this contract.
- J. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION OR DECLARED INELIGIBLE. The Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.
- K. DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. All references in this contract to laws, rules, regulations, guidelines, directives, and attachments which set forth standards and procedures to be followed by the Contractor in discharging its obligations under this contract shall be deemed incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract with the same force and effect as if set forth in full text, herein.
- L. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE. Contractor certifies that it maintains a drug-free workplace environment to ensure worker safety and workplace integrity. Contractor shall provide a copy of its drug-free workplace policy at any time upon request by DHHS.
- M. FORCE MAJEURE. Neither party shall be liable for any costs or damages resulting from its inability to perform any of its obligations under this contract due to a natural disaster, or other similar event outside the control and not the fault of the affected party ("Force Majeure Event"). A Force Majeure Event shall not constitute a breach of this contract. The party so affected shall immediately give notice to the other party of the Force Majeure Event. Upon such notice, all obligations of the affected party under this contract which are reasonably related to the Force Majeure Event shall be suspended, and the affected party shall do everything reasonably necessary to resume performance as soon as possible. Labor disputes with the impacted party's own employees will not be considered a Force Majeure Event and will not suspend performance requirements under this contract.
- N. FUNDING AVAILABILITY. DHHS may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, in the event funding is no longer available. Should funds not be appropriated, DHHS may terminate the contract with respect to those payments for the fiscal years for which such funds are not appropriated. DHHS shall give the Contractor written notice thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of any termination. The Contractor

shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any authorized work which has been satisfactorily completed as of the termination date. In no event shall the Contractor be paid for a loss of anticipated profit.

O. GOVERNING LAW. The contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws and statutes of the State of Nebraska. Any legal proceedings against DHHS or the State of Nebraska regarding this contract shall be brought in Nebraska administrative or judicial forums as defined by Nebraska State law. The Contractor shall comply with all Nebraska statutory and regulatory law.

P. HOLD HARMLESS.

1. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify, hold, and save harmless the State of Nebraska and its employees, volunteers, agents, and its elected and appointed officials ("the indemnified parties") from and against any and all claims, liens, demands, damages, liability, actions, causes of action, losses, judgments, costs, and expenses of every nature, including investigation costs and expenses, settlement costs, and attorney fees and expenses ("the claims"), sustained or asserted against the State of Nebraska, arising out of, resulting from, or attributable to the willful misconduct, negligence, error, or omission of the Contractor, its employees, subcontractors, consultants, representatives, and agents, except to the extent such Contractor liability is attenuated by any action of the State of Nebraska which directly and proximately contributed to the claims.

2. DHHS's liability is limited to the extent provided by the Nebraska Tort Claims Act, the Nebraska Contract Claims Act, the Nebraska Miscellaneous Claims Act, and any other applicable provisions of law. DHHS does not assume liability for the action of its Contractors.

3. The above provisions shall survive termination of the contract.

Q. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. The Contractor is an Independent Contractor and neither it nor any of its employees shall for any purpose be deemed employees of DHHS. The Contractor shall employ and direct such personnel as it requires to perform its obligations under this contract, exercise full authority over its personnel, and comply with all workers' compensation, employer's liability and other federal, state, county, and municipal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations required of an employer providing services as contemplated by this contract.

R. INVOICES. Invoices for payments submitted by the Contractor shall contain sufficient detail to support payment. Any terms and conditions included in the Contractor's invoice shall be deemed to be solely for the convenience of the parties.

S. INTEGRATION. This written contract represents the entire agreement between the parties, and any prior or contemporaneous representations, promises, or statements by the parties, that are not incorporated herein, shall not serve to vary or contradict the terms set forth in this contract.

T. NEBRASKA NONRESIDENT INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING. Contractor acknowledges that Nebraska law requires DHHS to withhold Nebraska income tax if payments for personal services are made in excess of six hundred dollars (\$600) to any contractor who is not domiciled in Nebraska or has not maintained a permanent place of business or residence in Nebraska for a period of at least six months. This provision applies to individuals, to a corporation if 80% or more of the voting stock of the corporation is held by the shareholders who are performing personal services, and to a partnership or limited liability company if 80% or more of the capital interest or profits interest of the partnership or limited liability company is held by the partners or members who are performing personal services.

