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## Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Vendor for Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment (FF&E)

AGREEMENT made as of the	« » day of « » in the year « »
(In words, indicate day, mon	nth, and year.)

#### **BETWEEN** the Owner:

(Name, legal status, address, and other information)

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#### and the Vendor:

(Name, legal status, address, and other information)

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#### for the following Project:

(Name, location, and detailed description)

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#### The Architect:

(Name, legal status, address, and other information)

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The Owner and Vendor agree as follows.

#### ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

The author of this document has added information needed for its completion. The author may also have revised the text of the original AIA standard form. An Additions and Deletions Report that notes added information as well as revisions to the standard form text is available from the author and should be reviewed.

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#### ARTICLE 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

## § 1.1 Governing Law, including the Uniform Commercial Code

This Agreement is for the sale of goods, specifically furniture, furnishings, and equipment (FF&E), and shall be governed by the law of the place where the Project is located, excluding that jurisdiction's choice of law rule and including the jurisdiction's Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) as adopted. If this Agreement conflicts with terms provided by the UCC, the Agreement shall prevail. If the parties have selected arbitration as the method of binding dispute resolution, the Federal Arbitration Act shall govern Section 14.7.

### § 1.2 The Contract Documents

The Contract Documents are enumerated in Article 15 and consist of this Agreement (including, if applicable, Supplementary and other Conditions of the Contract), Drawings, Specifications, Addenda issued prior to the execution of this Agreement, other documents listed in this Agreement, and Modifications issued after execution of this Agreement. The intent of the Contract Documents is to include all items necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Work by the Vendor. The Contract Documents are complementary, and what is required by one shall be as binding as if required by all. Performance by the Vendor shall be required to the extent consistent with the Contract Documents and reasonably inferable from them as being necessary to produce the indicated results.

## § 1.3 The Contract

The Contract Documents form the Contract for the Work. The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes all prior proposals, offers, terms and conditions, negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. The Contract may be amended or modified only by a Modification. The Contract Documents shall not be construed to create a contractual relationship of any kind between any persons or entities other than the Owner and the Vendor. The primary purpose of the Contract is the sale of goods, and any services provided are incidental to such primary purpose.

#### § 1.4 Modifications

A Modification is a written amendment to the Contract for changes in the Work signed by both parties or a written order for a minor change in the Work signed by the Architect. A minor change in the Work is a change that is consistent with the intent of the Contract Documents and does not involve an adjustment in the Contract Sum or an extension of the Contract Time.

#### § 1.5 The Work

The Work means the Vendor's performance, including the sale of FF&E and any incidental fabrication, shipping, warehousing, delivery, installation, and other items or services required by the Contract Documents and provided, or to be provided, by the Vendor. The Work includes all labor, materials, temporary protection, storage, and equipment necessary to fulfill the Vendor's obligations, except as specifically indicated in the Contract Documents to be the responsibility of others. The Work may constitute the whole or a part of the Project.

#### § 1.6 Instruments of Service

Instruments of Service are representations, in any medium of expression now known or later developed, of the tangible and intangible creative work performed by the Architect and the Architect's consultants under their respective professional services agreements. Instruments of Service may include, without limitation, studies, surveys, models, sketches, drawings, specifications, and other similar materials.

#### § 1.7 Ownership and Use of Drawings, Specifications, and Other Instruments of Service

§ 1.7.1 The Architect and the Architect's consultants shall be deemed the authors and owners of their respective Instruments of Service, including the Drawings and Specifications, and will retain all common law, statutory, and other reserved rights in their Instruments of Service, including copyrights. The Vendor, sub-vendors, and suppliers shall not own or claim a copyright in the Instruments of Service. Submittal or distribution to meet official regulatory requirements or for other purposes in connection with the Project is not to be construed as publication in derogation of the Architect's or Architect's consultants' reserved rights.

§ 1.7.2 The Vendor, sub-vendors, and suppliers are authorized to use and reproduce the Instruments of Service provided to them, subject to the protocols established pursuant to Sections 1.8 and 1.9, solely and exclusively for execution of the Work. All copies made under this authorization shall bear the copyright notice, if any, shown on the Instruments of Service. The Vendor, sub-vendors, and suppliers may not use the Instruments of Service on other projects, or in connection with additions to this Project outside the scope of the Work without the specific written consent of the Owner, Architect, and the Architect's consultants.

## § 1.8 Digital Data Use and Transmission

The parties shall agree upon protocols governing the transmission and use of Instruments of Service or any other information or documentation in digital form. The parties will use AIA Document E203<sup>TM</sup>–2013, Building Information Modeling and Digital Data Exhibit, to establish the protocols for the development, use, transmission, and exchange of digital data.

#### § 1.9 Building Information Models Use and Reliance

Any use of, or reliance on, all or a portion of a building information model without agreement to protocols governing the use of, and reliance on, the information contained in the model and without having those protocols set forth in AIA Document E203™–2013, Building Information Modeling and Digital Data Exhibit, and the requisite AIA Document G202™-2013, Project Building Information Modeling Protocol Form, shall be at the using or relying party's sole risk and without liability to the other party and its vendors or consultants, the authors of, or contributors to, the building information model, and each of their agents and employees.

