

MUNICIPAL POLICE TRAINING COMMITTEE

CONTRACT COMPLETION CHECKLIST

(to be completed by MPTC)

Before forwarding contracts to Headquarters, please make sure the instructor has completed the following required forms:

Standard Contract Form

Standard Terms and Conditions

M-4 State Tax Withholding Form

W-4 Federal Tax Withholding Form

Mandatory Direct Deposit

Commonwealth of Mass H/R
Contract Employee Disclosure Form

Smart Plan Mandatory OBRA
_____ N/A – State Employee

Signed Policy and Procedure
Acknowledgement (Signature page only)

Instructor Approval and Endorsement
(With signed Instructor Affirmation)

**MassHR Employee Self Service Notice – DETATCH and
Instructor should keep for future reference.**

I have reviewed this contract package and it is complete.

AUTHORIZED MPTC SIGNATURE

DATE



Commonwealth of Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee

“Training for Today, Planning for the Future”

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MassHR Employee Self Service

MassHR is designed to provide employees access to their electronic pay advice. In addition, employees are able to view and edit their profile, direct deposit data, W4 information and much more! The link to the website is provided below as well as instructions on how to log into the system.

- **Web Address:**
<http://www.mass.gov/masshr/>
- **Click on blue rectangle labeled Employee Self Service**
- **User ID = Six Digit Employee ID**
Password = Employee ID followed by last four digits of SS#
- **Self Service: eProfile, ePay, View Paycheck, Edit Direct Deposit data, W4 Updates, W-2 Processing – Consent to suppress, Ethnic Group Updates**

Should you require a password reset or experience difficulty accessing the web site, contact the Employee Service Center at 617-979-8500.

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This form is jointly issued and published by the [Executive Office for Administration and Finance \(ANF\)](#), the [Office of the Comptroller \(CTR\)](#) and the [Operational Services Division \(OSD\)](#) as the default contract for all Commonwealth Departments when another form is not prescribed by regulation or policy. Any changes to the official printed language of this form shall be void. Additional non-conflicting terms may be added by Attachment. Contractors may not require any additional agreements, engagement letters, contract forms or other additional terms as part of this Contract without prior Department approval. Click on hyperlinks for definitions, instructions and legal requirements that are incorporated by reference into this Contract. An electronic copy of this form is available at www.mass.gov/osc under [Guidance For Vendors - Forms](#) or www.mass.gov/osd under [OSD Forms](#).

CONTRACTOR LEGAL NAME: (and d/b/a):		COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT NAME: <u>Municipal Police Training Committee</u>	
Legal Address: (W-9, W-4,T&C):		MMARS Department Code: <u>CJT</u>	
Contract Manager:		Business Mailing Address: <u>6 Adams St, Randolph MA 02368</u>	
E-Mail:		Billing Address (if different):	
Phone:		Contract Manager: <u>Kris Gottlander-Gentile</u>	
Fax:		E-Mail: <u>Kris.Gottlander@State.ma.us</u>	
Contractor Vendor Code:		Phone: <u>781-437-0305</u>	
Vendor Code Address ID (e.g. "AD001"): <u>AD</u> (Note: The Address Id Must be set up for EFT payments.)		Fax: <u>781-963-0235</u>	
MMARS Doc ID(s): <u>C29</u>		RFR/Procurement or Other ID Number:	
NEW CONTRACT		CONTRACT AMENDMENT	
PROCUREMENT OR EXCEPTION TYPE: (Check one option only)		Enter Current Contract End Date <i>Prior</i> to Amendment: _____, 20____.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Statewide Contract (OSD or an OSD-designated Department)		Enter Amendment Amount: \$ _____. (or "no change")	
<input type="checkbox"/> Collective Purchase (Attach OSD approval, scope, budget)		AMENDMENT TYPE: (Check one option only. Attach details of Amendment changes.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Department Procurement (includes State or Federal grants 815 CMR 2.00) (Attach RFR and Response or other procurement supporting documentation)		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to Scope or Budget (Attach updated scope and budget)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Contract (Attach justification for emergency, scope, budget)		<input type="checkbox"/> Interim Contract (Attach justification for Interim Contract and updated scope/budget)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Employee (Attach Employment Status Form , scope, budget)		<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Employee (Attach any updates to scope or budget)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative/Legal or Other: (Attach authorizing language/justification, scope and budget)		<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative/Legal or Other: (Attach authorizing language/justification and updated scope and budget)	
The following COMMONWEALTH TERMS AND CONDITIONS (T&C) has been executed, filed with CTR and is incorporated by reference into this Contract.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commonwealth Terms and Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Commonwealth Terms and Conditions For Human and Social Services			
COMPENSATION: (Check ONE option): The Department certifies that payments for authorized performance accepted in accordance with the terms of this Contract will be supported in the state accounting system by sufficient appropriations or other non-appropriated funds, subject to intercept for Commonwealth owed debts under 815 CMR 9.00.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rate Contract \$40/hr (No Maximum Obligation. Attach details of all rates, units, calculations, conditions or terms and any changes if rates or terms are being amended.)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Maximum Obligation Contract Enter Total Maximum Obligation for total duration of this Contract (or <i>new</i> Total if Contract is being amended). \$ _____.			
PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS (PPD): Commonwealth payments are issued through EFT 45 days from invoice receipt. Contractors requesting accelerated payments must identify a PPD as follows: Payment issued within 10 days ___% PPD; Payment issued within 15 days ___% PPD; Payment issued within 20 days ___% PPD; Payment issued within 30 days ___% PPD. If PPD percentages are left blank, identify reason: ___agree to standard 45 day cycle ___ statutory/legal or Ready Payments (G.L. c. 29, § 23A); ___ only initial payment (subsequent payments scheduled to support standard EFT 45 day payment cycle. See Prompt Pay Discounts Policy .)			
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT PERFORMANCE OR REASON FOR AMENDMENT: (Enter the Contract title, purpose, fiscal year(s) and a detailed description of the scope of performance or what is being amended for a Contract Amendment. Attach all supporting documentation and justifications.)			
Instructor services (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2020) providing all certifications are up to date and applicable, and instructor is in good standing with the Training Committee. MPTC staff reserves the right to terminate this contract anytime between the referenced contract dates.			
ANTICIPATED START DATE: (Complete ONE option only) The Department and Contractor certify for this Contract, or Contract Amendment, that Contract obligations:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. may be incurred as of the Effective Date (latest signature date below) and no obligations have been incurred prior to the Effective Date .			
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. may be incurred as of _____, 20____, a date LATER than the Effective Date below and no obligations have been incurred prior to the Effective Date .			
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. were incurred as of _____, 20____, a date PRIOR to the Effective Date below, and the parties agree that payments for any obligations incurred prior to the Effective Date are authorized to be made either as settlement payments or as authorized reimbursement payments, and that the details and circumstances of all obligations under this Contract are attached and incorporated into this Contract. Acceptance of payments forever releases the Commonwealth from further claims related to these obligations.			
CONTRACT END DATE: Contract performance shall terminate as of <u>June 30</u> , 20 <u>20</u> with no new obligations being incurred after this date unless the Contract is properly amended, provided that the terms of this Contract and performance expectations and obligations shall survive its termination for the purpose of resolving any claim or dispute, for completing any negotiated terms and warranties, to allow any close out or transition performance, reporting, invoicing or final payments, or during any lapse between amendments.			
CERTIFICATIONS: Notwithstanding verbal or other representations by the parties, the " Effective Date " of this Contract or Amendment shall be the latest date that this Contract or Amendment has been executed by an authorized signatory of the Contractor, the Department, or a later Contract or Amendment Start Date specified above, subject to any required approvals. The Contractor makes all certifications required under the attached Contractor Certifications (incorporated by reference if not attached hereto) under the pains and penalties of perjury, agrees to provide any required documentation upon request to support compliance, and agrees that all terms governing performance of this Contract and doing business in Massachusetts are attached or incorporated by reference herein according to the following hierarchy of document precedence, the applicable Commonwealth Terms and Conditions , this Standard Contract Form including the Instructions and Contractor Certifications , the Request for Response (RFR) or other solicitation, the Contractor's Response, and additional negotiated terms, provided that additional negotiated terms will take precedence over the relevant terms in the RFR and the Contractor's Response only if made using the process outlined in 801 CMR 21.07 , incorporated herein, provided that any amended RFR or Response terms result in best value, lower costs, or a more cost effective Contract.			
AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE FOR THE CONTRACTOR:		AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH:	
X: _____ Date: _____ (Signature and Date Must Be Handwritten At Time of Signature)		X: _____ Date: _____ (Signature and Date Must Be Handwritten At Time of Signature)	
Print Name: _____		Print Name: <u>Daniel R. Zivkovich</u>	
Print Title: _____		Print Title: <u>Executive Director-MPTC</u>	



INSTRUCTIONS AND CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATIONS

The following instructions and terms are incorporated by reference and apply to this Standard Contract Form. Text that appears underlined indicates a "hyperlink" to an Internet or bookmarked site and are unofficial versions of these documents and Departments and Contractors should consult with their legal counsel to ensure compliance with all legal requirements. Using the Web Toolbar will make navigation between the form and the hyperlinks easier. Please note that not all applicable laws have been cited.

CONTRACTOR LEGAL NAME (AND D/B/A): Enter the **Full Legal Name** of the Contractor's business as it appears on the Contractor's [W-9](#) or [W-4 Form](#) (Contract Employees only) **and** the applicable [Commonwealth Terms and Conditions](#). If Contractor also has a "doing business as" (d/b/a) name, BOTH the legal name and the "d/b/a" name must appear in this section.

Contractor Legal Address: Enter the Legal Address of the Contractor as it appears on the Contractor's [W-9](#) or [W-4 Form](#) (Contract Employees only) **and** the applicable [Commonwealth Terms and Conditions](#), which must match the legal address on the 10991 table in MMARS (or the Legal Address in HR/CMS for Contract Employee).

Contractor Contract Manager: Enter the authorized Contract Manager who will be responsible for managing the Contract. The Contract Manager should be an Authorized Signatory or, at a minimum, a person designated by the Contractor to represent the Contractor, receive legal notices and negotiate ongoing Contract issues. The Contract Manager is considered "Key Personnel" and may not be changed without the prior written approval of the Department. If the Contract is posted on [COMMBUYS](#), the name of the Contract Manager must be included in the Contract on [COMMBUYS](#).

Contractor E-Mail Address/Phone/Fax: Enter the electronic mail (e-mail) address, phone and fax number of the Contractor Contract Manager. This information must be kept current by the Contractor to ensure that the Department can contact the Contractor and provide any required legal notices. Notice received by the Contract Manager (with confirmation of actual receipt) through the listed address, fax number(s) or electronic mail address will meet any written legal notice requirements.

Contractor Vendor Code: The Department must enter the [MMARS Vendor Code](#) assigned by the Commonwealth. If a Vendor Code has not yet been assigned, leave this space blank and the Department will complete this section when a Vendor Code has been assigned. The Department is responsible under the [Vendor File and W-9s Policy](#) for verifying with authorized signatories of the Contractor, as part of contract execution, that the legal name, address and Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN) in the Contract documents match the state accounting system.

Vendor Code Address ID: (e.g., "AD001") The Department must enter the MMARS Vendor Code Address Id identifying the payment remittance address for Contract payments, which MUST be set up for EFT payments PRIOR to the first payment under the Contract in accordance with the [Bill Paying](#) and [Vendor File and W-9](#) policies.

COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT NAME: Enter the full Department name with the authority to obligate funds encumbered for the Contract.

Commonwealth MMARS Alpha Department Code: Enter the three (3) letter MMARS Code assigned to this Commonwealth Department in the state accounting system.

Department Business Mailing Address: Enter the address where all formal correspondence to the Department must be sent. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, legal notice sent or received by the Department's Contract Manager (with confirmation of actual receipt) through the listed address, fax number(s) or electronic mail address for the Contract Manager will meet any requirements for legal notice.

Department Billing Address: Enter the Billing Address or email address if invoices must be sent to a different location. Billing or confirmation of delivery of performance issues should be resolved through the listed Contract Managers.

Department Contract Manager: Identify the authorized Contract Manager who will be responsible for managing the Contract, who should be an authorized signatory or an employee designated by the Department to represent the Department to receive legal notices and negotiate ongoing Contract issues.

Department E-Mail Address/Phone/Fax: Enter the electronic mail (e-mail) address, phone and fax number of the Department Contract Manager. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, legal notice sent or received by the Contract Manager (with confirmation of actual receipt) through the listed address, fax number(s) or electronic mail address will meet any requirements for written notice under the Contract.

MMARS Document ID(s): Enter the MMARS 20 character encumbrance transaction number associated with this Contract which must remain the same for the life of the Contract. If multiple numbers exist for this Contract, identify all Doc Ids.

RFR/Procurement or Other ID Number or Name: Enter the Request for Response (RFR) or other Procurement Reference number, Contract ID Number or other reference/tracking number for this Contract or Amendment and will be entered into the Board Award Field in the MMARS encumbrance transaction for this Contract.

NEW CONTRACTS (left side of Form):

Complete this section ONLY if this Contract is brand new. (Complete the CONTRACT AMENDMENT section for any material changes to an existing or an expired Contract, and for exercising options to renew or annual contracts under a multi-year procurement or grant program.)

PROCUREMENT OR EXCEPTION TYPE: Check the appropriate type of procurement or exception for this Contract. Only one option can be selected. See [State Finance Law and General Requirements](#), [Acquisition Policy and Fixed Assets](#), the [Commodities and Services Policy](#) and the [Procurement Information Center \(Department Contract Guidance\)](#) for details.

Statewide Contract (OSD or an OSD-designated Department): Check this option for a Statewide Contract under OSD, or by an OSD-designated Department.

Collective Purchase approved by OSD: Check this option for Contracts approved by OSD for collective purchases through federal, state, local government or other entities.

Department Contract Procurement: Check this option for a Department procurement including state grants and federal sub-grants under [815 CMR 2.00](#) and [State Grants and Federal Subgrants Policy](#), Departmental Master Agreements (MA). If multi-Department user Contract, identify multi-Department use is allowable in Brief Description.

Emergency Contract: Check this option when the Department has determined that an unforeseen crisis or incident has arisen which requires or mandates immediate purchases to avoid substantial harm to the functioning of government or the provision of necessary or mandated services or whenever the health, welfare or safety of clients or other persons or serious damage to property is threatened.

Contract Employee: Check this option when the Department requires the performance of an [Individual Contractor](#), and when the planned Contract performance with an Individual has been classified using the [Employment Status Form](#) (prior to the Contractor's selection) as work of a Contract Employee and not that of an Independent Contractor.

