

OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

**PDC METRO EAST LLC,
a Maryland limited liability company**

(as landlord)

AND

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION

(as tenant)

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OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT (this "Lease") is dated as of the ____ day of _____, 2023, by and between **PDC METRO EAST LLC**, a Maryland limited liability company ("Landlord"), and **WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION**, a _____ ("Tenant")

ARTICLE I DEFINITION

1.1 **Building:** a five (5) story building containing approximately one hundred forty-nine thousand four hundred sixty-three (149,474) square feet of total rentable area as of the date hereof and located at 8400 Corporate Drive, Landover, Maryland.

1.2 **Premises:** approximately two thousand one hundred eighty (2,180) square feet of rentable area located on the first (1st floor (known as Suite 120) of the Building, as more particularly designated on Exhibit A.

1.3 **Tenant's Proportionate Share:** 1.47% (i.e., 2,180/148,474) for Real Estate Taxes.

1.4 **Lease Term:** the period commencing on later of (i) November 1, 2023 or (ii) the date Landlord tenders possession of the Premises with the Landlord Work Substantially Completed as determined without regard to any Tenant Caused Delays (as such terms are defined in Exhibit B attached hereto and made a part hereof) (the later of (i) or (ii) being referred to herein as the "Lease Commencement Date") and continuing for sixty-two (62) full calendar months from and after the Lease Commencement Date, subject to annual appropriation of Lease funding by the Prince George's County Council and the Montgomery County Council.

1.5 **Anticipated Delivery Date:** November 1, 2023.

1.6 **Base Rent:**

LEASE YEAR	ANNUAL BASE RENT	MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS OF ANNUAL BASE RENT
1	\$52,212.00	\$4,351.00+
2	\$54,300.48	\$4,525.04
3	\$56,472.50	\$4,706.04
4	\$58,731.40	\$4,894.28
5	\$61,080.66	\$5,090.05
6*	\$63,523.88*	\$5,293.66*

*Partial Lease Year. Annualized

*Notwithstanding the foregoing, provided Tenant has accepted the Premises and so long as there exists no Event of Default (as defined in Article XIX), Landlord agrees to abate the Base Rent for a period of two (2) full calendar months from and after the Lease Commencement Date (i.e., \$8,702.00 in the aggregate; the "Rent Abatement" and such 2-month period is hereinafter referred to as the "Rent Abatement Period"); it being agreed that all other costs and charges specified in this Lease shall remain due and payable pursuant to the provisions of this Lease. During the Rent Abatement Period, Tenant shall be required to perform all of Tenant's obligations under this Lease, except as expressly aforesaid. If an Event of Default occurs at any time during the Rent Abatement Period, any remaining Rent Abatement shall be of no force or effect. In addition, in the event of a termination of this Lease by Landlord based upon an Event of Default, the unamortized amount of Rent Abatement (based upon a fraction the numerator of which is the portion of the Term remaining as of the date of such termination [in the absence of such termination] and the denominator of which is the number of months in the full Term less the number of months [or portion thereof] of the Rent Abatement which would have otherwise been due and payable) shall immediately become due and payable. The payment by Tenant of the Rent Abatement due to an Event of Default shall not limit or affect any of Landlord's other rights, pursuant to this Lease or at law or in equity.

1.7 **Annual Escalation Percentage:** four percent (4.0%) for the Lease Term-.

1.8 **Intentionally Deleted.**

1.9 **Real Estate Taxes Base Year:** July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

1.10 **Security Deposit Amount:** Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-One and 00/100 Dollars (\$4,351.00).

1.11 **Broker:** KLNb, LLC d/b/a Edge Commercial, as Landlord's agent.

1.12 Tenant Notice Address: Washington Suburban Transit Commission, 2273 Research Boulevard, Suite 150, Rockville, Maryland 20850, until Tenant has commenced beneficial use of the Premises, and the Premises, after Tenant has commenced beneficial use of the Premises.