## § 1.10 Severability

The invalidity of any provision of the Contract Documents shall not invalidate the Contract or its remaining provisions. If it is determined that any provision of the Contract Documents violates any law, or is otherwise invalid or unenforceable, then that provision shall be revised to the extent necessary to make that provision legal and enforceable. In such case the Contract Documents shall be construed, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to give effect to the parties' intentions and purposes in executing the Contract.

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§ 1.11.1 Except as otherwise provided in Section 1.11.2, where the Contract Documents require one party to notify or give notice to the other party, such notice shall be provided in writing to the designated representative of the party to whom the notice is addressed and shall be deemed to have been duly served if delivered in person, by mail, by courier, or by electronic transmission in accordance with AIA Document E203<sup>TM</sup>–2013, Building Information Modeling and Digital Data Exhibit, if completed, or as otherwise set forth below:

(If other than in accordance with AIA Document E203–2013, insert requirements for delivering Notice in electronic format such as name, title, and email address of the recipient and whether and how the system will be required to generate a read receipt for the transmission.)

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§ 1.11.2 Notice of Claims shall be provided in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly served only if delivered to the designated representative of the party to whom the notice is addressed by certified or registered mail, or by courier providing proof of delivery.

### § 1.12 Assignment of Contract

Neither party to the Contract shall assign the Contract without written consent of the other, except that the Owner may, without consent of the Vendor, assign the Contract to a lender providing financing for the Project if the lender assumes the Owner's rights and obligations under the Contract Documents. The Vendor shall execute all consents reasonably required to facilitate such assignment.

#### ARTICLE 2 CONTRACT SUM AND PAYMENTS

## § 2.1 Contract Sum

§ 2.1.1 The Owner shall pay the Vendor the Contract Sum in current funds for the Vendor's performance of the Contract. The Contract Sum shall be « » (\$ « » ), subject to additions and deductions as provided in the Contract Documents.

#### § 2.1.2 Alternates

§ 2.1.2.1 Alternates, if any, included in the Contract Sum:

Item	Price		

§ 2.1.2.2 Subject to the conditions noted below, the following alternates may be accepted by the Owner following execution of this Agreement. Upon acceptance, the Owner shall issue a Modification to this Agreement. (*Insert below each alternate and the conditions that must be met for the Owner to accept the alternate.*)

Item	Price	Conditions for Acceptance

## § 2.1.3 Unit prices, if any:

(Identify the item and state the unit price and the quantity limitations, if any, to which the unit price will be applicable.)

Item Units and Limitations Price per Unit (\$0.00)

**§ 2.1.4** Allowances, if any, included in the Contract Sum: (*Identify each allowance*.)

Item	Price

#### **§ 2.1.5** Liquidated damages, if any:

(Insert terms and conditions for liquidated damages, if any.)

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(Insert provisions for bonus or other incentives, if any, that might result in a change to the Contract Sum.)

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#### § 2.2 Payments

§ 2.2.1 The Owner shall make payments to the Vendor in conformance with the following payment terms: (Insert payment terms, such as payment due dates, deposit requirements, and prompt payment discounts, if any.)

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- § 2.2.2 When payment is due pursuant to the payment terms of Section 2.2.1, the Vendor shall submit to the Owner an itemized invoice, supported by data substantiating the Vendor's right to payment.
- § 2.2.3 Except with the Owner's knowledge and consent, the Vendor shall not engage in any activity, or offer any employment, interest, or contribution to the Owner's employees or consultants, that would reasonably appear to compromise the Owner's employees' or consultants' judgment with respect to this Project.

## ARTICLE 3 TIME

## § 3.1 Contract Time

- § 3.1.1 Unless otherwise provided, Contract Time is the period of time, including authorized adjustments, allotted in the Contract Documents for completion of the Work. The Contract Time shall be measured from the date of commencement. The term "day" as used in the Contract Documents shall mean calendar day unless otherwise specifically defined.
- § 3.1.2 Time limits stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Contract. By executing this Agreement, the Vendor confirms that the Contract Time is a reasonable period for performing the Work.
- § 3.1.3 If the Vendor is delayed at any time in the commencement or progress of the Work by (1) changes ordered in the Work; (2) labor disputes, fire, unusual delay in deliveries, abnormal adverse weather conditions not reasonably anticipatable, unavoidable casualties, or any causes beyond the Vendor's control; or (3) other causes that the Vendor asserts, and the Architect determines, justify delay, then the Contract Time shall be extended for such reasonable time as the Architect may determine, subject to the provisions of Article 14.
- § 3.1.4 If the Vendor fails to achieve completion of the Work as provided in this Article 3, liquidated damages, if any, shall be assessed as set forth in Section 2.1.5.

## § 3.2 Date of Commencement

The date of commencement of the Work shall be: (Check one of the following boxes.)

[ « » ] The date of this Agreement.

A date set forth in a notice to proceed issued by the Owner.

[ « » ] Established as follows: (Insert a date or a means to determine the date of commencement of the Work.)

If a date of commencement of the Work is not selected, then the date of commencement shall be the date of this Agreement.

## § 3.3 Completion

§ 3.3.1 Completion of the Work occurs upon acceptance of all FF&E in the Contract Documents in accordance with Article 8.