Legislative/Legal or Other: Check this option when legislation, an existing legal obligation, prohibition or other circumstance exempts or prohibits a Contract from being competitively procured, or identify any other procurement exception not already listed. Legislative "earmarks" exempt the Contract solely from procurement requirements, and all other Contract and state finance laws and policies apply. Supporting documentation must be attached to explain and justify the exemption.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT (Right Side of Form)

Complete this section for any Contract being renewed, amended or to continue a lapsed Contract. All Contracts with available options to renew must be amended referencing the original procurement and Contract doc ids, since all continuing contracts must be maintained in the same Contract file (even if the underlying appropriation changes each fiscal year.) "See [Amendments, Suspensions, and Termination Policy](#)."

Enter Current Contract End Date: Enter the termination date of the Current Contract being amended, even if this date has already passed. (Note: Current Start Date is not requested since this date does not change and is already recorded in MMARS.)

Enter Amendment Amount: Enter the amount of the Amendment increase or decrease to a Maximum Obligation Contract. Enter "no change" for Rate Contracts or if no change.

AMENDMENT TYPE: Identify the type of Amendment being done. Documentation supporting the updates to performance and budget must be attached. **Amendment to Scope or Budget:** Check this option when renewing a Contract or executing any Amendment ("material change" in Contract terms) even if the Contract has lapsed. The parties may negotiate a change in any element of Contract performance or cost identified in the RFR or the Contractor's response which results in lower costs, or a more cost-effective or better value performance than was presented in the original selected response, provided the negotiation results in a better value within the scope of the RFR than what was proposed by the Contractor in the original selected response. Any "material" change in the Contract terms must be memorialized in a formal Amendment even if a corresponding MMARS transaction is not needed to support the change. Additional negotiated terms will take precedence over the relevant terms in the RFR and the Contractor's Response only if made using the process outlined in [801 CMR 21.07](#), incorporated herein, provided that any amended RFR or Response terms result in best value, lower costs, or a more cost effective Contract.

Interim Contracts: Check this option for an Interim Contract to prevent a lapse of Contract performance whenever an existing Contract is being re-procured but the new procurement has not been completed, to bridge the gap during implementation between an expiring and a new procurement, or to contract with an interim Contractor when a current Contractor is unable to complete full performance under a Contract.

Contract Employee: Check this option when the Department requires a renewal or other amendment to the performance of a Contract Employee.

Legislative/Legal or Other: Check this option when legislation, an existing legal obligation, prohibition or other circumstance exempts or prohibits a Contract from being competitively procured, or identify any other procurement exception not already listed. Legislative "earmarks" exempt the Contract solely from procurement requirements, and all other Contract and state finance laws and policies apply. Attach supporting documentation to explain and justify the exemption and whether Contractor selection has been publicly posted.

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COMMONWEALTH TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Identify which [Commonwealth Terms and Conditions](#) the Contractor has executed and is incorporated by reference into this Contract. This Form is signed only once and recorded on the Vendor Customer File (VCUST). See [Vendor File and W-9s](#) Policy.

COMPENSATION

Identify if the Contract is a **Rate Contract** (with no stated Maximum Obligation) or a **Maximum Obligation Contract** (with a stated Maximum Obligation) and identify the Maximum Obligation. If the Contract is being amended, enter the new Maximum Obligation based upon the increase or decreasing Amendment. The Total Maximum Obligation must reflect the total funding for the dates of service under the contract, including the Amendment amount if the Contract is being amended. The Maximum Obligation must match the MMARS encumbrance. Funding and allotments must be verified as [available and encumbered](#) prior to incurring obligations. If a Contract includes both a Maximum Obligation component and Rate Contract component, check off both, specific Maximum Obligation amounts or amended amounts and Attachments must clearly outline the Contract breakdown to match the encumbrance.

PAYMENTS AND PROMPT PAY DISCOUNTS

Payments are processed within a 45 day payment cycle through EFT in accordance with the Commonwealth [Bill Paying Policy](#) for investment and cash flow purposes. Departments may NOT negotiate accelerated payments and Payees are NOT entitled to accelerated payments UNLESS a prompt payment discount (PPD) is provided to support the Commonwealth's loss of investment earnings for this earlier payment, or unless a payments is legally mandated to be made in less than 45 days (e.g., construction contracts, Ready Payments under [G.L. c. 29, s. 23A](#)). See [Prompt Pay Discounts Policy](#). PPD are identified as a percentage discount which will be automatically deducted when an accelerated payment is made. Reduced contracts rates may not be negotiated to replace a PPD. If PPD fields are left blank please identify that the Contractor agrees to the standard 45 day cycle; a statutory/legal exemption such as Ready Payments ([G.L. c. 29, § 23A](#)); or only an initial accelerated payment for reimbursements or start up costs for a grant, with subsequent payments scheduled to support standard EFT 45 day payment cycle. Financial hardship is not a sufficient justification to accelerate cash flow for all payments under a Contract. Initial grant or contract payments may be accelerated for the *first* invoice or initial grant installment, but subsequent periodic installments or invoice payments should be scheduled to support the Payee cash flow needs and the standard 45 day EFT payment cycle in accordance with the Bill Paying Policy. Any accelerated payment that does not provide for a PPD must have a legal justification in Contract file for audit purposes explaining why accelerated payments were allowable without a PPD.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT PERFORMANCE

Enter a brief description of the Contract performance, project name and/or other identifying information for the Contract to specifically identify the Contract performance, match the Contract with attachments, determine the appropriate expenditure code (as listed in the [Expenditure Classification Handbook](#)) or to identify or clarify important information related to the Contract such as the Fiscal Year(s) of performance (ex. "FY2012" or "FY2012-14"). Identify settlements or other exceptions and attach more detailed justification and supporting documents. Enter "Multi-Department Use" if other Departments can access procurement. For Amendments, identify the purpose and what items are being amended. Merely stating "see attached" or referencing attachments without a narrative description of performance is insufficient.

ANTICIPATED START DATE

The Department and Contractor must certify WHEN obligations under this Contract/Amendment may be incurred. Option 1 is the default option when performance may begin as of the [Effective Date](#) (latest signature date and any required approvals). If the parties want a new Contract or renewal to begin as of the upcoming fiscal year then list the fiscal year(s) (ex. "FY2012" or "FY2012-14") in the Brief Description section. Performance starts and encumbrances reflect the default [Effective Date](#) (if no FY is listed) or the later FY start date (if a FY is listed). Use Option 2 only when the Contract will be signed well in advance of the start date and identify a specific future start date. Do not use Option 2 for a fiscal year start unless it is certain that the Contract will be signed prior to fiscal year. Option 3 is used in lieu of the [Settlement and Release Form](#) when the Contract/Amendment is signed late, and obligations have already been incurred by the Contractor prior to the [Effective Date](#) for which the Department has either requested, accepted or deemed legally eligible for reimbursement, and the Contract includes supporting documents justifying the performance or proof of eligibility, and approximate costs. Any obligations incurred outside the scope of the [Effective Date](#) under any Option listed, even if the incorrect Option is selected, shall be automatically deemed a settlement included under the terms of the Contract and upon payment to the Contractor will release the Commonwealth from further obligations for the identified performance. All settlement payments require justification and must be under same encumbrance and object codes as the Contract payments. Performance dates are subject to [G.L. c.4, § 9](#).

CONTRACT END DATE

The Department must enter the date that Contract performance will terminate. **If the Contract is being amended and the Contract End Date is not changing, this date must be re-entered again here.** A Contract must be signed for at least the initial duration but not longer than the period of procurement listed in the RFR, or other solicitation document (if applicable). No new performance is allowable beyond the end date without an amendment, but the Department may allow a Contractor to complete minimal close out performance obligations if substantial performance has been made prior to the termination date of the Contract and prior to the end of the fiscal year in which payments are appropriated, provided that any close out performance is subject to appropriation and funding limits under state finance law, and CTR may adjust encumbrances and payments in the state accounting system to enable final close out payments. Performance dates are subject to [G.L. c.4, § 9](#).

CERTIFICATIONS AND EXECUTION

See [Department Head Signature Authorization Policy](#) and the [Contractor Authorized Signatory Listing](#) for policies on Contractor and Department signatures.

Authorizing Signature for Contractor/Date: The Authorized Contractor Signatory must (in their own handwriting and in ink) sign AND enter the date the Contract is signed. See section above under ["Anticipated Contract Start Date"](#). Acceptance of payment by the Contractor shall waive any right of the Contractor to claim the Contract/Amendment is not valid and the Contractor may not void the Contract. **Rubber stamps, typed or other images are not acceptable.** Proof of Contractor signature authorization on a [Contractor Authorized Signatory Listing](#) may be required by the Department if not already on file.

Contractor Name /Title: The Contractor Authorized Signatory's name and title must appear legibly as it appears on the [Contractor Authorized Signatory Listing](#).

Authorizing Signature For Commonwealth/Date: The [Authorized Department Signatory](#) must (in their own handwriting and in ink) sign AND enter the date the Contract is signed. See section above under ["Anticipated Start Date"](#). **Rubber stamps, typed or other images are not accepted.** The Authorized Signatory must be an employee within the Department legally responsible for the Contract. See [Department Head Signature Authorization](#). The Department must have the legislative funding appropriated for all the costs of this Contract or funding allocated under an [approved Interdepartmental Service Agreement \(ISA\)](#). A Department may not contract for performance to be delivered to or by another state department without specific legislative authorization (unless this Contract is a Statewide Contract). For Contracts requiring Secretariat signoff, evidence of Secretariat signoff must be included in the Contract file.

Department Name /Title: Enter the Authorized Signatory's name and title legibly.

CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATIONS AND LEGAL REFERENCES

Notwithstanding verbal or other representations by the parties, the "Effective Date" of this Contract or Amendment shall be the latest date that this Contract or Amendment has been executed by an authorized signatory of the Contractor, the Department, or a later Contract or Amendment Start Date specified, subject to any required approvals. The Contractor makes all certifications required under this Contract under the pains and penalties of perjury, and agrees to provide any required documentation upon request to support compliance, and agrees that all terms governing performance of this Contract and doing business in Massachusetts are attached or incorporated by reference herein:

Commonwealth and Contractor Ownership Rights. The Contractor certifies and agrees that the Commonwealth is entitled to ownership and possession of all "deliverables" purchased or developed with Contract funds. A Department may not relinquish Commonwealth rights to deliverables nor may Contractors sell products developed with Commonwealth resources without just compensation. The Contract should detail all Commonwealth deliverables and ownership rights and any Contractor proprietary rights.

Qualifications. The Contractor certifies it is qualified and shall at all times remain qualified to perform this Contract; that performance shall be timely and meet or exceed industry standards for the performance required, including obtaining requisite licenses, registrations, permits, resources for performance, and sufficient professional, liability; and other appropriate insurance to cover the performance. If the Contractor is a business, the Contractor certifies that it is listed under the [Secretary of State's website](#) as licensed to do business in Massachusetts, as required by law.

Business Ethics and Fraud, Waste and Abuse Prevention. The Contractor certifies that performance under this Contract, in addition to meeting the terms of the Contract, will be made using ethical business standards and good stewardship of taxpayer and other public funding and resources to prevent fraud, waste and abuse.

Collusion. The Contractor certifies that this Contract has been offered in good faith and without collusion, fraud or unfair trade practices with any other person, that any actions to avoid or frustrate fair and open competition are prohibited by law, and shall be grounds for rejection or disqualification of a Response or termination of this Contract.

Public Records and Access The Contractor shall provide full access to records related to performance and compliance to the Department and officials listed under [Executive Order 195](#) and [G.L. c. 11, s.12](#) seven (7) years beginning on the first day after the final payment under this Contract or such longer period necessary for the resolution of any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other inquiry involving this Contract. Access to view Contractor

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records related to any breach or allegation of fraud, waste and/or abuse may not be denied and Contractor can not claim confidentiality or trade secret protections solely for viewing but not retaining documents. Routine Contract performance compliance reports or documents related to any alleged breach or allegation of non-compliance, fraud, waste, abuse or collusion may be provided electronically and shall be provided at Contractor's own expense. Reasonable costs for copies of non-routine Contract related records shall not exceed the rates for public records under [950 C.M.R. 32.00](#).

Debarment. The Contractor certifies that neither it nor any of its subcontractors are currently debarred or suspended by the federal or state government under any law or regulation including, [Executive Order 147](#); [G.L. c. 29, s. 29F](#); [G.L. c. 30, § 39F](#); [G.L. c. 149, § 27C](#); [G.L. c. 149, § 44C](#); [G.L. c. 149, § 148B](#) and [G.L. c. 152, s. 25C](#).

Applicable Laws. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable state laws and regulations including but not limited to the applicable [Massachusetts General Laws](#); the Official [Code of Massachusetts Regulations](#); [Code of Massachusetts Regulations](#) (unofficial); [801 CMR 21.00](#) (Procurement of Commodity and Service Procurements, Including Human and Social Services); [815 CMR 2.00](#) (Grants and Subsidies); [808 CMR 1.00](#) (Compliance, Reporting and Auditing for Human And Social Services); [AICPA Standards](#); confidentiality of Department records under [G.L. c. 66A](#); and the [Massachusetts Constitution Article XVIII](#) if applicable.

Invoices. The Contractor must submit invoices in accordance with the terms of the Contract and the Commonwealth [Bill Paying Policy](#). Contractors must be able to reconcile and properly attribute concurrent payments from multiple Departments. Final invoices in any fiscal year must be submitted no later than August 15th for performance made and received (goods delivered, services completed) prior to June 30th, in order to make payment for that performance prior to the close of the fiscal year to prevent reversion of appropriated funds. Failure to submit timely invoices by August 15th or other date listed in the Contract shall authorize the Department to issue an estimated payment based upon the Department's determination of performance delivered and accepted. The Contractor's acceptance of this estimated payment releases the Commonwealth from further claims for these invoices. If budgetary funds revert due to the Contractor's failure to submit timely final invoices, or for disputing an estimated payment, the Department may deduct a penalty up to 10% from any final payment in the next fiscal year for failure to submit timely invoices.

Payments Subject To Appropriation. Pursuant to [G.L. c. 29 § 26, § 27](#) and [§ 29](#), Departments are required to expend funds only for the purposes set forth by the Legislature and within the funding limits established through appropriation, allotment and subsidiary, including mandated allotment reductions triggered by [G.L. c. 29, § 9C](#). A Department cannot authorize or accept performance in excess of an existing appropriation and allotment, or sufficient non-appropriated available funds. Any oral or written representations, commitments, or assurances made by the Department or any other Commonwealth representative are not binding. The Commonwealth has no legal obligation to compensate a Contractor for performance that is not requested and is intentionally delivered by a Contractor outside the scope of a Contract. Contractors should verify funding prior to beginning performance.