1.13 Landlord Notice Address: PDC Metro East LLC, located at c/o Polinger Company, 5530 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1000, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, with copy to Richard F. Levin, Esquire, Grossberg, Yochelson, Fox & Beyda, LLP, 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Suite 555, Washington, DC 20036.

1.14 Landlord Payment Address: PDC Metro East LLC c/o Polinger Company, 5530 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1000, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

1.15 Building Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday (excluding federal holidays), and such other additional hours, if any, as Landlord from time to time reasonably determines.

1.16 Guarantor(s): None.

1.17 Complex: that complex (of which the Building is a part) known as Metro East, and including all easements, rights, and appurtenances thereto (including private streets, storm detention facilities, and any other service facilities).

1.18 Parking Permits: Seven (7) unreserved Parking Permits.

ARTICLE II PREMISES

2.1 Tenant leases the Premises from Landlord for the term and upon the conditions and covenants set forth in this Lease. Tenant will have the non-exclusive right to use the common and public areas of the Building. Except as may otherwise be expressly provided in this Lease, the lease of the Premises does not include the right to use the roof, mechanical rooms, electrical closets, janitorial closets, telephone rooms, parking areas or other non-common or non-public areas of the Building.

2.2 The Standard Method of Measuring Floor Areas in Office Buildings (ANSI/BOMA 1996) governs and controls all calculations in this Lease relating to the rentable area of the Premises.

ARTICLE III TERM

3.1 All of the provisions of this Lease shall be in full force and effect from and after the date first above written. The Lease Term shall commence on the Lease Commencement Date (as determined in accordance with Section 1.4). The Lease Term shall also include any properly exercised renewal or extension of the term of this Lease. Any renewal or extension is contingent on annual appropriation of Lease funding by the Prince George's County Council and the Montgomery County Council.

3.2 The "Lease Commencement Date" shall be the date determined in accordance with Section 1.4. Landlord shall provide and Tenant shall execute a certificate confirming the Lease Commencement Date in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence to the contrary, in the event Tenant does not execute and return such certificate within ten (10) business days after receipt thereof from Landlord, then the dates set forth in the certificate tendered by Landlord shall be deemed conclusive.

3.3 It is presently anticipated that the Premises will be delivered to Tenant on or about the Anticipated Delivery Date; provided, however, that if Landlord does not deliver possession of the Premises by such date, Landlord shall not have any liability whatsoever, and this Lease shall not be rendered void or voidable, as a result thereof.

3.4 "Lease Year" shall mean a period of twelve (12) consecutive months commencing on the Lease Commencement Date, and each successive twelve (12) month period thereafter; provided, however, that if the Lease Commencement Date is not the first day of a month, then the second Lease Year shall commence on the first day of the month following the date in which the first anniversary of the Lease Commencement Date occurs. Each consecutive twelve (12) month period beyond the initial year is subject to annual appropriation of Lease funding by the Prince George's County Council and the Montgomery County Council. In the event that Lease funding is not appropriated, the Tenant may terminate the Lease with sixty (60) days written notice with no further obligation or liability.

ARTICLE IV BASE RENT

4.1 Subject to the Rent Abatement set forth in Section 1.6, from and after the Lease Commencement Date, Tenant shall pay the Base Rent in equal monthly installments in advance on the first day of each month during a Lease Year. On the first day of the second and each succeeding Lease Year, the Base Rent in effect shall be increased by an amount equal to the product of (a) the Base Rent Annual Escalation Percentage, multiplied by (b) the Base Rent in effect immediately before the increase, as set forth in rent schedule in Section 1.6.

4.2 Concurrently with Tenant's execution of this Lease, Tenant shall pay an amount equal to one (1) monthly installment of the Base Rent payable during the first Lease Year, which amount shall be credited toward the unabated portion(s) of the monthly installment(s) of the Base Rent first payable from and after the Lease Commencement Date. If the Lease Commencement Date is not the first day of a month, then the Base Rent from the Lease Commencement Date until the first day of the following month shall be prorated on a per diem basis at the rate of one-thirtieth (1/30th) of the monthly installment of the Base Rent payable during the first Lease Year, and Landlord shall apply Tenant's pre-paid monthly installment of Base Rent against such prorated amount.