The parties agree, when applicable, to properly complete the Nebraska Department of Revenue Nebraska Withholding Certificate for Nonresident Individuals Form W-4NA or its successor. The form is available at:

[http://www.revenue.ne.gov/tax/current/f\\_w-4na.pdf](http://www.revenue.ne.gov/tax/current/f_w-4na.pdf) or  
[http://www.revenue.ne.gov/tax/current/fill-in/f\\_w-4na.pdf](http://www.revenue.ne.gov/tax/current/fill-in/f_w-4na.pdf)

U. NEBRASKA TECHNOLOGY ACCESS STANDARDS.

The Contractor shall review the Nebraska Technology Access Standards, found at <http://www.nitc.state.ne.us/standards/accessibility/tacfinal.html> and ensure that products and/or services provided under the Contract comply with the applicable standards. In the event such standards change during the Contractor's performance, the State may create an amendment to the Contract to request that Contract comply with the changed standard at a cost mutually acceptable to the parties.

V. NEW EMPLOYEE WORK ELIGIBILITY STATUS. The Contractor shall use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program authorized by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. § 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee.

If the Contractor is an individual or sole proprietorship, the following applies:

1. The Contractor must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the Department of Administrative Services website at [www.das.state.ne.us](http://www.das.state.ne.us).
2. If the Contractor indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the Contractor agrees to provide the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation required to verify the Contractor's lawful presence in the

United States using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program.

3. The Contractor understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required and the Contractor may be disqualified or the contract terminated if such lawful presence cannot be verified as required by NEB. REV. STAT. § 4-108.

W. PUBLIC COUNSEL. In the event Contractor provides health and human services to individuals on behalf of DHHS under the terms of this contract, Contractor shall submit to the jurisdiction of the Public Counsel under NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 81-8,240 through 81-8,254 with respect to the provision of services under this contract. This provision shall not apply to contracts between DHHS and long-term care facilities subject to the jurisdiction of the state long-term care ombudsman pursuant to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Act. This provision shall survive termination of the contract.

X. RESEARCH. The Contractor shall not engage in research utilizing the information obtained through the performance of this contract without the express written consent of DHHS. The term "research" shall mean the investigation, analysis, or review of information, other than aggregate statistical information, which is used for purposes unconnected with this contract. This provision shall survive termination of the contract.

Y. SEVERABILITY. If any term or condition of this contract is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and conditions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if this contract did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

Z. SUBCONTRACTORS. The Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of this contract without prior written consent of DHHS. The Contractor shall ensure that all subcontractors comply with all requirements of this contract and applicable federal, state, county and municipal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

AA. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. Time is of the essence in this contract. The acceptance of late performance with or without objection or reservation by DHHS shall not waive any rights of DHHS nor constitute a waiver of the requirement of timely performance of any obligations on the part of the Contractor remaining to be performed.

NOTICES. Notices shall be in writing and shall be effective upon receipt. Written notices, including all reports and other written communications required by this contract shall be sent to the following addresses:

FOR DHHS:

Julie Hippen  
Nebraska Department of Health and Human  
Services  
P.O. Box 95026  
Lincoln, NE 68509  
402-471-1731

FOR CONTRACTOR:

Lynne Lange  
Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual  
Assault Coalition  
1000 O St, Ste 102  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
402-476-6256

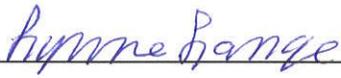
**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, the parties have duly executed this contract hereto, and each party acknowledges the receipt of a duly executed copy of this contract with original signatures.

FOR DHHS:

  
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Scot L. Adams, Ph.D.  
Interim Director  
Department of Health and Human Services  
  
Division of Children and Family Services

FOR CONTRACTOR:

  
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Lynne Lange  
Executive Director  
Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual  
Assault Coalition

DATE: 3/12/12

DATE: 2-29-12