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§ 4.2.2 Uni .1 .2 .3 .4 .5	access to the Project premises for the V information regarding any restrictions of suitable space for receipt, inspection, ac utilities and facilities on the Project pre execution of the Work; and	endor may use to perform the Work; endor at reasonable times; on the use of, or access to, the Project premises; ecceptance, and staging of materials and FF&E mises and vertical transportation necessary for progress and
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The Vendor's ridentifies to	Vendor's Representative or shall identify a representative authorized to	to act on behalf of the Vendor with respect to the Project. The ten days' prior notice to the Owner and Architect. The Vendor

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User Notes:

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§ 5.2 The Vendor shall not be relieved of its obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents by activities or duties of the Architect in the Architect's administration of the Contract.

§ 5.3 The Vendor shall coordinate its Work with the work provided by the Owner and the Owner's other vendors, consultants, and contractors. The Vendor may communicate with the Owner's other vendors, consultants, and contractors, for the purposes of completing the Work. The Vendor shall keep the Owner reasonably informed of any such communications. The Vendor shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy and completeness of work and information furnished by the Owner and the Owner's other vendors, consultants, and contractors. The Vendor shall provide prompt written notice to the Owner if the Vendor becomes aware of any error, omission, or inconsistency in such work or information.

## § 5.4 Review of Contract Documents and Inspection of Project Premises by Vendor

§ 5.4.1 Execution of the Contract by the Vendor is a representation that the Vendor has visited the Project premises, if required in the Contract Documents, and correlated personal observations with requirements of the Contract Documents.

§ 5.4.2 Before starting each portion of the Work, including placing orders for FF&E, the Vendor shall (1) carefully study and compare the various Contract Documents relative to that portion of the Work, as well as the information furnished by the Owner pursuant to Section 4.2; (2) visit and inspect the Project premises in order to gain an understanding of the conditions under which the Work is to be performed; (3) determine availability of facilities for access, delivery, transportation, and staging; (4) determine any restrictions imposed by the Owner and the Owner's separate vendors and contractors; and (5) correlate observations with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Vendor shall promptly report to the Owner and Architect conditions observed that would impede the Vendor's performance of the Work. The Vendor's obligations to review the Contract Documents are for the purpose of facilitating delivery and installation by the Vendor and are not for the purpose of discovering errors, omissions, or inconsistencies in the Contract Documents; however, the Vendor shall promptly report to the Architect any errors, inconsistencies, or omissions discovered by or made known to the Vendor as a request for information in such form as the Architect may require. It is recognized that the Vendor's review is made in the Vendor's capacity as a vendor and not as a licensed design professional, unless otherwise specifically provided for in the Contract Documents.

§ 5.4.3 The Vendor is not required to ascertain that the Contract Documents are in accordance with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of public authorities, but the Vendor shall promptly report to the Architect any nonconformity discovered by or made known to the Vendor as a request for information in such form as the Architect may require.

§ 5.4.4 If the Vendor believes that additional cost or time is involved because of clarifications or instructions the Architect issues in response to the Vendor's notices or requests for information pursuant to Sections 5.4.2 or 5.4.3, the Vendor shall submit Claims as provided in Article 14. If the Vendor fails to perform the obligations of Sections 5.4.2 or 5.4.3, the Vendor shall pay such costs and damages to the Owner, subject to Section 14.12, as would have been avoided if the Vendor had performed such obligations. If the Vendor performs those obligations, the Vendor shall not be liable to the Owner or Architect for damages resulting from errors, inconsistencies, or omissions in the Contract Documents, for differences between field measurements or conditions and the Contract Documents, or for nonconformities of the Contract Documents to applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities.

#### § 5.5 Supervision

§ 5.5.1 The Vendor shall supervise and direct the Work using the Vendor's best skill and attention. The Vendor shall be solely responsible for and have control over the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of fabrication, shipment, delivery, and installation, and for coordinating all portions of the Work under the Contract, unless the Contract Documents give other specific instructions concerning these matters.

- § 5.5.2 The Vendor shall be responsible to the Owner for acts and omissions of the Vendor's employees, sub-vendors, and their agents and employees, and other persons or entities performing portions of the Work for or on behalf of the Vendor or any of its sub-vendors.
- § 5.5.3 The Vendor shall be responsible for inspection of portions of the Work already performed to determine that such portions are in proper condition for subsequent Work.

#### § 5.6 Labor and Materials

- § 5.6.1 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Vendor shall provide and pay for labor, materials, tools, installation equipment and machinery, delivery, and other facilities and services necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work whether temporary or permanent and whether or not incorporated or to be incorporated in the Work.
- § 5.6.2 The Vendor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among the Vendor's employees and other persons carrying out the Work. The Vendor shall not permit employment of unfit persons or persons not skilled in tasks assigned to them.
- § 5.6.3 The Vendor shall make no substitution or change in the Contract Documents unless done in accordance with a Modification, and after providing the Architect notice and a reasonable opportunity to evaluate the proposed substitution or change and consult with the Owner.

#### § 5.7 Taxes

The Vendor shall pay sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes that are legally enacted when quotes are received or negotiations concluded, whether or not yet effective or merely scheduled to go into effect.

#### § 5.8 Permits, Fees, Notices, and Compliance with Laws

- § 5.8.1 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Vendor shall secure and pay for permits, fees, licenses, and inspections by government agencies necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work that are customarily secured after execution of the Contract and legally required at the time bids are received or negotiations concluded.
- § 5.8.2 The Vendor shall comply with and give notices required by applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities applicable to performance of the Work. If the Vendor performs Work knowing it to be contrary to applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of public authorities, the Vendor shall assume appropriate responsibility for such Work and shall bear the costs attributable to correction.