4.3 All sums payable by Tenant under this Lease, whether or not stated to be Base Rent, additional rent or otherwise, shall be paid to Landlord in legal tender of the United States, without setoff, deduction or demand, at the Landlord Payment Address, or to such other party or such other address as Landlord may designate in writing. Landlord shall endeavor to provide thirty (30) days' prior written notice of any such change in payee or address. Landlord's acceptance of rent after it shall have become due and payable shall not excuse a delay upon any subsequent occasion or constitute a waiver of any of Landlord's rights hereunder. If any sum payable by Tenant under this Lease is paid by check which is returned due to insufficient funds, stop payment order, or otherwise, then: (a) such event shall be treated as a failure to pay such sum when due; and (b) in addition to all other rights and remedies of Landlord hereunder, Landlord shall be entitled (i) to impose a returned check charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to cover Landlord's administrative expenses and overhead for processing, and (ii) in the event that Tenant has two (2) or more checks returned in any twelve (12) month period, to require that all future payments be remitted by wire transfer, money order, or cashier's or certified check.

ARTICLE V INCREASES IN REAL ESTATE TAXES

5.1 For the purposes of this Article V, the term "Building" shall be deemed to include the site upon which the Building is constructed (which site is sometimes referred to herein as the "Land"). If the Building is operated as a part of a complex of buildings or in conjunction with other buildings or parcels of land, then Landlord shall prorate the common expenses and costs with respect to each such building or parcel of land in such manner as Landlord, in its reasonable judgment, shall determine.

5.2 (a) From and after the first day of the second Lease Year, Tenant shall pay as additional rent Tenant's Proportionate Share of the amount by which Real Estate Taxes (as defined in Section 5.3(b)) for each calendar year falling entirely or partly within the Lease Term exceed a base amount (the "Real Estate Taxes Base Amount") equal to the Real Estate Taxes incurred during the Real Estate Taxes Base Year, as finally determined. Tenant's Proportionate Share with respect to Real Estate Taxes shall be that percentage which is equal to a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of square feet of rentable area in the Premises, and the denominator of which is the number of square feet of total rentable area from time to time in the Building (excluding storage, roof and garage space).

(b) "Real Estate Taxes" shall mean (1) all real estate taxes, vault and/or public space rentals, business district or arena taxes, special user fees, rates, and assessments (including general and special assessments, if any), ordinary and extraordinary, foreseen and unforeseen, which are imposed upon Landlord or assessed against the Building or the Land or Landlord's personal property used in connection therewith, (2) any other present or future taxes or governmental charges that are imposed upon Landlord or assessed against the Building or the Land which are in the nature of or in substitution for real estate taxes, including any tax levied on or measured by the rents payable by tenants of the Building, and (3) expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' and consultants' fees and court costs) incurred in reviewing, protesting or seeking a reduction of Real Estate Taxes, whether or not such protest or reduction is ultimately successful. Subject to the foregoing, Real Estate Taxes shall not include any inheritance, estate, gift, franchise, corporation, net income or net profits tax assessed against Landlord from the operation of the Building.

(c) If during any calendar year (including the Real Estate Taxes Base Year) the Building is not fully assessed for tax purposes, then Real Estate Taxes for such year shall be deemed to include all additional taxes, as reasonably estimated by Landlord, which would have been incurred during such year if the Building had been fully assessed.