Intercept. Contractors may be registered as Customers in the Vendor file if the Contractor owes a Commonwealth debt. Unresolved and undisputed debts, and overpayments of Contract payments that are not reimbursed timely shall be subject to intercept pursuant to [G.L. c. 7A, s. 3](#) and [815 CMR 9.00](#). Contract overpayments will be subject to immediate intercept or payment offset. The Contractor may not penalize any state Department or assess late fees, cancel a Contract or other services if amounts are intercepted or offset due to recoupment of an overpayment, outstanding taxes, child support, other overdue debts or Contract overpayments.

Tax Law Compliance. The Contractor certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury tax compliance with [Federal tax laws](#); [state tax laws](#) including but not limited to [G.L. c. 62C](#); [G.L. c. 62C, s. 49A](#); compliance with all state tax laws, reporting of employees and contractors, withholding and remitting of tax withholdings and child support and is in good standing with respect to all state taxes and returns due; reporting of employees and contractors under [G.L. c. 62E](#), withholding and remitting [child support](#) including [G.L. c. 119A, s. 12](#); [TIR 05-11](#); [New Independent Contractor Provisions](#) and applicable [TIRs](#).

Bankruptcy, Judgments, Potential Structural Changes, Pending Legal Matters and Conflicts. The Contractor certifies it has not been in bankruptcy and/or receivership within the last three calendar years, and the Contractor certifies that it will immediately notify the Department in writing **at least 45 days prior** to filing for bankruptcy and/or receivership, any potential structural change in its organization, or if there is **any risk** to the solvency of the Contractor that may impact the Contractor's ability to timely fulfill the terms of this Contract or Amendment. The Contractor certifies that at any time during the period of the Contract the Contractor is required to affirmatively disclose in writing to the Department Contract Manager the details of any judgment, criminal conviction, investigation or litigation pending against the Contractor or any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, or subcontractors, including any potential conflicts of interest of which the Contractor has knowledge, or learns of during the Contract term. Law firms or Attorneys providing legal services are required to identify any potential conflict with representation of any Department client in accordance with Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers (BBO) rules.

Federal Anti-Lobbying and Other Federal Requirements. If receiving federal funds, the

Contractor certifies compliance with federal anti-lobbying requirements including [31 USC 1352](#); [other federal requirements](#); [Executive Order 11246](#); [Air Pollution Act](#); [Federal Water Pollution Control Act](#) and [Federal Employment Laws](#).

Protection of Personal Data and Information. The Contractor certifies that all steps will be taken to ensure the security and confidentiality of all Commonwealth data for which the Contractor becomes a holder, either as part of performance or inadvertently during performance, with special attention to restricting access, use and disbursement of personal data and information under [G.L. c. 93H](#) and [c. 66A](#) and [Executive Order 504](#). The Contractor is required to comply with [G.L. c. 93I](#) for the proper disposal of all paper and electronic media, backups or systems containing personal data and information, provided further that the Contractor is required to ensure that any personal data or information transmitted electronically or through a portable device be properly encrypted using (at a minimum) [Information Technology Division \(ITD\) Protection of Sensitive Information](#), provided further that any Contractor having access to credit card or banking information of Commonwealth customers certifies that the Contractor is PCI compliant in accordance with the [Payment Card Industry Council Standards](#) and shall provide confirmation compliance during the Contract, provide further that the Contractor shall immediately notify the Department in the event of any security breach including the unauthorized access, disbursement, use or disposal of personal data or information, and in the event of a security breach, the Contractor shall cooperate fully with the Commonwealth and provide access to any information necessary for the Commonwealth to respond to the security breach and shall be fully responsible for any damages associated with the Contractor's breach including but not limited to [G.L. c. 214, s. 3B](#).

Corporate and Business Filings and Reports. The Contractor certifies compliance with any certification, filing, reporting and service of process requirements of the [Secretary of the Commonwealth](#), the [Office of the Attorney General](#) or other Departments as related to its conduct of business in the Commonwealth; and with its incorporating state (or foreign entity).

Employer Requirements. Contractors that are employers certify compliance with applicable state and [federal employment laws](#) or regulations, including but not limited to [G.L. c. 5, s. 1](#) (Prevailing Wages for Printing and Distribution of Public Documents); [G.L. c. 7, s. 22](#) (Prevailing Wages for Contracts for Meat Products and Clothing and Apparel); [minimum wages and prevailing wage programs and payments](#); [unemployment insurance](#) and contributions; [workers' compensation and insurance](#), [child labor laws](#), [AGO fair labor practices](#); [G.L. c. 149](#) (Labor and Industries); [G.L. c. 150A](#) (Labor Relations); [G.L. c. 151](#) and [455 CMR 2.00](#) (Minimum Fair Wages); [G.L. c. 151A](#) (Employment and Training); [G.L. c. 151B](#) (Unlawful Discrimination); [G.L. c. 151E](#) (Business Discrimination); [G.L. c. 152](#) (Workers' Compensation); [G.L. c. 153](#) (Liability for Injuries); [29 USC c. 8](#) (Federal Fair Labor Standards); [29 USC c. 28](#) and the [Federal Family and Medical Leave Act](#).

Federal And State Laws And Regulations Prohibiting Discrimination including but not limited to the [Federal Equal Employment Opportunity \(EEO\) Laws](#) the [Americans with Disabilities Act](#); [42 U.S.C Sec. 12,101, et seq.](#), the [Rehabilitation Act](#), [29 USC c. 16 s. 794](#); [29 USC c. 16, s. 701](#); [29 USC c. 14, 623](#); the [42 USC c. 45](#); (Federal Fair Housing Act); [G. L. c. 151B](#) (Unlawful Discrimination); [G.L. c. 151E](#) (Business Discrimination); the Public Accommodations Law [G.L. c. 272, s. 92A](#); [G.L. c. 272, s. 98](#) and [98A](#), [Massachusetts Constitution Article CXIV](#) and [G.L. c. 93, s. 103](#); [47 USC c. 5, sc. II, Part II, s. 255](#) (Telecommunication Act); Chapter 149, [Section 105D](#), [G.L. c. 151C](#), [G.L. c. 272](#), [Section 92A](#), [Section 98](#) and [Section 98A](#), and [G.L. c. 111](#), [Section 199A](#), and [Massachusetts Disability-Based Non-Discrimination Standards For Executive Branch Entities](#), and related Standards and Guidance, authorized under Massachusetts Executive Order or any disability-based protection arising from state or federal law or precedent. See also [MCAD](#) and [MCAD links and Resources](#).

Small Business Purchasing Program (SBPP). A Contractor may be eligible to participate in the SBPP, created pursuant to [Executive Order 523](#), if qualified through the SBPP COMMBUYS subscription process at: [www.commbuys.com](#) and with acceptance of the terms of the SBPP participation agreement.

Limitation of Liability for Information Technology Contracts (and other Contracts as Authorized). The [Information Technology Mandatory Specifications](#) and the [IT Acquisition Accessibility Contract Language](#) are incorporated by reference into Information Technology Contracts. The following language will apply to Information Technology contracts in the U01, U02, U03, U04, U05, U06, U07, U08, U09, U10, U75, U98 object codes in the [Expenditure Classification Handbook](#) or other Contracts as approved by CTR or OSD. Pursuant to Section 11. Indemnification of the Commonwealth Terms and Conditions, the term "other damages" shall include, but shall not be limited to, the reasonable costs the Commonwealth incurs to repair, return, replace or seek cover (purchase of comparable substitute commodities and services) under a Contract. "Other damages" shall not include damages to the Commonwealth as a result of third party claims, provided, however, that the foregoing in no way limits the Commonwealth's right of recovery for personal injury or property damages or patent and copyright infringement under Section 11 nor the Commonwealth's ability to join the contractor as a third party defendant. Further, the term "other damages" shall not include, and in no event shall the contractor be liable for, damages for the Commonwealth's use of contractor provided products or services, loss of Commonwealth records, or data (or other intangible property), loss of use of equipment, lost revenue, lost savings or lost profits of the Commonwealth. In no event shall "other

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damages" exceed the greater of \$100,000, or two times the value of the product or service (as defined in the Contract scope of work) that is the subject of the claim. Section 11 sets forth the contractor's entire liability under a Contract. Nothing in this section shall limit the Commonwealth's ability to negotiate higher limitations of liability in a particular Contract, provided that any such limitation must specifically reference Section 11 of the Commonwealth Terms and Conditions. In the event the limitation of liability conflicts with accounting standards which mandate that there can be no cap of damages, the limitation shall be considered waived for that audit engagement. These terms may be applied to other Contracts only with prior written confirmation from the Operational Services Division or the Office of the Comptroller. The terms in this Clarification may not be modified.

Northern Ireland Certification. Pursuant to [G.L. c. 7 s. 22C](#) for state agencies, state authorities, the House of Representatives or the state Senate, by signing this Contract the Contractor certifies that it does not employ ten or more employees in an office or other facility in Northern Ireland and if the Contractor employs ten or more employees in an office or other facility located in Northern Ireland the Contractor certifies that it does not discriminate in employment, compensation, or the terms, conditions and privileges of employment on account of religious or political belief; and it promotes religious tolerance within the work place, and the eradication of any manifestations of religious and other illegal discrimination; and the Contractor is not engaged in the manufacture, distribution or sale of firearms, munitions, including rubber or plastic bullets, tear gas, armored vehicles or military aircraft for use or deployment in any activity in Northern Ireland.

Pandemic, Disaster or Emergency Performance. In the event of a serious emergency, pandemic or disaster outside the control of the Department, the Department may negotiate emergency performance from the Contractor to address the immediate needs of the Commonwealth even if not contemplated under the original Contract or procurement. Payments are subject to appropriation and other payment terms.

Consultant Contractor Certifications (For Consultant Contracts "HH" and "NN" and "U05" object codes subject to [G.L. Chapter 29, s. 29A](#)). Contractors must make required disclosures as part of the RFR Response or using the [Consultant Contractor Mandatory Submission Form](#).

Attorneys. Attorneys or firms providing legal services or representing Commonwealth Departments may be subject to [G.L. c. 30, s. 65](#), and if providing litigation services must be approved by the Office of the Attorney General to appear on behalf of a Department, and shall have a continuing obligation to notify the Commonwealth of any conflicts of interest arising under the Contract.

Subcontractor Performance. The Contractor certifies full responsibility for Contract performance, including subcontractors, and that comparable Contract terms will be included in subcontracts, and that the Department will not be required to directly or indirectly manage subcontractors or have any payment obligations to subcontractors.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

For covered Executive state Departments, the Contractor certifies compliance with applicable [Executive Orders](#) (see also [Massachusetts Executive Orders](#)), including but not limited to the specific orders listed below. A breach during period of a Contract may be considered a material breach and subject Contractor to appropriate monetary or Contract sanctions.

Executive Order 481. [Prohibiting the Use of Undocumented Workers on State Contracts.](#) For all state agencies in the Executive Branch, including all executive offices, boards, commissions, agencies, Departments, divisions, councils, bureaus, and offices, now existing and hereafter established, by signing this Contract the Contractor certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that they shall not knowingly use undocumented workers in connection with the performance of this Contract; that, pursuant to federal requirements, shall verify the immigration status of workers assigned to a Contract without engaging in unlawful discrimination; and shall not knowingly or recklessly alter, falsify, or accept altered or falsified documents from any such worker

Executive Order 130. [Anti-Boycott.](#) The Contractor warrants, represents and agrees that during the time this Contract is in effect, neither it nor any affiliated company, as hereafter defined, participates in or cooperates with an international boycott (See [IRC § 999\(b\)\(3\)-\(4\)](#), and [IRS Audit Guidelines Boycotts](#)) or engages in conduct declared to be unlawful by [G.L. c. 151E, s. 2](#). A breach in the warranty, representation, and agreement contained in this paragraph, without limiting such other rights as it may have, the Commonwealth shall be entitled to rescind this Contract. As used herein, an affiliated company shall be any business entity of which at least 51% of the ownership interests are directly or indirectly owned by the Contractor or by a person or persons or business entity or entities directly or indirectly owning at least 51% of the ownership interests of the Contractor, or which directly or indirectly owns at least 51% of the ownership interests of the Contractor.

Executive Order 346. [Hiring of State Employees By State Contractors](#) Contractor certifies compliance with both the conflict of interest law [G.L. c. 268A specifically s. 5 \(f\)](#) and this order; and includes limitations regarding the hiring of state employees by private companies contracting with the Commonwealth. A privatization contract shall be deemed to include a specific prohibition against the hiring at any time during the term of Contract, and for any position in the Contractor's company, any state management employee who is, was, or will be involved in the preparation of the RFP, the negotiations leading to the awarding of the

Contract, the decision to award the Contract, and/or the supervision or oversight of performance under the Contract.

Executive Order 444. [Disclosure of Family Relationships With Other State Employees.](#) Each person applying for employment (including Contract work) within the Executive Branch under the Governor must disclose in writing the names of all immediate family related to immediate family by marriage who serve as employees or elected officials of the Commonwealth. All disclosures made by applicants hired by the Executive Branch under the Governor shall be made available for public inspection to the extent permissible by law by the official with whom such disclosure has been filed.

Executive Order 504. [Regarding the Security and Confidentiality of Personal Information.](#) For all Contracts involving the Contractor's access to personal information, as defined in [G.L. c. 93H](#), and personal data, as defined in [G.L. c. 66A](#), owned or controlled by Executive Department agencies, or access to agency systems containing such information or data (herein collectively "personal information"), Contractor certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that the Contractor (1) has read Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Order 504 and agrees to protect any and all personal information; and (2) has reviewed all of the Commonwealth [Information Technology Division's Security Policies](#). Notwithstanding any contractual provision to the contrary, in connection with the Contractor's performance under this Contract, for all state agencies in the Executive Department, including all executive offices, boards, commissions, agencies, departments, divisions, councils, bureaus, and offices, now existing and hereafter established, the Contractor shall: (1) obtain a copy, review, and comply with the contracting agency's Information Security Program (ISP) and any pertinent security guidelines, standards, and policies; (2) comply with all of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Information Technology Division's "[Security Policies](#)") (3) communicate and enforce the contracting agency's ISP and such Security Policies against all employees (whether such employees are direct or contracted) and subcontractors; (4) implement and maintain any other reasonable appropriate security procedures and practices necessary to protect personal information to which the Contractor is given access by the contracting agency from the unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, disclosure or loss; (5) be responsible for the full or partial breach of any of these terms by its employees (whether such employees are direct or contracted) or subcontractors during or after the term of this Contract, and any breach of these terms may be regarded as a material breach of this Contract; (6) in the event of any unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, disclosure or loss of the personal information (collectively referred to as the "unauthorized use"): (a) immediately notify the contracting agency if the Contractor becomes aware of the unauthorized use; (b) provide full cooperation and access to information necessary for the contracting agency to determine the scope of the unauthorized use; and (c) provide full cooperation and access to information necessary for the contracting agency and the Contractor to fulfill any notification requirements. Breach of these terms may be regarded as a material breach of this Contract, such that the Commonwealth may exercise any and all contractual rights and remedies, including without limitation indemnification under Section 11 of the [Commonwealth's Terms and Conditions](#), withholding of payments, Contract suspension, or termination. In addition, the Contractor may be subject to applicable statutory or regulatory penalties, including and without limitation, those imposed pursuant to G.L. c. 93H and under [G.L. c. 214, § 3B](#) for violations under M.G.L. c. 66A.