#### § 5.9 Allowances

The Vendor shall include in the Contract Sum all allowances stated in the Contract Documents. The Owner shall select items under allowances with reasonable promptness. Allowance amounts shall include the costs to the Vendor of items delivered at the Project premises and all required taxes, less applicable trade discounts. Vendor's costs for unloading and handling at the Project premises, labor, installation, overhead, profit, and other expenses contemplated for stated allowance amounts shall be included in the Contract Sum but not in the allowance. Whenever costs are more than or less than allowances, the Contract Sum shall be adjusted accordingly by Modification. The amount of the Modification shall reflect the difference between actual costs and the allowances under Section 2.1.4.

#### § 5.10 Vendor's Schedules

- § 5.10.1 The Vendor, promptly after being awarded the Contract, shall submit for the Owner's and Architect's information a progress schedule for the Work. The schedule shall not exceed time limits current under the Contract Documents, shall be revised at appropriate intervals as required by the progress of the Work and Project, shall be related to the entire Project, and shall provide for expeditious and practicable execution of the Work.
- § 5.10.2 The Vendor shall perform the Work in general accordance with the most recent schedule submitted to the Owner and Architect.
- § 5.10.3 The Vendor's progress schedule shall indicate dates for commencement and completion of phases of the Work within the Contract Time, including dates for order placement, fabrication, shipping, delivery, and installation. The

schedule shall indicate other critical dates, such as deadlines for approval of submittals of colors, finishes, and materials. The Vendor shall obtain and submit for the Owner's and the Architect's information written confirmation from subvendors of dates of fabrication and delivery.

§ 5.10.4 The Vendor shall cooperate with the Owner and Architect in coordinating the Vendor's progress schedule with those of contractors and separate vendors and with the requirements of the Owner and Architect. The Vendor shall cooperate in determining mutually acceptable dates and times for delivery, installation, and inspection of the Work, and use of services and facilities provided to the Vendor, all to be confirmed in writing within a reasonable time in advance of such dates and times.

#### § 5.11 Submittals

§ 5.11.1 The Vendor shall review for compliance with the Contract Documents and submit to the Architect shop drawings, product data, samples, and similar submittals required by the Contract Documents in coordination with the Vendor's progress schedule and in such sequence as to allow the Architect reasonable time for review. By submitting shop drawings, product data, samples, and similar submittals, the Vendor represents to the Owner and Architect that the Vendor has (1) reviewed and approved them; (2) determined and verified materials, field measurements, and field installation criteria related thereto, or will do so; and (3) checked and coordinated the information contained within such submittals with the requirements of the Work and of the Contract Documents. The Work shall be in accordance with approved submittals. Shop drawings, product data, samples and similar submittals are not Contract Documents.

§ 5.11.2 The Vendor shall provide the Owner with available manufacturer's warranty documents, product data, and material safety data sheets.

## § 5.12 Cleaning Up

The Vendor shall keep the Project premises and surrounding area free from accumulation of waste materials and rubbish caused by operations under the Contract. At completion of the Work, the Vendor shall remove waste materials, rubbish, the Vendor's tools, construction equipment, machinery, and surplus material from and about the Project.

#### § 5.13 Access to Work

The Vendor shall provide the Owner and Architect with reasonable access to the Work in preparation and progress wherever located.

#### § 5.14 Indemnification

§ 5.14.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner, Architect, Architect's consultants, and agents and employees of any of them from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the Work, provided that such claim, damage, loss, or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself), but only to the extent caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Vendor, a sub-vendor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss, or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or reduce other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to a party or person described in this Section 5.14.1.

§ 5.14.2 In claims against any person or entity indemnified under Section 5.14.1 by an employee of the Vendor, a subvendor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, the indemnification obligation under Section 5.14.1 shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the Vendor or sub-vendor under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.

§ 5.14.3 Provided the Owner has fulfilled its payment obligations under the Contract Documents, the Vendor shall defend and indemnify the Owner from all loss, liability, damage or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees and litigation expenses, arising out of any lien claim or other claim for payment by any sub-vendor or supplier of any tier. Upon receipt of notice of a lien claim or other claim for payment, the Owner shall notify the Vendor. If approved by the applicable court, when required, the Vendor may substitute a surety bond for the property against which the lien or other claim for payment has been asserted.

#### ARTICLE 6 TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS

- § 6.1 Title to all FF&E shall be transferred to the Owner upon acceptance in accordance with Article 8.
- § 6.2 The risk of loss with respect to all FF&E provided by the Vendor shall remain with the Vendor, and the Owner has no obligation to insure such FF&E, until acceptance in accordance with Article 8.

#### ARTICLE 7 DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION

- § 7.1 The Vendor shall deliver FF&E in accordance with the Vendor's progress schedule, or at a time agreed upon by the Owner and Architect, and in accordance with Article 5.
- § 7.2 Delivery and installation of all FF&E shall be made at the Project premises unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents.
- § 7.3 The Vendor shall coordinate with the Owner regarding the logistics of the Vendor's delivery and installation obligations at the Project premises.