(d) From and after the first day of the second Lease Year, Tenant shall make estimated monthly payments to Landlord on account of the amount by which Real Estate Taxes that are expected to be incurred during each calendar year would exceed the Real Estate Taxes Base Amount. At the beginning of the second Lease Year and at the beginning of each calendar year thereafter, Landlord may submit a statement setting forth Landlord's reasonable estimate of such amount and Tenant's Proportionate Share thereof. Tenant shall pay to Landlord on the first day of each month following receipt of such statement, until Tenant's receipt of the succeeding annual statement, an amount equal to one-twelfth (1/12) of such share (estimated on an annual basis without proration pursuant to Section 5.4). From time to time during any calendar year, Landlord may revise Landlord's estimate and adjust Tenant's monthly payments to reflect Landlord's revised estimate, provided such estimate is reasonable. Within approximately one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of each calendar year, or as soon thereafter as is feasible, Landlord shall submit a statement showing (1) Tenant's Proportionate Share of the amount by which Real Estate Taxes incurred during the preceding calendar year exceeded the Real Estate Taxes Base Amount, and (2) the aggregate amount of Tenant's estimated payments made during such year. If such statement indicates that the aggregate amount of such estimated payments exceeds Tenant's actual liability, then Landlord shall credit the net overpayment toward Tenant's next estimated payment(s) pursuant to this Section, or, in the case of the reconciliation for the calendar year in which the Lease Term expires, Landlord shall pay Tenant the net overpayment (after deducting therefrom any amounts then due from Tenant to Landlord), within thirty (30) days after the date of such statement. If such statement indicates that Tenant's actual liability exceeds the aggregate amount of such estimated payments, then Tenant shall pay the amount of such excess as additional rent.

5.3 If the second Lease Year commences or the Lease Term expires on a day other than the first day or the last day of a calendar year, respectively, then Tenant's liabilities pursuant to this Article for such calendar year shall be apportioned by multiplying the respective amount of Tenant's Proportionate Share thereof for the full calendar year by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days during such calendar year falling within such Lease Year or the Lease Term, respectively, and the denominator of which is three hundred sixty-five (365).

ARTICLE VI USE OF PREMISES

6.1 Tenant shall use and occupy the Premises solely for general (non-medical) office purposes compatible with first-class office buildings in the jurisdiction in which the Building is located, and for no other use or purpose. Tenant shall not use or occupy the Premises for any unlawful purpose, or in any manner that will violate the certificate of occupancy for the Premises or the Building or that will constitute waste, nuisance or unreasonable annoyance to Landlord or any other tenant or user of the Building, or in any manner that will increase the number of parking spaces required for the Building or its full occupancy as required by law. Tenant shall comply with all present and future laws (including, without limitation, the Americans with Disabilities Act (the "ADA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder, as the same may be amended from time to time), ordinances (including without limitation, zoning ordinances and land use requirements), regulations, orders and recommendations (including, without limitation, those made by any public or private agency having authority over insurance rates) (collectively, "Laws") concerning the use, occupancy and condition of the Premises and all machinery, equipment, furnishings, fixtures and improvements therein, all of which shall be complied with in a timely manner at Tenant's sole expense. If any such Law requires an occupancy or use permit or license for the Premises or the operation of the business conducted therein, then Tenant shall obtain and keep current such permit or license at Tenant's expense and shall promptly deliver a copy thereof to Landlord. Use of the Premises is subject to all covenants, conditions and restrictions of record. Tenant shall not use any space in the Building for the sale of goods to the public at large or for the sale at auction of goods or property of any kind. Tenant shall not conduct any operations, sales, promotions, advertising or special events in the Complex outside of the Premises without Landlord's written approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.

6.2 Tenant shall pay before delinquency any business, rent or other taxes or fees that are now or hereafter levied, assessed or imposed upon Tenant's use or occupancy of the Premises, the conduct of Tenant's business at the Premises, or Tenant's equipment, fixtures, furnishings, inventory or personal property. If any such tax or fee is enacted or altered so that such tax or fee is levied against Landlord or so that Landlord is responsible for collection or payment thereof, then Tenant shall pay as additional rent the amount of such tax or fee.