Executive Orders 523, 524 and 526. Executive Order 526 (Order Regarding Non-Discrimination, Diversity, Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action which supersedes [Executive Order 478](#)). [Executive Order 524](#) (Establishing the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Program which supersedes Executive Order 390). [Executive Order 523](#) (Establishing the Massachusetts Small Business Purchasing Program.) All programs, activities, and services provided, performed, licensed, chartered, funded, regulated, or contracted for by the state shall be conducted without unlawful discrimination based on race, color, age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, creed, ancestry, national origin, disability, veteran's status (including Vietnam-era veterans), or background. The Contractor and any subcontractors may not engage in discriminatory employment practices; and the Contractor certifies compliance with applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations governing fair labor and employment practices; and the Contractor commits to purchase supplies and services from certified minority or women-owned businesses, small businesses, or businesses owned by socially or economically disadvantaged persons or persons with disabilities. These provisions shall be enforced through the contracting agency, OSD, and/or the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. Any breach shall be regarded as a material breach of the contract that may subject the contractor to appropriate sanctions.

Statement Concerning Your Employment in a Job Not Covered by Social Security

Employee Name _____ Employee ID# _____ (SS Number) _____

Employer Name: **Commonwealth of Massachusetts** Employer ID# **04-6002284**

Your earnings from this job are not covered under Social Security. When you retire, or if you become disabled, you may receive a pension based on earnings from this job. If you do, and you are also entitled to a benefit from Social Security based on either your own work or the work of your husband or wife, or former husband or wife, your pension may affect the amount of the Social Security benefit you receive. Your Medicare benefits, however, will not be affected. Under the Social Security law, there are two ways your Social Security benefit amount may be affected.

Windfall Elimination Provision

Under the Windfall Elimination Provision, your Social Security retirement or disability benefit is figured using a modified formula when you are also entitled to a pension from a job where you did not pay Social Security tax. As a result, you will receive a lower Social Security benefit than if you were not entitled to a pension from this job. For example, if you are age 62 in 2005, the maximum monthly reduction in your Social Security benefit as a result of this provision is \$313.50. This amount is updated annually. This provision reduces, but does not totally eliminate, your Social Security benefit. For additional information, please refer to Social Security Publication, "Windfall Elimination Provision."

Government Pension Offset Provision

Under the Government Pension Offset Provision, any Social Security spouse or widow(er) benefit to which you become entitled will be offset if you also receive a Federal, State or local government pension based on work where you did not pay Social Security tax. The offset reduces the amount of your Social Security spouse or widow(er) benefit by two-thirds of the amount of your pension.

For example, if you get a monthly pension of \$600 based on earnings that are not covered under Social Security, two-thirds of that amount, \$400, is used to offset your Social Security spouse or widow(er) benefit. If you are eligible for a \$500 widow(er) benefit, you will receive \$100 per month from Social Security (\$500 - \$400=\$100). Even if your pension is high enough to totally offset your spouse or widow(er) Social Security benefit, you are still eligible for Medicare at age 65. For additional information, please refer to Social Security Publication, "Government Pension Offset."

For More Information

Social Security publications and additional information, including information about exceptions to each provision, are available at www.socialsecurity.gov. You may also call toll free 1-800-772-1213, or for the deaf or hard of hearing call the TTY number 1-800-325-0778, or contact your local Social Security office.

I certify that I have received Form SSA-1945 that contains information about the possible effects of the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset Provision on my potential future Social Security benefits.

Signature of Employee **Date**

FORM
M-4

MASSACHUSETTS EMPLOYEE'S WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Rev. 1/12



Print full name

Social Security no.

Print home address

City..... State Zip

Employee:

File this form or Form W-4 with your employer. Otherwise, Massachusetts Income Taxes will be withheld from your wages without exemptions.

Employer:

Keep this certificate with your records. If the employee is believed to have claimed excessive exemptions, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue should be so advised.

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR WITHHOLDING EXEMPTIONS

1. Your personal exemption. Write the figure "1." If you are age 65 or over or will be before next year, write "2"
2. If married and if exemption for spouse is allowed, write the figure "4." If your spouse is age 65 or over or will be before next year and if otherwise qualified, write "5." See Instruction C.....
3. Write the number of your qualified dependents. See Instruction D.....
4. Add the number of exemptions which you have claimed above and write the total.....
5. Additional withholding per pay period under agreement with employer \$ _____
 - A. Check if you will file as head of household on your tax return.
 - B. Check if you are blind. C. Check if spouse is blind and not subject to withholding.
 - D. Check if you are a full-time student engaged in seasonal, part-time or temporary employment whose estimated annual income will not exceed \$8,000.

EMPLOYER: DO NOT withhold if Box D is checked.

I certify that the number of withholding exemptions claimed on this certificate does not exceed the number to which I am entitled.

Date..... Signed

THIS FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

A. Number. If you claim **more** than the correct number of exemptions, civil and criminal penalties may be imposed. You may claim a smaller number of exemptions. If you do not file a certificate, your employer must withhold on the basis of no exemptions.

If you expect to owe more income tax than will be withheld, you may either claim a smaller number of exemptions or enter into an agreement with your employer to have additional amounts withheld.

You should claim the total number of exemptions to which you are entitled to prevent excessive overwithholding, unless you have a significant amount of other income.

If you work for more than one employer at the same time, you must not claim any exemptions with employers other than your principal employer.

If you are married and if your spouse is subject to withholding, each may claim a personal exemption.

B. Changes. You may file a new certificate at any time if the number of exemptions **increases**. You **must** file a new certificate within 10 days if the number of exemptions previously claimed by you **decreases**. For example, if during the year your dependent son's income indicates that you will not provide over half of his support for the year, you must file a new certificate.

C. Spouse. If your spouse is not working or if she or he is working but not claiming the personal exemption or the age 65 or over exemption, generally you may claim those exemptions in line 2. However, if you are planning to file separate annual tax returns, you should not claim withholding exemptions for your spouse or for any dependents that will not be claimed on your annual tax return.

If claiming a wife or husband, write "4" in line 2. Using "4" is the withholding system adjustment for the \$4,400 exemption for a spouse.

D. Dependent(s). You may claim an exemption in line 3 for each individual who qualifies as a dependent under the Federal Income Tax Law. In addition, if one or more of your dependents will be under age 12 at year end, add "1" to your dependents total for line 3.

You are not allowed to claim "federal withholding deductions and adjustments" under the Massachusetts withholding system.

If you have income not subject to withholding, you are urged to have additional amounts withheld to cover your tax liability on such income. See line 5.

IF THE ALLOWABLE MASSACHUSETTS WITHHOLDING EXEMPTIONS ARE THE SAME AS YOU ARE CLAIMING FOR U.S. INCOME TAXES, COMPLETE U.S. FORM W-4 ONLY.

Form W-4 (2017)

Purpose. Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. Consider completing a new Form W-4 each year and when your personal or financial situation changes.

Exemption from withholding. If you are exempt, complete **only** lines 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 and sign the form to validate it. Your exemption for 2017 expires February 15, 2018. See Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

Note: If another person can claim you as a dependent on his or her tax return, you can't claim exemption from withholding if your total income exceeds \$1,050 and includes more than \$350 of unearned income (for example, interest and dividends).

Exceptions. An employee may be able to claim exemption from withholding even if the employee is a dependent, if the employee:

- Is age 65 or older,
- Is blind, or
- Will claim adjustments to income; tax credits; or itemized deductions, on his or her tax return.

The exceptions don't apply to supplemental wages greater than \$1,000,000.

Basic instructions. If you aren't exempt, complete the **Personal Allowances Worksheet** below. The worksheets on page 2 further adjust your withholding allowances based on itemized deductions, certain credits, adjustments to income, or two-earners/multiple jobs situations.

Complete all worksheets that apply. However, you may claim fewer (or zero) allowances. For regular wages, withholding must be based on allowances you claimed and may not be a flat amount or percentage of wages.

Head of household. Generally, you can claim head of household filing status on your tax return only if you are unmarried and pay more than 50% of the costs of keeping up a home for yourself and your dependent(s) or other qualifying individuals. See Pub. 501, Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information, for information.

Tax credits. You can take projected tax credits into account in figuring your allowable number of withholding allowances. Credits for child or dependent care expenses and the child tax credit may be claimed using the **Personal Allowances Worksheet** below. See Pub. 505 for information on converting your other credits into withholding allowances.

Nonwage income. If you have a large amount of nonwage income, such as interest or dividends, consider making estimated tax payments using Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals. Otherwise, you may owe additional tax. If you have pension or annuity income, see Pub. 505 to find out if you should adjust your withholding on Form W-4 or W-4P.

Two earners or multiple jobs. If you have a working spouse or more than one job, figure the total number of allowances you are entitled to claim on all jobs using worksheets from only one Form W-4. Your withholding usually will be most accurate when all allowances are claimed on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job and zero allowances are claimed on the others. See Pub. 505 for details.

Nonresident alien. If you are a nonresident alien, see Notice 1392, Supplemental Form W-4 Instructions for Nonresident Aliens, before completing this form.

Check your withholding. After your Form W-4 takes effect, use Pub. 505 to see how the amount you are having withheld compares to your projected total tax for 2017. See Pub. 505, especially if your earnings exceed \$130,000 (Single) or \$180,000 (Married).

Future developments. Information about any future developments affecting Form W-4 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted at www.irs.gov/w4.

Personal Allowances Worksheet (Keep for your records.)

A	Enter "1" for yourself if no one else can claim you as a dependent	A _____
B	Enter "1" if: { • You're single and have only one job; or • You're married, have only one job, and your spouse doesn't work; or • Your wages from a second job or your spouse's wages (or the total of both) are \$1,500 or less. }	B _____
C	Enter "1" for your spouse . But, you may choose to enter "-0-" if you are married and have either a working spouse or more than one job. (Entering "-0-" may help you avoid having too little tax withheld.)	C _____
D	Enter number of dependents (other than your spouse or yourself) you will claim on your tax return	D _____
E	Enter "1" if you will file as head of household on your tax return (see conditions under Head of household above)	E _____
F	Enter "1" if you have at least \$2,000 of child or dependent care expenses for which you plan to claim a credit	F _____
G	Child Tax Credit (including additional child tax credit). See Pub. 972, Child Tax Credit, for more information. • If your total income will be less than \$70,000 (\$100,000 if married), enter "2" for each eligible child; then less "1" if you have two to four eligible children or less "2" if you have five or more eligible children. • If your total income will be between \$70,000 and \$84,000 (\$100,000 and \$119,000 if married), enter "1" for each eligible child.	G _____
H	Add lines A through G and enter total here. (Note: This may be different from the number of exemptions you claim on your tax return.) ▶	H _____
	For accuracy, complete all worksheets that apply. { • If you plan to itemize or claim adjustments to income and want to reduce your withholding, see the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet on page 2. • If you are single and have more than one job or are married and you and your spouse both work and the combined earnings from all jobs exceed \$50,000 (\$20,000 if married), see the Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet on page 2 to avoid having too little tax withheld. • If neither of the above situations applies, stop here and enter the number from line H on line 5 of Form W-4 below.	

----- Separate here and give Form W-4 to your employer. Keep the top part for your records. -----

Form W-4 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate		OMB No. 1545-0074
		▶ Whether you are entitled to claim a certain number of allowances or exemption from withholding is subject to review by the IRS. Your employer may be required to send a copy of this form to the IRS.		2017
1 Your first name and middle initial		Last name		2 Your social security number
Home address (number and street or rural route)		3 <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Married, but withhold at higher Single rate. Note: If married, but legally separated, or spouse is a nonresident alien, check the "Single" box.		
City or town, state, and ZIP code		4 If your last name differs from that shown on your social security card, check here. You must call 1-800-772-1213 for a replacement card. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
5 Total number of allowances you are claiming (from line H above or from the applicable worksheet on page 2)		5 _____		
6 Additional amount, if any, you want withheld from each paycheck		6 \$ _____		
7 I claim exemption from withholding for 2017, and I certify that I meet both of the following conditions for exemption. • Last year I had a right to a refund of all federal income tax withheld because I had no tax liability, and • This year I expect a refund of all federal income tax withheld because I expect to have no tax liability. If you meet both conditions, write "Exempt" here ▶		7 _____		
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this certificate and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.				
Employee's signature (This form is not valid unless you sign it.) ▶		Date ▶		
8 Employer's name and address (Employer: Complete lines 8 and 10 only if sending to the IRS.)		9 Office code (optional)	10 Employer identification number (EIN)	

Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet

Note: Use this worksheet *only* if you plan to itemize deductions or claim certain credits or adjustments to income.

1	Enter an estimate of your 2017 itemized deductions. These include qualifying home mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes, medical expenses in excess of 10% of your income, and miscellaneous deductions. For 2017, you may have to reduce your itemized deductions if your income is over \$313,800 and you're married filing jointly or you're a qualifying widow(er); \$287,650 if you're head of household; \$261,500 if you're single, not head of household and not a qualifying widow(er); or \$156,900 if you're married filing separately. See Pub. 505 for details	1	\$ _____
2	Enter: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \$12,700 \text{ if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)} \\ \$9,350 \text{ if head of household} \\ \$6,350 \text{ if single or married filing separately} \end{array} \right\}$	2	\$ _____
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero or less, enter "-0-"	3	\$ _____
4	Enter an estimate of your 2017 adjustments to income and any additional standard deduction (see Pub. 505)	4	\$ _____
5	Add lines 3 and 4 and enter the total. (Include any amount for credits from the <i>Converting Credits to Withholding Allowances for 2017 Form W-4</i> worksheet in Pub. 505.)	5	\$ _____
6	Enter an estimate of your 2017 nonwage income (such as dividends or interest)	6	\$ _____
7	Subtract line 6 from line 5. If zero or less, enter "-0-"	7	\$ _____
8	Divide the amount on line 7 by \$4,050 and enter the result here. Drop any fraction	8	_____
9	Enter the number from the Personal Allowances Worksheet , line H, page 1	9	_____
10	Add lines 8 and 9 and enter the total here. If you plan to use the Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet , also enter this total on line 1 below. Otherwise, stop here and enter this total on Form W-4, line 5, page 1	10	_____

Two-Earners/Multiple Jobs Worksheet (See *Two earners or multiple jobs* on page 1.)