#### ARTICLE 8 ACCEPTANCE

- § 8.1 The Owner and Architect may conduct a preliminary inspection of FF&E within seven days after its delivery to the Project premises for the purpose of verifying the delivery and quantities. Preliminary inspections shall not constitute acceptance of, taking charge over, or taking control of, such FF&E. The Architect shall report to the Vendor any defects, damage, deficiencies, or nonconformity observed during the preliminary inspection.
- § 8.2 When the Vendor considers the Work, or a portion thereof which the Owner agrees to accept separately, to be complete, the Vendor shall notify the Owner and Architect. The Vendor shall allow the Owner and Architect a reasonable amount of time to inspect the FF&E to determine, based on conformance with the Contract Documents, if it is accepted or rejected in whole or in part. Based on the Architect's recommendation to the Owner and the Owner's own inspection, if any, the Owner shall accept or reject the FF&E, in whole or in part.
- § 8.3 If the Owner rejects any of the FF&E, the Owner, or the Architect acting on behalf of the Owner, shall notify the Vendor within seven days of the date of inspection, specifying the basis for such rejection. Upon rejection, the Vendor shall provide a remedy and evidence of arrangements to accomplish such remedy. The Owner shall allow the Vendor a reasonable amount of time to remedy the rejected FF&E. When the Vendor considers the remedied FF&E to be complete, the parties shall follow the procedures set forth in Section 8.2. If the Owner rejects any of the FF&E for a second time, the Owner shall promptly notify the Vendor and the Vendor shall promptly remove the rejected FF&E from the Project premises and refund payments made for such rejected goods to the Owner. If the Vendor disagrees with an Owner's rejection, the Vendor may make a claim.
- **§ 8.4** FF&E not inspected in accordance with Section 8.2 or rejected in accordance with Section 8.3 shall be deemed accepted.
- § 8.5 The Owner's acceptance under this Article 8 cannot be revoked; however, the provisions of this Article 8 do not preclude recovery of damages as provided by law. The Owner's acceptance, or failure to discover a Vendor's breach after acceptance, shall not bar the Owner from making claims in accordance with Article 14 or from remedies and damages due to the Vendor's breach of this Agreement, including the Vendor's breach of warranties in Article 9.

#### ARTICLE 9 WARRANTIES

- § 9.1 The Vendor warrants to the Owner that the FF&E furnished under the Contract will be of good quality and new unless the Contract Documents require or permit otherwise. The Vendor further warrants that the FF&E will conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents. FF&E not conforming to these requirements may be considered defective. The Vendor's warranty excludes remedy for damage or defect caused by abuse, alterations to the FF&E not executed by the Vendor, improper or insufficient maintenance, improper operation, or normal wear and tear and normal usage.
- § 9.2 The Vendor assigns to the Owner all FF&E manufacturers' warranties and guarantees upon acceptance in accordance with Article 8.
- § 9.3 The Vendor hereby provides to the Owner all warranties relating to the FF&E implied by law, including the warranty of merchantability and warranty of fitness for a particular purpose.

§ 9.4 The Vendor acknowledges that no exclusion of, or limitation on, warranties contained in any proposal, product literature, or other submittal shall affect the warranties provided in this Article 9.

#### ARTICLE 10 ARCHITECT

- § 10.1 The Architect will provide administration of the Contract as described in the Contract Documents and will be an Owner's representative during the Vendor's performance, and until completion, of the Work. The Architect will have authority to act on behalf of the Owner only to the extent provided in the Contract Documents, unless otherwise modified in writing in accordance with other provisions of the Contract.
- § 10.2 Except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents or when direct communications have been specially authorized, the Owner and Vendor shall endeavor to communicate with each other through the Architect about matters arising out of or relating to the Contract. Communications by and with the Architect's consultants shall be through the Architect. Communications by and with sub-vendors and suppliers shall be through the Vendor. Communications by and with separate vendors shall be through the Owner. The Contract Documents may specify other communication protocols.
- § 10.3 The Architect will assist the Owner in coordinating schedules for fabrication, delivery, and installation of the Work, but will not be responsible for failure of the Vendor or a sub-vendor to meet schedules for completion or to perform their respective duties and responsibilities in conformance with applicable schedules.
- § 10.4 The Architect will visit the Project premises at intervals appropriate to the stage of the Work, or as otherwise agreed with the Owner, to become generally familiar with, and to keep the Owner informed about, the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, and to determine, in general, if the Work observed is being performed in a manner indicating that the Work, when fully completed, will be in accordance with the Contract Documents. The Architect will not have control over, charge of, or responsibility for, the means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of fabrication, shipment, delivery, storage, or installation, or for the safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, as these are solely the Vendor's rights and responsibilities under the Contract Documents.
- § 10.5 The Architect may order minor changes in the Work. The Architect's order for minor changes shall be in writing. If the Vendor believes that the proposed minor change in the Work will affect the Contract Sum or Contract Time, the Vendor shall notify the Architect and shall not proceed to implement the change in the Work. If the Vendor performs the Work set forth in the Architect's order for a minor change without prior notice to the Architect that such change will affect the Contract Sum or Contract Time, the Vendor waives any adjustment to the Contract Sum or extension of the Contract Time.
- § 10.6 The Architect will conduct inspections of FF&E and provide recommendations as set forth in Article 8. Pursuant to Article 8, the Architect is only responsible for identifying defects, deficiencies, or nonconformities that the Architect actually observes, or reasonably should observe, during its inspections. The Architect is not required to make exhaustive or continuous inspections to fulfill its responsibilities in Article 8 and has no responsibility to discover latent defects.
- § 10.7 The Architect will review and approve or take other appropriate action upon the Vendor's submittals such as shop drawings, product data, and samples, but only for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents.