6.3 (a) Tenant shall not cause or permit any Hazardous Materials to be generated, used, released, stored or disposed of in or about the Building, the Land, or the Complex, provided that Tenant may use and store reasonable quantities of standard cleaning materials as may be reasonably necessary for Tenant to conduct normal general office use operations in the Premises provided the same are handled, stored and disposed of in accordance with all Laws. At the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease, Tenant shall surrender the Premises to Landlord free of Hazardous Materials and in compliance with all Environmental Laws. "Hazardous Materials" means (a) asbestos and any asbestos containing material and any substance that is then defined or listed in, or otherwise classified pursuant to, any Environmental Law or any other applicable Law as a "hazardous substance," "hazardous material," "hazardous waste," "infectious waste," "toxic substance," "toxic pollutant" or any other formulation intended to define, list, or classify substances by reason of deleterious properties such as ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, carcinogenicity, toxicity, reproductive toxicity, or Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) toxicity, (b) any petroleum and drilling fluids, produced waters, and other wastes associated with the exploration, development or production of crude oil, natural gas, or geothermal resources, and (c) any petroleum product, polychlorinated biphenyls, urea formaldehyde, radon gas, radioactive material (including any source, special nuclear, or by-product material), medical waste, chlorofluorocarbon, lead or lead-based product, and any other substance whose presence could be detrimental to the Building, the Land, or the Complex or hazardous to health or the environment. "Environmental Law" means any present and future Law and any amendments (whether common law, statute, rule, order, regulation or otherwise), permits and other requirements or guidelines of governmental authorities applicable to the Building or the Land and relating to the environment and environmental conditions or to any Hazardous Material (including, without limitation, CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq., the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq., the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. § 1801 et seq., the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq., the Clean Air Act, 33 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq., the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f et seq., the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq., the Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29 U.S.C. § 651 et seq., and any so-called "Super Fund" or "Super Lien" law, any Law requiring the filing of reports and notices relating to hazardous substances, environmental laws administered by the Environmental Protection Agency, and any similar state and local Laws, all amendments thereto and all regulations, orders, decisions, and decrees now or hereafter promulgated thereunder concerning the environment, industrial hygiene or public health or safety).

(b) Notwithstanding any termination of this Lease, Tenant shall indemnify and hold Landlord, its employees and agents harmless from and against any damage, injury, loss, liability, charge, demand or claim based on or arising out of the presence or removal of, or failure to remove, Hazardous Materials generated, used, released, stored or disposed of by Tenant or any Invitee (as hereinafter defined) of Tenant in or about the Building, whether before or after Lease Commencement Date. In addition, Tenant shall give Landlord immediate verbal and follow-up written notice of any actual or threatened Environmental Default, which Environmental Default Tenant shall cure in accordance with all Environmental Laws and to the reasonable satisfaction of Landlord and only after Tenant has obtained Landlord's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. An "Environmental Default" means any of the following by Tenant or any Invitee: a violation of an Environmental Law; a release, spill or discharge of a Hazardous Material on or from the Premises, the Land or the Building; an environmental condition requiring responsive action; or an emergency environmental condition. Upon any Environmental Default, in addition to all other rights available to Landlord under this Lease, at law or in equity, Landlord shall have the right but not the obligation to immediately enter the Premises, to supervise and approve any actions taken by Tenant to address the Environmental Default, and, if Tenant fails to immediately address same to Landlord's reasonable satisfaction, to perform, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, any lawful action reasonably necessary to address same. If any governmental agency shall require testing to ascertain whether an Environmental Default is pending or threatened, then Tenant shall pay the reasonable costs therefor as additional rent. If any lender shall require testing to ascertain whether an Environmental Default is pending or threatened and an Environmental Default is in fact pending or threatened, then Tenant shall pay the reasonable costs therefor as additional rent. Promptly upon request, Tenant shall execute from time to time affidavits, representations and similar documents concerning Tenant's best knowledge and belief regarding the presence of Hazardous Materials at or in the Building, the Land or the Premises. Any obligation of the Tenant pursuant to this Paragraph, beyond Tenant's applicable insurance coverage, is subject to appropriation and funding by the Prince George's County Council and the Montgomery County Council. Any indemnification given by Tenant in this lease may be limited by the damage caps and notice requirements set forth in any applicable State law. Any indemnification given by

Tenant in this lease is not intended to create any rights or causes of action in any third parties or to increase the Tenant's liability above the caps provided in any applicable State law.