Note: Use this worksheet *only* if the instructions under line H on page 1 direct you here.

1	Enter the number from line H, page 1 (or from line 10 above if you used the Deductions and Adjustments Worksheet)	1	_____
2	Find the number in Table 1 below that applies to the LOWEST paying job and enter it here. However , if you are married filing jointly and wages from the highest paying job are \$65,000 or less, do not enter more than "3"	2	_____
3	If line 1 is more than or equal to line 2, subtract line 2 from line 1. Enter the result here (if zero, enter "-0-") and on Form W-4, line 5, page 1. Do not use the rest of this worksheet	3	_____
Note: If line 1 is less than line 2, enter "-0-" on Form W-4, line 5, page 1. Complete lines 4 through 9 below to figure the additional withholding amount necessary to avoid a year-end tax bill.			
4	Enter the number from line 2 of this worksheet	4	_____
5	Enter the number from line 1 of this worksheet	5	_____
6	Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	_____
7	Find the amount in Table 2 below that applies to the HIGHEST paying job and enter it here	7	\$ _____
8	Multiply line 7 by line 6 and enter the result here. This is the additional annual withholding needed	8	\$ _____
9	Divide line 8 by the number of pay periods remaining in 2017. For example, divide by 25 if you are paid every two weeks and you complete this form on a date in January when there are 25 pay periods remaining in 2017. Enter the result here and on Form W-4, line 6, page 1. This is the additional amount to be withheld from each paycheck	9	\$ _____

Table 1

Table 2

Married Filing Jointly		All Others		Married Filing Jointly		All Others	
If wages from LOWEST paying job are—	Enter on line 2 above	If wages from LOWEST paying job are—	Enter on line 2 above	If wages from HIGHEST paying job are—	Enter on line 7 above	If wages from HIGHEST paying job are—	Enter on line 7 above
\$0 - \$7,000	0	\$0 - \$8,000	0	\$0 - \$75,000	\$610	\$0 - \$38,000	\$610
7,001 - 14,000	1	8,001 - 16,000	1	75,001 - 135,000	1,010	38,001 - 85,000	1,010
14,001 - 22,000	2	16,001 - 26,000	2	135,001 - 205,000	1,130	85,001 - 185,000	1,130
22,001 - 27,000	3	26,001 - 34,000	3	205,001 - 360,000	1,340	185,001 - 400,000	1,340
27,001 - 35,000	4	34,001 - 44,000	4	360,001 - 405,000	1,420	400,001 and over	1,600
35,001 - 44,000	5	44,001 - 70,000	5	405,001 and over	1,600		
44,001 - 55,000	6	70,001 - 85,000	6				
55,001 - 65,000	7	85,001 - 110,000	7				
65,001 - 75,000	8	110,001 - 125,000	8				
75,001 - 80,000	9	125,001 - 140,000	9				
80,001 - 95,000	10	140,001 and over	10				
95,001 - 115,000	11						
115,001 - 130,000	12						
130,001 - 140,000	13						
140,001 - 150,000	14						
150,001 and over	15						

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice. We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. Internal Revenue Code sections 3402(f)(2) and 6109 and their regulations require you to provide this information; your employer uses it to determine your federal income tax withholding. Failure to provide a properly completed form will result in your being treated as a single person who claims no withholding allowances; providing fraudulent information may subject you to penalties. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation; to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their tax laws; and to the Department of Health and Human Services for use in the National Directory of New Hires. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by Code section 6103.

The average time and expenses required to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. For estimated averages, see the instructions for your income tax return.

If you have suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the instructions for your income tax return.

**PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT
INTO EMPLOYEE'S ACCOUNT/ACCOUNTS
TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL**

SECTION 1: Employee Information

Employee Name: _____ Employee ID: _____

SECTION 2: Direct Deposit Information (fill in as necessary)

Instructions: Direct deposits are distributed to accounts in order of the priority starting with priority '1'. The total of the percentages cannot exceed 100%. Designate one (and only one) account to receive any excess funds left over after all direct deposits are processed. Check 'Partial Allowed?' to allow the direct deposit amount to be less than the amount entered in the 'Amount' or 'Percent of Net Pay' fields.

If you are adding a new account please list this along with all existing accounts in the order of priority.

Priority	Amount	Percent of Net Pay	Excess? (check one)	Partial Allowed?	*Transit #	Account #	Checking/ Savings	L/A**	NEW	CHANGE	DEL***
1	\$ _____	or _____ %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	\$ _____	or _____ %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	\$ _____	or _____ %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	\$ _____	or _____ %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	\$ _____	or _____ %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	\$ _____	or _____ %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	\$ _____	or _____ %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	\$ _____	or _____ %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	\$ _____	or _____ %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	\$ _____	or _____ %	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 3: Sign and Return to Your Payroll Coordinator

- I choose to receive my bi-weekly payroll advice through the Commonwealth PayInfo website www.PayInfo.state.ma.us (available 24 hours). No bi-weekly paper copy will be issued to me by my employer.
- Check box if any of the total of any of the above direct deposits go directly to a foreign bank or if the entire amount is forwarded from a domestic bank to a foreign bank
- I hereby authorize my employer, through the State Treasurer, to deposit my net pay and/or distributions to the financial institution(s) listed above. My employer, through the State Treasurer, is also authorized to debit any over deposit or error, which it has caused to be made to my account. The State Treasurer or the employee may cancel this authorization any time with proper notice to the Personnel/Payroll Office. In the absence of bank documentation, my signature certifies the Transit #(s) and Account #(s) indication above are correct as shown.

Employee Signature: _____ Date: _____

Employee Work Phone: _____

* NOTE: to find the transit numbers, contact your financial institution for help.
 ** LEAVE ALONE
 *** DELETE
 Revised 9/24/09



Participant Enrollment Governmental 457(b) Plan

Massachusetts Deferred Compensation SMART Plan - Mandatory OBRA

98966-02

Participant Information

Last Name			First Name			MI			Social Security Number								
Mailing Address												E-Mail Address					
City				State		Zip Code				<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried			<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male				
Mo			Day			Year			Mo			Day			Year		
Date of Birth						Date of Hire						Do you have a retirement savings account with a previous employer or an IRA? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes or <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Home Phone			Work Phone			<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if you prefer to receive quarterly account statements in Spanish.											

Important Notice: Employees participating in the Massachusetts Deferred Compensation SMART Plan - OBRA Mandatory Plan (the Plan) must complete Social Security Form SSA-1945. The Plan has been designated as an alternative retirement system for part time employees not covered by their employers retirement system. The SSA-1945 explains the potential effects of the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset Provision under the Social Security law which may reduce the amount of your Social Security retirement or disability benefits, and/or benefits received by you as a spouse or an ex-spouse. If you have any questions regarding SSA-1945 or if you have not completed SSA-1945, please contact your employer.

Statement Delivery - Participant quarterly statements are sent regular mail via the U.S. Postal Service. If you prefer an environmentally friendly alternative, please visit www.mass-smart.com for fast and easy enrollment in our Online File Cabinet service.

Payroll Information

MPTC			To be completed by			D5		
Division Name			Representative:			Division Number		

Investment Option Information (applies to all contributions) - Please refer to your communication materials for information regarding each investment option.

I understand that funds may impose redemption fees on certain transfers, redemptions or exchanges if assets are held less than the period stated in the fund's prospectus or other disclosure documents. I will refer to the fund's prospectus and/or disclosure documents for more information.

<u>INVESTMENT OPTION NAME</u>	<u>INVESTMENT OPTION CODE</u> (Internal Use Only)	
SMART Capital Preservation Fund.....	MELINC.....	100%

Plan Beneficiary Designation

This designation is effective upon execution and delivery to Service Provider at the address below. I have the right to change the beneficiary. If any information is missing, additional information may be required prior to recording my beneficiary designation. If my primary and contingent beneficiaries predecease me or I fail to designate beneficiaries, amounts will be paid pursuant to the terms of the Plan Document or applicable law.

You may only designate one primary and one contingent beneficiary on this form. However, the number of primary or contingent beneficiaries you name is not limited. If you wish to designate more than one primary and/or contingent beneficiary, do not complete the section below. Instead, complete and forward the Beneficiary Designation form.

Primary Beneficiary**100.00%**

% of Account Balance	Social Security Number	Primary Beneficiary Name	Relationship	Date of Birth
()				

Phone Number (Optional)

Contingent Beneficiary**100.00%**

% of Account Balance	Social Security Number	Contingent Beneficiary Name	Relationship	Date of Birth
()				

Phone Number (Optional)

Participation Agreement

Withdrawal Restrictions - I understand that the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and/or my employer's Plan Document may impose restrictions on transfers and/or distributions. I understand that I must contact the Plan Administrator/Trustee to determine when and/or under what circumstances I am eligible to receive distributions or make transfers.

Compliance With Plan Document and/or the Code - Participation in this Plan is mandatory. A deduction will be taken from your wages and invested on your behalf based on your employer's Plan Document. I agree that my employer or Plan Administrator/Trustee may take any action that may be necessary to ensure that my participation in the Plan is in compliance with any applicable requirement of the Plan Document and/or the Code. I understand that the maximum annual limit on contributions is determined under the Plan Document and/or the Code. I understand that it is my responsibility to monitor my total annual contributions to ensure that I do not exceed the amount permitted. If I exceed the contribution limit, I assume sole liability for any tax, penalty, or costs that may be incurred.

Incomplete Forms - I understand that in the event my Participant Enrollment form is incomplete or is not received by Service Provider at the address below prior to the receipt of any deposits, I specifically consent to Service Provider retaining all monies received and allocating them to the default investment option.

Account Corrections - I understand that it is my obligation to review all confirmations and quarterly statements for discrepancies or errors. Corrections will be made only for errors which I communicate within 90 calendar days of the last calendar quarter. After this 90 days, account information shall be deemed accurate and acceptable to me. If I notify Service Provider of an error after this 90 days, the correction will only be processed from the date of notification forward and not on a retroactive basis.

Signature(s) and Consent**Participant Consent**

I have completed, understand and agree to all pages of this Participant Enrollment form. I understand that Service Provider is required to comply with the regulations and requirements of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury ("OFAC"). As a result, Service Provider cannot conduct business with persons in a blocked country or any person designated by OFAC as a specially designated national or blocked person. For more information, please access the OFAC Web site at: <http://www.treasury.gov/about/organizational-structure/offices/Pages/Office-of-Foreign-Assets-Control.aspx>. Deferral agreements must be entered into prior to the first day of the month that the deferral will be made.

Participant Signature**Date**

A handwritten signature is required on this form. An electronic signature will not be accepted and will result in a significant delay.

Participant forward to Service Provider at:
Great-West Retirement Services®
P.O. Box 173764
Denver, CO 80217-3764
Phone #: 1-877-457-1900
Fax #: 1-866-745-5766
Web site: www.mass-smart.com

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION
CONTRACT EMPLOYEE DISCLOSURE FORM**

IMPORTANT

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. Type or print clearly in black or blue ink. | 3. Read certification and release carefully before signing. |
| 2. Answer every question fully and accurately. | 4. Return completed application. |

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (First) (Middle) (Last) <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss	Home Telephone Number
Mailing Address (Street) (City) (State) Zip(Postal) Code	Business or Message Phone:
Home Address (if different from mailing address) (Street) (City) (State) Zip(Postal) Code	E-Mail Address:

CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT

POSITION APPLIED FOR:	Agency:
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IMMEDIATE FAMILY WORKING IN MASSACHUSETTS STATE GOVERNMENT

Per Executive Order 444, please disclose any immediate family members, including those related to your immediate family by marriage, who are employed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are required to complete the information below. "Immediate family" is defined as a spouse, child, parent, and sibling; and the spouse's child, parent and sibling. Include those employed in all branches of state government: judicial, legislative, executive, higher education and state authorities; and those employed as regular or contract employees, or elected officials. This "sunshine disclosure" is intended to ensure that the citizens of our Commonwealth have full confidence in their government and its hiring process. The disclosure will not be used to exclude any qualified applicant seeking a position within the Executive Branch from receiving full consideration based on the merits of his/her credentials and the requirements of the job. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name of Relative	Relationship	Title of Relative's Job	State Agency

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed Name

MPTC Instructor Approval and Endorsement

To be completed by ALL instructors who will receive payments from the MPTC

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____	Social Security Number: _____
Gender: M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>	Contact Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Work) _____
Affirmative Action Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Aleut <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Native American (Optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Physically-Challenged <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam-Era Veteran	
Date of Birth: _____	If current State employee, year entered into State service: _____

INSTRUCTOR AFFIRMATIONS

I understand by accepting a teaching assignment that I am responsible to uphold the MPTC training and instructor standards. I agree to teach to the curriculum provided, including the instructional objectives, content, and delivery hours, and will abide by MPTC policies and procedures as they relate to instructors and attendance at MPTC training. I acknowledge that the MPTC, in keeping with maintaining high standards in training, has the right and responsibility to amend instructor qualifications as necessary. I also acknowledge that I have received, read and fully understand the following policies: Sexual Harassment; Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence; Workplace Violence; and Diversity. I understand that my failure to comply by the policies stated will result in the immediate termination of my contract.

X _____

Instructor Signature

_____ Date

Further, I declare, under the pains of penalty of perjury, that for the time devoted to rendering the services defined by this contract, I have not claimed nor shall I claim or accept compensation from any other source, whether public or private, for the same services and time span(s). This includes sick time/leave or personnel Injured-On-Duty status.

X _____

Instructor Signature

_____ Date

_____ Print Name

ENDORSEMENT

To be completed by an authorized MPTC representative:

I have reviewed the instructor's qualifications and support and endorse this instructor's request to teach for the MPTC. Further, I affirm the instructor's qualifications, character, deportment, and professionalism meet the high standards expected of MPTC instructors.

_____ Authorized MPTC Signature

_____ Date



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July 2, 2015

Dear MPTC Contracted Instructor:

This letter serves to provide you information regarding the newly enacted sick leave law. Effective July 1, 2015, all employees working in the Commonwealth are entitled by law to earn and use up to 40 hours of paid sick leave in a calendar year. In your current capacity with the Municipal Police Training Committee, you qualify as an employee under this law. Accordingly, you will accrue one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked, up to a maximum of 40 hours of earned sick leave in a year. Once you accrue 40 hours of earned sick time, you will no longer continue to accrue sick time for the remainder of the year.