## ARTICLE 11 RELATED ACTIVITIES OF OWNER OR OF SEPARATE VENDORS

- § 11.1 The Owner shall coordinate the activities of the Owner's own forces and of each separate vendor or contractor, if any, with the Work.
- § 11.2 If the Work depends for proper execution or results upon activities by the Owner or a separate vendor or contractor, the Vendor shall, prior to proceeding with that portion of the Work, promptly report to the Owner and Architect apparent discrepancies or defects in, or arising from, the activities of the Owner or separate vendors or contractors, that would impede the Vendor in achieving proper execution and results. If the Vendor fails to report reasonably discoverable discrepancies or defects, it shall be responsible for deficiencies or defects in its Work due to such deficiencies or defects.

§ 11.3 The Vendor shall reimburse the Owner for costs the Owner incurs that are payable to a separate vendor or contractor because of the Vendor's delays, improperly timed activities, or damage to the work of a separate vendor or contractor. The Owner shall be responsible to the Vendor for costs the Vendor incurs because of the delays, improperly timed activities, or damage to the Work caused by a separate vendor or contractor.

§ 11.4 If a dispute arises among the Vendor, separate vendors, or contractors, and the Owner as to the responsibility under their respective contracts for maintaining the Project premises and surrounding area free from waste materials and rubbish, the Owner may clean up and the Architect will allocate the cost among those responsible.

# ARTICLE 12 PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY § 12.1 Safety Precautions and Programs

The Vendor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the performance of the Contract. The Vendor shall take reasonable precautions for safety of, and shall provide reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to

- .1 employees on the Work and other persons who may be affected thereby;
- .2 the Work, and materials and FF&E to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the Project premises, under care, custody, or control of the Vendor or sub-vendors; and
- .3 other property at the Project premises or adjacent thereto.

The Vendor shall comply with, and give notices required by, applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities bearing on safety of persons and property and their protection from damage, injury, or loss. The Vendor shall promptly remedy damage and loss to property caused in whole or in part by the Vendor, sub-vendors, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts they may be liable and for which the Vendor is responsible under Sections 12.1.2 and 12.1.3. The Vendor may make a claim for the cost to remedy the damage or loss to the extent such damage or loss is attributable to acts or omissions of the Owner or Architect, or of anyone for whose acts either of them may be liable, and not attributable to the fault or negligence of the Vendor. The foregoing obligations of the Vendor are in addition to the Vendor's obligations under Section 5.14.

#### § 12.2 Hazardous Materials and Substances

§ 12.2.1 The Vendor is responsible for compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents regarding hazardous materials or substances. If the Vendor encounters a hazardous material or substance not addressed in the Contract Documents, and if reasonable precautions will be inadequate to prevent foreseeable bodily injury or death to persons resulting from a material or substance, including but not limited to asbestos or polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), encountered on the Project premises by the Vendor, the Vendor shall, upon recognizing the condition, immediately stop Work in the affected area and notify the Owner and Architect of the condition. When the material or substance has been rendered harmless, Work in the affected area shall resume upon written agreement of the Owner and Vendor. By written agreement between the Owner and Vendor, the Contract Time shall be extended appropriately, and the Contract Sum shall be increased in the amount of the Vendor's reasonable additional costs of shutdown, delay, and start-up.

§ 12.2.2 To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless the Vendor, sub-vendors, Architect, Architect's consultants, and agents and employees of any of them from and against claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the Work in the affected area, if in fact, the material or substance presents the risk of bodily injury or death as described in Section 12.2.1 and has not been rendered harmless, provided that such claim, damage, loss, or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself), except to the extent that such damage, loss, or expense is due to the fault or negligence of the party seeking indemnity.

§ 12.2.3 If, without negligence on the part of the Vendor, the Vendor is held liable by a government agency for the cost of remediation of a hazardous material or substance solely by reason of performing Work as required by the Contract Documents, the Owner shall indemnify the Vendor for all cost and expense thereby incurred.

#### ARTICLE 13 INSURANCE

§ 13.1 The Vendor shall purchase and maintain insurance of the types and limits of liability, containing the endorsements, and subject to the terms and conditions, as described in this Article 13 or elsewhere in the Contract Documents. The Vendor shall purchase and maintain the insurance required by this Agreement from an insurance company or insurance companies lawfully authorized to issue insurance in the jurisdiction where the Project is located.

The Vendor shall maintain the required insurance from the date of commencement of the Work to the date of completion of the Work, unless a different duration is stated below.