You may track your available sick leave balance in HRCMS at the following link <https://hrcms-prod.state.ma.us/psp/HI92PRD/?cmd=login>

You may use earned sick time as soon as it has accrued; however, you may only use sick leave in increments of 15 minutes and only for the following purposes:

1. to care for the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse, who is suffering from a physical or mental illness, injury, or medical condition that requires home care, professional medical diagnosis or care, or preventative medical care; or
2. to care for the employee's own physical or mental illness, injury, or medical condition that requires home care, professional medical diagnosis or care, or preventative medical care; or
3. to attend the employee's routine medical appointment or a routine medical appointment for the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of spouse; or
4. to address the psychological, physical or legal effects of domestic violence; or
5. to travel to and from an appointment, a pharmacy, or other location related to the purpose for which the time was taken.

You will be required to notify the Academy Director or the Program Coordinator at least one (1) hour before the start of your scheduled assignment of your intention to utilize your sick leave. You may be required to submit medical or other documentation to verify your use of sick leave.

At the end of each calendar year, any unused sick time, up to a maximum of 40 hours, may be carried over into the next calendar year and available for immediate use. You will continue to accrue sick time at the same rate described above during the next calendar year, provided however, that once you possess a bank of 40 hours of sick leave, you will not continue to accrue additional hours of sick time.

When you separate from service, you are not entitled to receive compensation for any unused sick leave credits; however, if you return to service with the Commonwealth within one year, you will be credited with all unused sick time available to you at the time of your separation, up to 40 hours.

Should you have any questions you may contact me at Denise.Sarro@Massmail.state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

Denise M. Sarro

Denise M. Sarro
Director of Human Resources

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Human Resources Division

Earned Sick Leave Policy

1. Scope

- (a) For purposes of this policy, the term "employee" shall mean any person who performs services for the Commonwealth for wage, remuneration, or other compensation, including full-time, part-time, seasonal, temporary, and contract employees, as well as paid interns.
- (b) The designation of "bargaining unit" employee shall refer to employees subject to a collective bargaining agreement ("CBA"). The designation of "managerial" and "confidential" employee shall refer to employees subject to the Rules Governing Paid Leave and Other Benefits for Managers and Confidential Employees (the "Red Book").
- (c) This policy shall apply to all agencies within the Executive Department of the Commonwealth.

2. Accrual of Earned Sick Leave Benefits

- (a) Bargaining unit employees shall accumulate sick leave credits as provided by their respective CBAs.
- (b) Managerial and confidential employees shall accumulate sick leave as provided by the Red Book.
- (c) All other employees of the Commonwealth shall accumulate sick leave on an hourly basis at the rate of one hour of paid sick leave credit for every 30 hours of work (in increments of 2 minutes per hour), up to a maximum of 40 hours of sick leave credit during the calendar year.

3. Use of Earned Sick Leave Benefits

- (a) Bargaining unit employees may continue to use sick leave benefits as provided in their respective CBAs.
- (b) Managerial and confidential employees may continue to use sick leave benefits as provided in the Red Book.
- (c) All other employees of the Commonwealth may use the sick leave benefits provided in Paragraph 2(c) above for the following purposes:
 - i. to care for the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse, who is suffering from a physical or mental illness, injury, or medical condition that requires home care, professional medical diagnosis or care, or preventative medical care; or

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- ii. to care for the employee's own physical or mental illness, injury, or medical condition that requires home care, professional medical diagnosis or care, or preventative medical care; or
 - iii. to attend the employee's routine medical appointment or a routine medical appointment for the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of spouse; or
 - iv. to address the psychological, physical or legal effects of domestic violence; or
 - v. to travel to and from an appointment, a pharmacy, or other location related to the purpose for which the time was taken.
- (d) Sick leave must be charged against unused sick leave credits in units of 15 minutes, but in no event may the sick leave credits used be less than the actual time off.
- (e) Employees may not use earned sick time as an excuse to be late for work without an authorized purpose.

4. Medical and Other Documentation

- (a) For all employees of the Commonwealth, the Appointing Authority may require medical certification with respect to the first 40 hours of sick leave use by an employee during the calendar year when the employee's use of sick leave:
- i. exceeds 24 consecutively scheduled work hours;
 - ii. exceeds 3 consecutive days on which the employee was scheduled to work;
 - iii. occurs within 2 weeks prior to an employee's final scheduled day of work before termination of employment, except in the case of temporary employees;
 - iv. occurs after 4 unforeseeable and undocumented absences within a 3-month period; or
 - v. for employees aged 17 and under, occurs after 3 unforeseeable and undocumented absences within a 3-month period.

Notwithstanding the provisions above, an Appointing Authority that performs essential public health and safety functions may require employees making use of earned sick time during severe weather events or other emergencies to provide written documentation from a medical provider substantiating such use of sick time and to

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follow established notification procedures when doing so. Failure to comply in such circumstances may be grounds for discipline.

- (b) Once an employee uses 40 hours of sick time during the calendar year, if s/he has additional sick time available to use, the Appointing Authority may require medical certification consistent with the relevant CBA, Red Book, or any other established policy or practice.
- (c) Employees who use sick leave for the purpose of addressing the psychological, physical or legal effects of domestic violence as provided in Paragraph 3(c)(iv) above may be required to provide documentation by the Appointing Authority when the employee's use of sick leave for such purposes results in an absence of more than 24 consecutive work hours. Any of the following documentation shall be considered to be sufficient for these purposes:
 - i. a restraining order or other documentation of equitable relief issued by a court of competent jurisdiction;
 - ii. a police record documenting the abuse;
 - iii. documentation that the perpetrator of the abuse has been convicted of one or more of the offenses enumerated in M.G.L. c. 265 where the victim was a family or household member;
 - iv. medical documentation of the abuse;
 - v. a statement provided by a counselor, social worker, health worker, member of the clergy, shelter worker, legal advocate, or other professional who has assisted the employee in addressing the effects of the abuse on the employee or the employee's family; or
 - vi. a signed written statement from the employee attesting to the abuse.
- (d) If an Appointing Authority determines that an employee is exhibiting a clear pattern of misuse of sick leave (e.g., requesting and/or taking leave on days just before or after a regularly scheduled day off, vacation day, or holiday), the Appointing Authority may discipline the employee, unless the employee provides verification of authorized use of sick leave.

5. Carryover of Accumulated Sick Leave Benefits

- (a) Bargaining unit employees may continue to rollover accumulated sick leave benefits at the end of the calendar year as provided by their respective CBAs.
- (b) Managerial and confidential employees may continue to rollover accumulated sick leave benefits at the end of the calendar year as provided by the Red Book.

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- (c) All other employees of the Commonwealth may rollover up to 40 hours of unused earned sick time at the end of the calendar year for immediate use in the next calendar year. Such employees will continue to accrue sick leave at the rate described in Paragraph 2(c) during the next calendar year, provided, however, that once the employee possesses a bank of 40 hours of earned sick time, s/he will not continue to accrue additional hours of earned sick time.

6. Breaks in Service

- (a) Bargaining unit employees, managerial employees, and confidential employees who separate from employment and are subsequently reinstated or reemployed after an absence of less than three years shall be credited with all unused sick leave credits available to him/her at the time of the prior separation. Bargaining unit employees, managerial employees, and confidential employees who are reinstated or reemployed after a period of three years or more may only receive prior sick leave credits as provided in the relevant CBA or Red Book, whichever is applicable.
- (b) All other employees of the Commonwealth who separate from employment and are subsequently reinstated or reemployed shall be credited with unused sick leave credits, not to exceed a total of 40 hours, as follows, provided the break in service is for a period of one year or less:
- i. Following a break in service of up to 4 months, an employee shall maintain the right to use any unused sick time accrued before the break in service.
 - ii. Following a break in service of between 4 and 12 months, an employee shall maintain the right to use earned sick time accrued before the break in service if the employee's unused sick time equals or exceeds 10 hours.

7. Separation from Service

- (a) When an employee separates from service for reasons other than retirement, s/he shall not be entitled to receive any compensation in lieu of accumulated sick leave credits.
- (b) Bargaining unit employees, managerial employees, and confidential employees who retire shall be entitled to receive compensation for the value of their unused accrued sick leave as provided in the relevant CBA or Red Book, whichever is applicable.

Municipal Police Training Committee

Instructor Policies & Procedures



I understand by accepting a teaching assignment that I am responsible to uphold the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Municipal Police Training Committee instructor standards outlined below.

Official Endorsement of Primary Employment:

1. Instructors teaching for the MPTC shall be in good standing with their agency. The Chief Executive Officer is required to verify this good standing as part of the Instructor Certification Application. Instructors who are not in good standing are prohibited from teaching for the MPTC.

Executive Order 504:

1. Paper and electronic records containing personal information that can be readily used to identify a particular individual as defined in M.G.L. 93H and personal data that can be readily associated with a particular individual as defined under the Fair Information Practices Act (FIPA) must be secured by all maximum feasible measures.
2. Instructors must ensure that all student officer personal information remains confidential and secure, including when they are on breaks or at lunch or step out of the classroom for periods of time.
3. The security and care of this information applies to files, rosters, etc. that are removed from the training site by the instructor.

Attire:

1. To insure the uniform and professional appearance of the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) instructors, the MPTC puts forth the following standards that will apply to all instructors, including contract and volunteer.
 - a. For classroom – only presentations, when no practical skills other than role-play exercises are involved, the following dress requirements apply:
 - i. Men are required to wear courtroom attire, including a collared shirt with a tie, dress pant neatly pressed (which may include cotton khaki), and dress shoes. Sandals are not permitted.

- ii. Women are required to wear courtroom attire, such as a pant suit, dress, or a skirt with blouse, including dress shoes. Shoes may be open-toed or professional-looking sandals.
 - iii. In all cases, instructors may wear the department uniform.
 - iv. Hats and sunglasses are not allowed in the classroom.
 - v. Jewelry and other accessories shall be modest, conservative, and professional.
 - vi. Casual open-collared shirts, short pants, denim pants, and sneakers are not allowed.
- b. For practical skills classes, including Defensive Tactics, Firearms, and CPR/First Responder, the following dress requirements apply for both men and women:
- i. Pants must be BDU – type, black, navy or tan in color. Camouflage designs are not allowed.
 - ii. Shirts shall be a knit three-button, open-collared golf style or a buttoned, non-camouflage tactical shirt, such as a 5.11 tactical shirt.
 - iii. When more than one instructor is involved, they are to select a common color and style of shirt and pants for consistency of appearance; however, the style, color, and logo must be preapproved by the MPTC.
 - iv. Shoes must be soft-soled and dark in color. Both high and low tops are allowed. Sneakers or running shoes are not allowed.
 - v. In all cases, instructors may wear the department uniform.
- c. For Physical Fitness Training in a recruit class, the following requirements apply for both men and women:
- i. All instructors, including staff instructors when participating in PT, must wear matching PT gear appropriate for the workout session and season. The style, color and logo will be preapproved by the MPTC.
 - ii. Stocking hats, gloves, and sunglasses are allowed at the discretion of the Academy Director, but must be consistent with requirements set forth for student officers.
- d. Exceptions to these standards must be approved by the Director of Training.

Instructor Attendance:

- a. Instructors are expected to arrive at their training site at least 30 minutes prior to the start time of their class to allow time to check in with the program coordinator, to make sure the classroom is arranged, and to test any presentation aids, such as laptop computers, projectors, and breath testing devices.
- b. Instructors are expected to be in their respective classroom and prepared to begin teaching, at least 5 minutes prior to the start time of their class and to start the class at the designated time unless otherwise directed by MPTC staff.
- c. All instructors are expected to cover all assigned material, making sure to completely cover all instructional objectives. Instructors will be paid for the actual time that they teach. If instructional objectives are completely covered more quickly than

- anticipated and all questions have been answered prior to the allotted time, instructors may dismiss the class earlier with approval by the MPTC coordinator/academy director. However, in such cases, the instructor's pay voucher is to reflect the actual hours of instruction, rather than the scheduled hours. If not, their pay voucher will be adjusted accordingly.
- d. Instructors will provide breaks to student officers. These breaks will consist of no more than 15-minute breaks approximately every hour. When agreed upon by the instructor, the student officers, and the MPTC program coordinator/academy director, breaks can be skipped or adjusted to accommodate curriculum.
 - e. Instructors will provide a lunch break to student officers. The amount of time of the lunch break will be no less than 30 minutes. Instructors will not be paid for lunch break.
 - f. The practice of shorter breaks and/or lunch to complete training in a shorter period of time than scheduled is prohibited.
 - a. Exception to this rule is during inclement weather (delayed start/early closing), with coordinator/academy director's permission. Even then, a midday break is required.
 - g. Instructors will remain in their classroom to make themselves accessible to the students for at least 15 minutes after the end of the training.
 - h. In the event that an instructor is unable to teach a scheduled class, instructors must notify the coordinator/academy director as soon as possible. Instructors should keep in mind that classes often have overtime considerations for departments and their attendees so it is important to keep with the regularly scheduled classes. With Coordinator/Academy Director prior authorization, it is important to have a back up instructor if an emergency or illness were to arise.
 - i. In the rare event that an instructor is running late they shall notify the coordinator or academy director, by necessity, as soon as possible by calling the training site they are scheduled to teach at. If the instructor is teaching with other instructors, they shall notify those instructors, out of courtesy, of their late arrival.

Classroom Decorum:

- a. Instructors will conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
- b. Instructors will instruct to the Municipal Police Training Committee approved material and lesson plans only.
 - a. Although all instructors are encouraged to utilize their personal experiences to enhance the lesson plan, any changes (additions or deletions) an instructor would like to make to an MPTC-approved lesson plan, must be submitted to and approved by the MPTC Programs and Standards prior to it being presented in a MPTC classroom.
 - b. All handouts must be approved by the MPTC staff prior to distribution to student officers.
- c. Instructors will respect and ensure student respect and care of MPTC equipment and property at all times.

- d. Profanity of any kind will not be tolerated in the classroom. While the nature of police training often involves the realism of street jargon, swearing and inappropriate language is prohibited.
- e. The use of tobacco products is prohibited in the training environment and in the presence of the students.
- f. Cell phones must be turned off when teaching in the classroom.
 - a. If expecting an emergency call, phone must be on vibrate.
- g. Under no circumstances will the MPTC tolerate a hostile, offensive, or harmful training environment. Instructors will conduct themselves in a behavior that is respectful of diversity and does not include horseplay, bias, sexual innuendo, or harassment of any type.
- h. Instructors will conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the highest ethical standards. Dishonesty, untruthfulness, promoting personal business interests or discourtesy will not be tolerated.
- i. Recognizing that police training is inherently risky, classes will be conducted with a high level of safety and instructors will, to the best of their ability, do all they can to prevent injury and avoid physical, mental or emotional harm to all student officers in their classroom.
- j. Instructors are representatives of police agencies and the police profession and will conduct themselves in a manner that will bring credit to the profession. Standards of behavior will reflect taste, courtesy, consideration and respect for the rights and privileges of fellow instructors, academy staff and guests, and student officers.

Agency Policy of Zero Tolerance for Workplace Violence:

Policy Statement

Workplace violence undermines the integrity of the workplace and the personal safety of the individual employee. Therefore, the Commonwealth maintains a zero tolerance policy for workplace violence. Effective immediately, it is the policy of the Commonwealth that all of its employees work in an environment free from workplace violence.

Authority

Executive Order #442 establishes a zero tolerance policy for workplace violence and requires state agencies to promptly disseminate written copies of the policy to all employees. The Executive Order applies to individuals employed on a full time or part time basis by the Office of the Governor or any state agency under the Executive department.

The Human Resources Division (HRD) requests agencies adopt this policy, as written, in compliance with Executive Order #442. This policy does not prohibit agencies from continuing more stringent policies that may currently be in effect, such as those implemented by public safety agencies. This policy is not intended to replace or supersede agency or department policies relative to the lawful use of force.

Definition of Workplace Violence

For the purposes of this policy, “workplace” is defined as:

- Any Commonwealth owned or leased property;
- Any location where Commonwealth business is conducted;
- Commonwealth vehicles or private vehicles being used for Commonwealth business;
- In addition, workplace violence can occur at any location if the violence has resulted from an act or decision made during the course of conducting Commonwealth business.

Workplace violence includes but it not limited to the following:

- Physical assault and/or battery;
- Threats and/or acts of intimidation communicated by any means that cause an employee to be in fear of their own physical safety or that of a colleague;
- Disruptive or aggressive behavior that places a reasonable person in fear of physical harm and/or that causes a disruption of workplace productivity; and/or
- Property damage.

Violent behavior can include actions or communication in person, by letter or note, telephone, fax, or electronic mail. Incidents of workplace violence may be acted out individually or take place between employees, employees and clients/customers, employees and acquaintances/partners and employees and the general public.

Roles and Responsibilities:

HRD shall:

- Issue, update and advise agency personnel how to implement the statewide Workplace Violence Policy;
- Coordinate and deliver training to agency senior executive staff, managers, supervisors, and employees on the Commonwealth’s policy and workplace violence awareness, using curriculum developed by HRD’s Training and Development Group in coordination with the Executive Office of Public Safety;
- Disseminate informational materials for all employees, managers, and supervisors;
- Convene and conduct regular meetings of the HRD Critical Incident Workplace Safety Team comprised of senior managers representing HRD’s Office of Employee Relations, Legal, Executive, Civil Service, and Training and Development Group to respond to individual agency requests for assistance in specific workplace violence cases; and
- Designate a workplace violence coordinator to support the implementation of Executive Order #442.

Agency Heads shall:

- Ensure that the Workplace Violence Policy is adopted and implemented;
- Ensure that each employee receives a copy of the Workplace Violence Policy;
- Foster a climate in which victims feel comfortable reporting incidents of workplace violence;
- Contact HRD’s Training and Development Group to arrange workplace violence awareness training targeting senior executive staff, managers, and supervisors and subsequently to all employees within the agency;
- Strongly encourage employees to report workplace violence behavior to the appropriate supervisors/managers;
- Ensure that managers appropriately document and swiftly investigate reports of workplace violence;

- When necessary, notify state/and or local police in response to serious incidents of workplace violence;
- Establish a Safety Incidence Team comprised of senior executive staff representing agency human resources, labor relations, security, training, and legal to devise and review policies, procedures and safety protocols, and to ensure consistent, coordinated responses to acts of workplace violence;
- Ensure written workplace protection plans are devised for employees who are victims of workplace violence; and implement any necessary workplace safety protocols designed to further protect employees from harm; and
- Provide the names of the designated workplace violence coordinator and the names of members of the safety incidence team to the Personnel Administrator.

Employees shall:

- Ensure that they do not participate in any form of workplace violence
- Cooperate in the investigation of alleged workplace violence; and
- Report behavior in the workplace they believe to be workplace violence to their supervisor, or the police when appropriate.

Procedures for Investigation and Disciplining Perpetrator

As stated above, the Commonwealth maintains a zero tolerance policy for workplace violence. All agencies are mandated to take all instances of workplace violence seriously. The following are guidelines for disciplining perpetrators:

- All agencies shall immediately report incidents of workplace violence that include physical assault and/or battery, and/or threats to do physical harm, to the appropriate law enforcement authorities;
- All investigations of workplace violence will be conducted in a manner that is sensitive to the safety concerns and privacy of the victim(s), the perpetrator, and all witnesses.
- Agencies must follow existing provisions in the collective bargaining agreements when disciplining perpetrators;
- Acts of workplace violence are among the most serious forms of misconduct and may result in discipline commensurate with the severity of the misconduct, including, but not limited to:
 - An oral reprimand;
 - A written reprimand to be placed in the perpetrator's personnel file;
 - Loss of accrued vacation time (where not prohibited by statute, regulation or collective bargaining agreement);
 - Suspension, demotion, or termination, or;
 - Any combination of the above.
- In the interim, between a charge and the final disposition of a workplace violence case, agency heads may take action to address employees' safety concerns. Depending on the severity of the charge, such action may include placing the alleged perpetrator on leave with or without pay.
- In addition to the measures mentioned above, disciplinary measures may include the successful completion of counseling, anger management education or other equivalent programs.

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Agency Policy:

Policy

The Commonwealth has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking occurring within or outside the workplace. Effective immediately, it is the policy of the Commonwealth that all employees work in an environment free from all forms of sexual assault and domestic violence. Sexual assault and domestic violence undermine the integrity of the work place and the personal safety of the individual.

Authority

Executive Order 491 establishes a zero tolerance policy for sexual assault, domestic violence **and stalking and requires state agencies to issue written policies and to provide copies of the policy** to all employees. The Executive Order applies to all individuals employed on a full-time or part-time basis by the Office of the Governor or any state agency under the Executive Department.

The Human Resources Division (HRD) is requesting agencies adopt this policy as written in order to comply with the Executive Order. This policy does not prevent agencies from adopting more stringent policies or continuing more stringent policies currently in effect, such as those implemented by public safety agencies.

Definition of Domestic Violence

Chapter 209A of the Massachusetts General Laws defines domestic violence as a form of abuse among family or household members, which includes those individuals who are or have been involved in a substantive dating relationship. Abuse is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family or household members:

- attempting to cause or causing physical harm; or
- placing another in fear of imminent serious physical harm; or
- causing another to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threat of force, or duress.

Family or household members are persons who:

- are or were married to one another;
- are or were residing together in the same household;
- are or were related by blood or marriage;
- have a child in common regardless of whether they have ever married or lived together; or
- are or have been in a substantive dating or engagement relationship.

Chapter 209A provides a victim protection from an abuser through the issuance of a restraining order. Such an order may order the abuser to refrain from abuse, to vacate the home, to comply with temporary custody and support orders, and/or to have no contact with the victim at all times. Although Chapter 209A orders are civil in nature, violations of certain provisions are criminal in nature for which arrest is mandatory.

For the purposes of initiating disciplinary action against an employee accused of abuse, there must be a judicial finding of probable cause that the employee committed an act of abuse against a family or household member. The employer may require an employee who is an abuser to accept reassignment to a different geographic location, if the employer determines that such reassignment will help better ensure the safety of the victim or others in the workplace. While maintaining confidentiality to the extent practicable, agencies are encouraged to consult with

appropriate legal staff, human resource/labor relations directors and/or domestic violence professionals for guidance in these matters.

Definition of Sexual Assault and Stalking

“Sexual assault” includes any action causing another to engage in sexual relations by force, threat, or duress in violation of Chapter 209A or chapter 265 of the General Laws, or any other applicable law of the Commonwealth.

“Stalking” includes any pattern or series of acts, conduct or threats causing or intended to cause alarm or fear in violation of chapter 209A or chapter 265 of the General Laws, or any other applicable law of the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth’s view of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking reflects, but is not limited to, the following considerations:

- A man as well as a woman may be the victim of sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking, and a woman as well as a man may be the abuser.
- The victim does not have to be the opposite sex from the abuser.

Roles and Responsibilities:

The Human Resources Division shall:

- Issue and update the statewide policy addressing sexual assault and stalking to all Agency Heads, Cabinet Secretaries, Human Resource Directors, and other designated Employers;
- Assist agency personnel in how to effectively implement the statewide Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Policy;
- Through the Director of Domestic and Workplace Violence Prevention, provide and/or approve training curriculum and delivery initiatives developed by the Human Resources Division in conjunction with the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to agencies on the Commonwealth’s policy and domestic violence and sexual assault awareness;
- Disseminate informational materials for all employees, managers and supervisors.

Employers shall:

- Ensure that the policy of Zero Tolerance for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence is adopted and implemented;
- Review their existing personnel policies and procedures and to revise them as necessary to ensure they are responsive to the needs of victims;
- Forward a copy of their department policy to the Director of Domestic and Workplace Violence Prevention within the Human Resources Division;
- Designate an employee to coordinate the policy dissemination, training, and benefits provided through this policy.
- Ensure that each employee receives:
 - A copy of the Commonwealth’s policy and Executive Order No. 491.
 - Notification of any changes to the policy as soon as administratively possible.
 - Foster a climate in which victims can be comfortable disclosing abuse, including posting resource information where victims and abusers can go for assistance;
 - Strongly encourage employees to report behavior which occurs in the workplace which they believe to be domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking;
 - When appropriate, ensure written workplace safety plans are completed in response to reports of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

- When appropriate, while maintaining confidentiality to the extent practicable, work with victims in consultation with agency domestic violence coordinator(s), HR personnel, and/or Legal Counsel in addressing workplace safety and security plans that may impact victims and/or co-workers.
- Determine the nature of disciplinary action to be taken against employee abusers;
- After receiving approval from the Director of Workplace Violence Prevention, implement the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in the Workplace Prevention Training curriculum and delivery program developed by the Human Resources in coordination with the Executive Office of Public Safety.
- Respect the privacy of victims and preserve confidentiality at all times, to the extent possible, in dealing with situations involving sexual assault, domestic violence or stalking;
- When notified of a restraining order in effect, utilize all reasonable efforts to address the employee's concerns about safety and report any workplace violations of such order to the police.

Employees shall:

- Ensure that they do not participate in any form of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking either within or outside the workplace;
- Cooperate in the investigation of alleged domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking by providing information they possess concerning such matters;
- Report behavior in the workplace which they believe to be sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking to their supervisor, or the police when appropriate.

Protection to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking victims

The Commonwealth recognizes that victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking may suffer from physical, mental, emotional, and sexual abuse. In an effort to afford victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking the ability to protect themselves and their families, and to ensure the safety of all employees, the Commonwealth has established the following policies:

- An employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking or whose children are victims and the employee is not the abuser shall be entitled to up to fifteen (15) days of paid leave per calendar year for the purposes of counseling, obtaining medical treatment, attending legal proceedings, or carrying out other necessary activities resulting from domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- The fifteen (15) days of paid leave will not be charged to sick, vacation or personal leave accrual. Agencies should use time reporting code LWP "Leave with Pay" and to preserve confidentiality avoid entering any comments about this leave in HR/CMS time and attendance as comments can be found in the Information Warehouse)
- An employee who is a victim of sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking and/or whose children are victims and the employee is not the abuser may be granted up to six (6) months of unpaid leave, where the employee requests such leave as a result of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Leave accruals and insurance benefits shall be handled in the same way as is done for any other type of leave without pay. Upon the employee's return from leave, the agency shall restore the employee to the same position or to an equivalent position, with equivalent employment benefits, pay, and other terms and conditions of employment, provided that the employee has not been displaced from his/her position in the interim due to a reduction in force.

- Due to the emergency nature of leave requests, the employee may not be able to provide such documentation. However, when appropriate, agencies may request the following documentation:
 - A judicial finding of domestic violence, such as a 209A restraining order or pending criminal charges;
 - Signed letter from a district attorney's office, police department, or district, probate, or superior court;
- Signed affidavits from third parties having knowledge of the abuse.
- To the extent possible, all documentation submitted shall be kept in a secure and confidential manner so as to respect the employee's right to privacy. An employee may opt to have their name and job data withheld from being released to any parties as a result of a freedom of information act request (see Payroll Public Records Exemption Memo and Form)
- A victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking is strongly encouraged to notify his or her agency of the existence of a restraining order protecting the employee. Upon such notification, the agency shall make all reasonable efforts to enforce the restraining order in the workplace. Such efforts may include:
 - Notifying security personnel of the identity of the person against whom the order is issued (defendant);
 - Providing security personnel with a photograph or other identifying information, such as motor vehicle information;
- After notifying the employee, having the employee's calls screened;
- Moving the employee's workstation away from an unsecured entrance.
- If an agency becomes aware that an active restraining order protects an employee, the agency may offer that employee a reassignment to a different geographical location. Where the victim has requested reassignment, the agency shall give the request top priority.
- Agencies shall immediately notify the police if a violation of a restraining order occurs at the workplace.
- Agencies should provide the attached list of "domestic violence, sexual assault assistance programs", including the state-wide *Safe-Link Hotline emergency hotline number* to employees who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking to assist them in finding available services.

Procedures for Investigating and Disciplining Abusers

All agencies are mandated to take all instances of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking seriously. The following are guidelines for disciplining abusers:

- All agencies shall immediately report any incident of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking that occurs in the workplace, including violation of 209A restraining orders, to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
- Agencies must follow existing provisions in the collective bargaining agreements when disciplining abusers.
- Agencies are encouraged to consult with appropriate legal staff, human resource/labor relations directors and or domestic violence professionals for guidance in these matters.
- All investigations of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking policy violations within the workplace will be conducted in a manner to protect the confidentiality of the victim, the alleged abuser and all witnesses. All parties involved in the proceedings will be advised to maintain strict confidentiality.

- Acts of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, regardless of where they occur, will not be tolerated and may result in discipline, including, but not limited to:
 - An oral warning or reprimand;
 - A written warning or reprimand to be placed in a personnel file;
 - Required completion of a certified batterer intervention program;
 - Suspension or termination; or
 - Any combination of the above.
- Incidents of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking resulting in the conviction of a felony within the past five years, may be used as a factor in hiring determinations.
- As with all other such actions, disciplinary actions taken against abusers become part of their work history and will be considered when selecting employees for promotion, new work assignments and other types of personnel actions.