than « » (\$ « » operations hazar .1 .0 .2 .1 .3 .0 .3 .4 .1	cial General Liability insurance for the Project written on an occurrence form with policy limits of not less  •) each occurrence, « » (\$ « » ) general aggregate, and « » (\$ « » ) aggregate for products-completed and providing coverage for claims including damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease, including occupational sickness or disease, and death of any person; personal and advertising injury; damages because of physical damage to or destruction of tangible property, including the loss of use of such property; bodily injury or property damage arising out of completed operations; and the Vendor's indemnity obligations under Section 5.14.
policy limits of	bile Liability covering vehicles owned by the Vendor and non-owned vehicles used by the Vendor, with not less than (* ) (\$ (* ) ) per accident, for bodily injury, death of any person, and property damage he ownership, maintenance, and use of those motor vehicles along with any other statutorily required verage.
Liability throug or umbrella ins in no event shall	ndor may achieve the required limits and coverage for Commercial General Liability and Automobile gh a combination of primary and excess or umbrella liability insurance, provided such primary and excess urance policies result in the same or greater coverage as those required under Sections 13.2 and 13.3, and ll any excess or umbrella liability insurance provide narrower coverage than the primary policy. The hall not require the exhaustion of the underlying limits only through the actual payment by the urers.
§ 13.5 Workers	s' Compensation at statutory limits.
<b>§ 13.6</b> Employe « » (\$ « » ) po	ers' Liability with policy limits not less than « » (\$ « » ) each accident, « » (\$ « » ) each employee, and elicy limit.
Professional Li	endor is required to furnish professional services as part of the Work, the Vendor shall procure ability insurance covering performance of the professional services, with policy limits of not less than « claim and « » (\$ « » ) in the aggregate.
requirements in replacement of evidencing con final invoice an Section 13.1. T	ndor shall provide certificates of insurance acceptable to the Owner evidencing compliance with the at this Article 13 at the following times: (1) prior to commencement of the Work; (2) upon renewal or each required policy of insurance; and (3) upon the Owner's written request. An additional certificate tinuation of liability coverage, including coverage for completed operations, shall be submitted with the ad thereafter upon renewal or replacement of such coverage until the expiration of the period required by the certificates will show the Owner as an additional insured on the Vendor's Commercial General access or umbrella liability policy.
	dor shall disclose to the Owner any deductible or self- insured retentions applicable to any insurance provided by the Vendor.
Article 13 to incaused in whole	fullest extent permitted by law, the Vendor shall cause the commercial liability coverage required by this clude (1) the Owner, the Architect, and the Architect's Consultants as additional insureds for claims e or in part by the Vendor's negligent acts or omissions during the Vendor's operations; and (2) the Iditional insured for claims caused in whole or in part by the Vendor's negligent acts or omissions for

which loss occurs during completed operations. The additional insured coverage shall be primary and non-contributory to any of the Owner's general liability insurance policies and shall apply to both ongoing and completed operations. To the extent commercially available, the additional insured coverage shall be no less than that provided by Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) forms CG 20 10 07 04, CG 20 37 07 04, and, with respect to the Architect and the

Architect's Consultants, CG 20 32 07 04.

§ 13.11 Within three (3) business days of the date the Vendor becomes aware of an impending or actual cancellation or expiration of any insurance required by this Article 13, the Vendor shall provide notice to the Owner of such impending or actual cancellation or expiration. Upon receipt of notice from the Vendor, the Owner shall, unless the lapse in coverage arises from an act or omission of the Owner, have the right to stop the Work until the lapse in coverage has been cured by the procurement of replacement coverage by the Vendor. The furnishing of notice by the Vendor shall not relieve the Vendor of any contractual obligation to provide any required coverage.

## § 13.12 Other Insurance Provided by the Vendor

(List below any other insurance coverage to be provided by the Vendor and any applicable limits.)

Coverage	Limits	

#### § 13.13 Waiver of Subrogation

§ 13.13.1 The Owner and Vendor waive all rights against (1) each other and any of their sub-vendors, agents, and employees, each of the other; (2) the Architect and Architect's consultants; and (3) separate vendors or contractors, if any, and any of their sub-vendors, subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, agents, and employees, for damages caused by fire, or other causes of loss, to the extent those losses are covered by property insurance required by this Agreement or other property insurance applicable to the Project, except such rights as they have to proceeds of such insurance. The Owner or Vendor, as appropriate, shall require similar written waivers in favor of the individuals and entities identified above from the Architect, Architect's consultants, separate vendors and contractors, and sub-vendors, subcontractors, and sub-subcontractors. The policies of insurance purchased and maintained by each person or entity agreeing to waive claims pursuant to this Section 13.13.1 shall not prohibit this waiver of subrogation. This waiver of subrogation shall be effective as to a person or entity (1) even though that person or entity would otherwise have a duty of indemnification, contractual, or otherwise, (2) even though that person or entity did not pay the insurance premium directly or indirectly, or (3) whether or not the person or entity had an insurable interest in the damaged property.

§ 13.13.2 A loss insured under the Owner's property insurance shall be adjusted by the Owner as fiduciary and made payable to the Owner as fiduciary for the insureds, as their interests may appear, subject to requirements of any applicable mortgagee clause. The Owner shall pay the Architect and Vendor their just shares of insurance proceeds received by the Owner, and by appropriate agreements, written where legally required for validity, the Architect and Vendor shall make payments to their consultants and sub-vendors in similar manner.

## ARTICLE 14 CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

## § 14.1 Binding Dispute Resolution

For any claim subject to, but not resolved by, mediation pursuant to Section 14.6, the method of binding dispute resolution shall be as follows:

(Check the appropriate box.)

[ **« »**] Arbitration pursuant to Section 14.7 of this Agreement

[ ( ) Litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction

[ **« »**] Other (Specify)

If the Owner and Vendor do not select a method of binding dispute resolution, or do not subsequently agree in writing to a binding dispute resolution method other than litigation, claims will be resolved in a court of competent jurisdiction.

§ 14.2 Claims, disputes, and other matters in question arising out of or relating to this Contract, including those alleging an error or omission by the Architect but excluding those arising under Section 12.2, shall be referred initially to the Architect for decision. Such matters, except those waived as provided for in Section 14.12, shall, after initial decision by the Architect or 30 days after submission of the matter to the Architect, be subject to mediation as a condition precedent to binding dispute resolution.

#### § 14.3 Notice of Claims

Claims by either the Owner or Vendor shall be initiated by notice to the other party in accordance with Section 1.11.2.

#### § 14.4 Time Limits on Claims

The Owner and Vendor shall commence all claims and causes of action against the other and arising out of or related to the Contract in accordance with the requirements of the final dispute resolution method selected in this Agreement, whether in contract, tort, breach of warranty, or otherwise, within the period specified by applicable law, but in any case not more than 10 years after the date of completion of the Work. The Owner and Vendor waive all claims and causes of action not commenced in accordance with this Section 14.4.

- § 14.5 If a claim, dispute, or other matter in question relates to or is the subject of a mechanic's lien, the party asserting such matter may proceed in accordance with applicable law to comply with the lien procedures, including notice or filing deadlines.
- § 14.6 The parties shall endeavor to resolve their disputes by mediation which, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise, shall be administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with their Construction Industry Mediation Procedures in effect on the date of this Agreement. A request for mediation shall be made in writing, delivered to the other party to this Agreement, and filed with the person or entity administering the mediation. The request may be made concurrently with the binding dispute resolution proceedings but, in such event, mediation shall proceed in advance of binding dispute resolution proceedings, which shall be stayed pending mediation for a period of 60 days from the date of filing, unless stayed for a longer period by agreement of the parties or court order. If an arbitration is stayed pursuant to this Section, the parties may nonetheless proceed to the selection of the arbitrator(s) and agree upon a schedule for later proceedings.
- § 14.7 If the parties have selected arbitration as the method for binding dispute resolution in this Agreement, any claim, subject to, but not resolved by, mediation shall be subject to arbitration which, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise, shall be administered by the American Arbitration Association, in accordance with the Construction Industry Arbitration Rules in effect on the date of this Agreement. Demand for arbitration shall be made in writing, delivered to the other party to the Contract, and filed with the person or entity administering the arbitration. The award rendered by the arbitrator or arbitrators shall be final, and judgment may be entered upon it in accordance with applicable law in any court having jurisdiction thereof.
- § 14.8 Subject to the rules of the American Arbitration Association or other applicable arbitration rules, either party, at its sole discretion, may consolidate an arbitration conducted under this Agreement with any other arbitration to which it is a party provided that (1) the arbitration agreement governing the other arbitration permits consolidation; (2) the arbitrations to be consolidated substantially involve common questions of law or fact; and (3) the arbitrations employ materially similar procedural rules and methods for selecting arbitrator(s).
- § 14.9 Subject to the rules of the American Arbitration Association or other applicable arbitration rules, any party to an arbitration may include by joinder persons or entities substantially involved in a common question of law or fact whose presence is required if complete relief is to be accorded in arbitration provided that the party sought to be joined consents in writing to such joinder. Consent to arbitration involving an additional person or entity shall not constitute consent to arbitration of a Claim not described in the written Consent.
- § 14.10 The foregoing agreement to arbitrate and other agreements to arbitrate with an additional person or entity duly consented to by parties to this Agreement shall be specifically enforceable under applicable law in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

## § 14.11 Continuing Contract Performance

Pending final resolution of a Claim, except as otherwise agreed in writing, the Vendor shall proceed diligently with performance of the Contract and the Owner shall continue to make payments in accordance with the Contract Documents.

#### § 14.12 Waiver of Claims for Consequential Damages

The Vendor and Owner waive claims against each other for consequential damages arising out of or relating to this Contract. This mutual waiver includes

- .1 damages incurred by the Owner for rental expenses, for losses of use, income, profit, financing, business and reputation, and for loss of management or employee productivity or of the services of such persons; and
- .2 damages incurred by the Vendor for principal office expenses including the compensation of personnel stationed there, for losses of financing, business, and reputation, and for loss of profit except anticipated profit arising directly from the Work.

This mutual waiver is applicable, without limitation, to all consequential damages. Nothing contained in this Section 14.12 shall be deemed to preclude an assessment of liquidated damages, when applicable, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. **ENUMERATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS** § 15.1 The Contract Documents are defined in Article 1 and, except for Modifications issued after execution of this Agreement, are enumerated in the sections below. § 15.2 The Agreement is this executed AIA Document A151TM\_2019, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Vendor for Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment. § 15.3 AIA Document E203<sup>TM</sup>–2013, Building Information Modeling and Digital Data Exhibit, dated as indicated below: (Insert the date of the E203–2013 incorporated into this Agreement.) § 15.4 The Specifications: (Either list the Specifications here or refer to an exhibit attached to this Agreement.) « » Section Title Pages Date § 15.5 The Drawings: (Either list the Drawings here or refer to an exhibit attached to this Agreement.) « » Number Title Date § 15.6 The Addenda, if any: Number Date **Pages** Portions of Addenda relating to quotations or proposal requirements are not part of the Contract Documents unless the quotation or proposal requirements are enumerated in this Article 15. § 15.7 Additional documents, if any, forming part of the Contract Documents: Other Exhibits: .1 (Check all boxes that apply.) [ « » ] The Sustainability Plan: Title Date **Pages** 

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