This policy is posted at:

<http://www.mass.gov/anf/docs/hrd/policies/prevention/domestic-violence-sexual-assault.doc>

References: Executive Order 491

http://www.mass.gov/Agov3/docs/Executive%20Orders/executive_order_491.pdf

Mass General Laws Chapter 209A

<http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartII/TitleIII/Chapter209A>

Mass General Laws Chapter 265

<http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartIV/TitleI/Chapter265>

Payroll Public Record Exemption Policy Memo

<http://www.mass.gov/anf/docs/hrd/policies/files/public-record-exemption-policy-memo.doc>

Payroll Public Records Exemption Form

<http://www.mass.gov/anf/docs/hrd/policies/files/payroll-public-exemption.doc>

Jane Doe – The Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

www.janedoe.org/

SafeLink 1-877-785-2020

http://www.casamyrna.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=29&Itemid=45

Massachusetts Department of Public Health - Certified Batterer Intervention Programs

http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dph/com_health/violence/bi_directory.rtf

Agency Diversity Executive Order No. 526:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is based on a belief in freedom and equality for all individuals and in the duty of Government to safeguard and foster these rights;

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts recognizes the importance of non-discrimination, diversity, and equal opportunity in all aspects of state employment, programs, and activities;

WHEREAS, creating a culture of inclusion that values and promotes diversity and equal opportunity for all individuals is the central objective of this Executive Order and the goal of my administration;

WHEREAS, while acknowledging the many efforts and accomplishments of the past, the Commonwealth can and must do more to ensure that non-discrimination, diversity and equal opportunity are safeguarded, promoted, and reflected in state workplaces, decisions, programs, activities, services, and contracts; NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution, Part 2, c. 2, §I, Art. I, do hereby order as follows:

Section 1. This Executive Order shall apply to all state agencies in the Executive Branch. As used in this Order, "state agencies" shall include all executive offices, boards, commissions, agencies, departments, divisions, councils, bureaus, and offices, now existing and hereafter established.

Section 2. Non-discrimination, diversity, and equal opportunity shall be the policy of the Executive Branch of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in all aspects of state employment, programs, services, activities, and decisions. Each executive officer and agency head serving under the Governor, and all state employees, shall take immediate, affirmative steps to ensure compliance with this policy and with applicable federal and state laws in connection with both the internal operations of state government as well as their external relations with the public, including those persons and organizations doing business with the Commonwealth. Each agency, in discharging its duties, shall consider the likely effects that its decisions, programs, services, and activities will have on achieving non-discrimination, diversity, and equal opportunity.

Section 3. All state agencies shall develop and implement affirmative action and diversity plans to identify and eliminate discriminatory barriers in the workplace; remedy the effects of past discriminatory practices; identify, recruit, hire, develop, promote, and retain employees who are members of under-represented groups; and ensure diversity and equal opportunity in all facets, terms, and conditions of state employment. Such plans shall set forth specific goals and timetables for achievement, shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws, and shall be updated, at a minimum, every two years.

Section 4. All programs, activities, and services provided, performed, licensed, chartered, funded, regulated, or contracted for by the state shall be conducted without unlawful discrimination based on race, color, age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, creed, ancestry, national origin, disability, veteran's status (including Vietnam-era veterans), or background. Equal opportunity and diversity shall be

protected and affirmatively promoted in all state, state-assisted, and state-regulated programs, activities, and services. Non-compliance shall subject violators to such disciplinary or remedial actions as permitted by law. This provision applies, but is not limited to, the use and operation of facilities owned, leased, funded or subject to control by the Commonwealth; the sale, lease, rental, financing, construction, or development of housing; state-licensed or chartered health care facilities, educational institutions, and businesses; education, counseling, and training programs; and public schools.

Section 5. All Executive Branch contracts entered into after the effective date of this Order shall contain provisions prohibiting contractors and subcontractors from engaging in discriminatory employment practices; certifying that they are in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations governing fair labor and employment practices; and committing to purchase supplies and services from certified minority or women-owned businesses, small businesses, or businesses owned by socially or economically disadvantaged persons or persons with disabilities. Such provisions shall be drafted in consultation with the Office of the Comptroller and the Operational Services Division, which shall develop and implement uniform language to be incorporated into all Executive Branch contracts. The provisions shall be enforced through the contracting agency, the Operational Services Division, and/or the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. Any breach shall be regarded as a material breach of the contract that may subject the contractor to appropriate sanctions.

Section 6. All state agencies shall exclude from any forms requesting information any item or inquiry expressing or soliciting specifications as to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or disability, unless the item or inquiry is expressly required by statute or is deemed by the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, the Massachusetts Office on Disability, the Human Resources Division, or the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity to be a bona fide qualification or otherwise required in good faith for a proper purpose.

Section 7. The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity ("ODEO"), as presently established within the Human Resources Division of the Administration and Finance Secretariat, shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this Executive Order and with all applicable state and federal laws. ODEO shall have a Director (the "Director") who shall be selected by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Director shall report to the Commonwealth's Chief Human Resources Officer and submit periodic written reports to the Governor. The Director shall have the authority to:

- Establish guidelines for agency affirmative action and diversity plans ("plans");
- Review all such plans and either approve, return for amendment, or reject them;
- Establish periodic reporting requirements for agencies concerning the implementation of their plans and all actions taken to ensure compliance with this Executive Order and applicable state and federal laws;
- Provide assistance to agencies in achieving compliance with their plans and with applicable federal and state laws;
- Monitor and assess the status of agency compliance and investigate instances of non-compliance; and

- Where appropriate, determine and impose remedial courses of action, including the potential imposition of a freeze on all personnel requisitions and appointment forms submitted by any non-compliant agency to the Chief Human Resources Officer.

Section 8. Each Secretariat shall appoint a Diversity Director. Each agency shall appoint a Diversity Officer. Diversity Directors and Officers shall have a direct reporting relationship to their Secretary or Agency head; shall also report to the Director of ODEO; and shall coordinate their component's compliance with the requirements of this Order and applicable federal and state laws. Through the Diversity Directors and Officers, and in compliance with the reporting guidelines and requirements established by ODEO, all state agencies shall submit periodic reports to the Director of ODEO concerning the status and implementation of their affirmative action and diversity plans.

Section 9. The Massachusetts Office on Disability ("MOD"), through its Director, shall be responsible for advising, overseeing and coordinating compliance with federal and state laws protecting the rights of persons with disabilities, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), 42 U.S.C. §§12131-12134; Section 504 ("504") of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794; Article CXIV of the Massachusetts Constitution; and Chapter 6, §§ 185-87; Chapter 93, § 103; Chapter 151B; and Chapter 272, §§ 92, 98, and 98A of the Massachusetts General Laws. MOD shall serve as the Executive Branch's designated ADA and Rehabilitation Act Coordinator, and shall provide information, training, and technical assistance and promulgate guidelines reflecting best practices, policies and procedures concerning persons with disabilities. Each agency shall appoint an ADA/504 Coordinator who shall report directly to the agency head and work with MOD concerning issues involving persons with disabilities. Notification of such appointment shall be made to MOD's Director.

Section 10. Pursuant to guidelines established by ODEO and MOD, all agency heads, managers, supervisors, and employees shall attend mandatory diversity training within one year of the effective date of this Order. For future hires, such training shall be part of the standardized orientation provided to new employees.

Section 11. ODEO and MOD shall promulgate guidelines establishing a complaint resolution process for individuals who allege non-compliance by state agencies with applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination. In instances where this process does not resolve the complaint, the Director of ODEO may refer to the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination ("MCAD") or to MOD any information concerning conduct that the Director believes may constitute a violation of the law. The MCAD shall initiate investigations and, where necessary; file complaints against those agencies and persons whom it has reason to believe are in violation of the laws of the Commonwealth or the United States.

Section 12. In performing their responsibilities under this Order, ODEO, MOD, and the MCAD shall have the full cooperation of all state agencies, including compliance with all requests for information.

Section 13. The Governor's Non-discrimination, Diversity and Equal Opportunity Advisory Council ("Advisory Council") is hereby established to advise the Governor concerning

policies, practices, and specific actions that the Commonwealth should implement to ensure that the objectives of this Executive Order are accomplished.

13.1 The Advisory Council shall consist of fifteen persons, including a Chair, each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor. All members shall serve without compensation at the pleasure of the Governor in a solely advisory capacity.

13.2 The Advisory Council's work shall include, but need not be limited to, making written recommendations to the Governor concerning actions, policies, and practices that the Commonwealth should implement to ensure that the objectives of this Executive Order are accomplished.

13.3 The Advisory Council shall meet at such times and places as determined by the Chair and shall submit an initial report containing its written recommendations to the Governor no later than 60 days following the appointment of the Council's 15 members. Thereafter, the Advisory Council shall meet at least semi-annually and submit supplemental reports to the Governor no less than once per year.

Section 14. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to preclude or otherwise limit the continuation or implementation of any lawful affirmative action programs or other programs that support the objectives of this Executive Order.

Section 15. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall continue in effect until amended, superseded or revoked by subsequent Executive Order.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Sexual Harassment Policy:

I. Introduction

It is the goal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to promote a workplace that is free of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment of employees occurring in the workplace or in other settings related to their employment is unlawful and will not be tolerated by the Commonwealth. Further, any retaliation against an individual who has complained about sexual harassment or retaliation against individuals for cooperating with an investigation of a sexual harassment complaint is similarly unlawful and will not be tolerated. To achieve our goal of providing a workplace free from sexual harassment, the conduct that is described in this policy will not be tolerated and we have provided a procedure by which inappropriate conduct will be dealt with, if encountered by employees.

Because the Commonwealth of Massachusetts takes allegations of sexual harassment seriously, we will respond promptly to complaints of sexual harassment and where it is determined that such inappropriate conduct has occurred, we will act promptly to eliminate the conduct and impose such corrective action as is necessary, including disciplinary action where appropriate.

Please note that while this policy sets forth our goals of promoting a workplace that is free of sexual harassment, the policy is not designed or intended to limit our authority to discipline or take remedial action for workplace conduct which we deem unacceptable, regardless of whether that conduct satisfies the definition of sexual harassment.

II. Definition Of Sexual Harassment

In Massachusetts, "sexual harassment" means sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

- (a) submission to or rejection of such advances, requests or conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or as a basis for employment decisions; or,
- (b) such advances, requests or conduct have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance by creating an intimidating, hostile, humiliating or sexually offensive work environment.

Under these definitions, direct or implied requests by a supervisor for sexual favors in exchange for actual or promised job benefits such as favorable reviews, salary increases, promotions, increased benefits, or continued employment constitutes sexual harassment.

The legal definition of sexual harassment is broad and in addition to the above examples, other sexually oriented conduct, whether it is intended or not, that is unwelcome and has the effect of creating a work place environment that is hostile, offensive, intimidating, or humiliating to male or female workers may also constitute sexual harassment.

While it is not possible to list all those additional circumstances that may constitute sexual harassment, the following are some examples of conduct, which if unwelcome, may constitute sexual harassment depending upon the totality of the circumstances including the severity of the conduct and its pervasiveness:

- *Unwelcome sexual advances -- whether they involve physical touching or not;
- *Sexual epithets, jokes, written or oral references to sexual conduct, gossip regarding one's sex life; comment on an individual's body, comment about an individual's sexual activity, deficiencies, or prowess;
- *Displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures, cartoons;
- *Unwelcome leering, whistling, brushing against the body, sexual gestures, suggestive or insulting comments;
- *Inquiries into one's sexual experiences; and,
- *Discussion of one's sexual activities.

The complainant does not have to be the person at whom the unwelcome sexual conduct is directed. The complainant, regardless of gender, may be a witness to and personally offended by such conduct. The harasser may be anyone including a supervisor, a co-worker, or a non-employee, such as a recipient of public services or a vendor.

All employees should take special note that, as stated above, retaliation against an individual who has complained about sexual harassment, and retaliation against individuals for cooperating

with an investigation of a sexual harassment complaint is unlawful and will not be tolerated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

III. Complaints of Sexual Harassment

If any Commonwealth employee believes that he/she has been subjected to sexual harassment, the employee has the right to file a complaint. This may be done in writing or orally.

If you would like to file a complaint you may do so by contacting your agency's Sexual Harassment Officer. The Sexual Harassment Officer is also available to discuss any concerns you may have and to provide information to you about the Commonwealth's policy on sexual harassment and the Commonwealth's complaint process. The procedures for reporting sexual harassment can be located on the HRD website at or by contacting the Human Resources Division.

IV. Sexual Harassment Investigation

When a state agency receives a complaint it will promptly investigate the allegation in a fair and expeditious manner. The investigation will be conducted by the Sexual Harassment Officer in such a way as to maintain confidentiality to the extent practicable under the circumstances. The investigation will include a private interview with the person filing the complaint and with witnesses. The Sexual Harassment Officer will also interview the person alleged to have committed sexual harassment. When the investigation is completed, the agency will, to the extent appropriate, inform the person filing the complaint and the person alleged to have committed the conduct of the results of that investigation.

If it is determined that inappropriate conduct has occurred, the state agency will act promptly to eliminate the offending conduct, and where it is appropriate will impose disciplinary action.

V. Disciplinary Action

If it is determined that an employee has engaged in inappropriate conduct, the state agency will take such action as is appropriate under the circumstances. Such action may range from counseling to termination from employment, and may include such other forms of disciplinary action deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

VI. State and Federal Remedies

In addition to the above, if you believe you have been subjected to sexual harassment, you may file a formal complaint with either or both of the government agencies set forth below. Using our complaint process does not prohibit you from filing a complaint with these agencies. Each of the agencies has a short time period for filing a claim (EEOC - 300 days; MCAD - 300 days).

1. The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") One Congress Street, 10th Floor Boston, MA 02114, (617) 565-3200.
2. The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination ("MCAD") Boston Office: One Ashburton Place, Rm. 601, Boston, MA 02108, (617) 994-6000. Springfield Office: 424 Dwight Street, Rm. 220, Springfield, MA 01103, (413) 739-2145.

VII. Employee Acknowledgement of the Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy:

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the provisions set forth in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy.

Print Name

Signature

Date

I acknowledge that the MPTC, in keeping with standards in training, has the right and responsibility to amend instructor training standards as necessary. I also acknowledge that I have read all the policies and procedures above and understand that if I have questions or concerns, I am obligated to clarify them with the MPTC Director of Training. I further understand that my failure to comply by all of the laws, regulations, policies, and procedures of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the MPTC can be cause for disciplinary action up to and including revoking my instructor certification and immediate termination of my state fiscal contract.

X _____

Instructor Signature

Date

X _____

Instructor Name Printed