(c) Landlord represents that, to Landlord's knowledge as of the date of Landlord's execution of this Lease, no Hazardous Materials are present in the Building (including the Premises) that are in violation of Environmental Law.

6.4 Landlord at its expense (subject to reimbursement pursuant to Article V to the extent permitted thereby) shall be responsible for compliance with Title III of the ADA to the extent same applies directly to the common areas of the Building as a whole; provided, however, that (a) to the extent any such non-compliance is a result of the use or occupancy of the Premises, then such compliance shall be at Tenant's cost, and (b) to the extent any such non-compliance is required to be corrected in order to obtain a permit for any Alterations (as hereinafter defined) subsequent to the original tenant improvements to be installed pursuant to Exhibit B, then Tenant shall bear the cost of such correction. Tenant at its sole cost and expense shall be solely responsible for taking any and all measures which are required to comply with the ADA concerning the Premises (including means of ingress and egress thereto) and the business conducted therein. Any Alterations made or constructed by Tenant for the purpose of complying with the ADA or which otherwise require compliance with the ADA shall be done in accordance with this Lease; provided, that Landlord's consent to such Alterations shall not constitute either Landlord's assumption, in whole or in part, of Tenant's responsibility for compliance with the ADA, or representation or confirmation by Landlord that such Alterations comply with the provisions of the ADA.

ARTICLE VII

ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING

7.1 Tenant shall not assign, transfer or otherwise encumber (collectively, "assign") this Lease or all or any of Tenant's rights hereunder or interest herein, or sublet or permit anyone to use or occupy (collectively, "sublet") the Premises or any part thereof, without obtaining the prior written consent of Landlord, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, subject to Landlord's rights pursuant to Section 7.4 herein below. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is specifically agreed that it shall be reasonable for Landlord to withhold its consent to any proposed assignment or subletting of the Premises if (i) the use of the Premises pursuant to such assignment or sublease is not in compliance with Article VI hereof; (ii) in Landlord's judgment the proposed assignee or subtenant is not of a type and quality consistent and compatible with a first class office building and with the Building and its tenants; (iii) Landlord is not satisfied with the financial condition of the assignee under any such assignment or the sublessee under any such sublease; (iv) the initial Tenant does not remain fully liable as a primary obligor for the payment of all rent and other charges hereunder and for the performance of all its other obligations hereunder; or (v) an Event of Default has occurred. No assignment or right of occupancy hereunder may be effectuated by operation of law or otherwise without the prior written consent of Landlord. Any attempted assignment, transfer or other encumbrance of this Lease or all or any of Tenant's rights hereunder or interest herein, and any sublet or permission to use or occupy the Premises or any part thereof not in accordance with this Article VII shall be void and of no force or effect. Any assignment or subletting, Landlord's consent thereto, or Landlord's collection or acceptance of rent from any assignee or subtenant shall not be construed either as waiving or releasing Tenant from any of its liabilities or obligations under this Lease as a principal and not as a guarantor or surety, or as relieving Tenant or any assignee or subtenant from the obligation of obtaining Landlord's prior written consent to any subsequent assignment or subletting. As security for this Lease, Tenant hereby assigns to Landlord the rent due from any assignee or subtenant of Tenant. For any period during which an Event of Default exists, Tenant hereby authorizes each such assignee or subtenant to pay said rent directly to Landlord upon receipt of notice from Landlord specifying same. Landlord's collection of such rent shall not be construed as an acceptance of such assignee or subtenant as a tenant. Tenant shall not mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or encumber (collectively "mortgage") this Lease without Landlord's prior written consent, which consent may be granted or withheld in Landlord's sole and absolute discretion. Tenant shall pay to Landlord an administrative fee equal to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in connection with Tenant's request for Landlord to give its consent to any assignment, subletting, or mortgage. Any sublease, assignment or mortgage shall, at Landlord's option, be affected on forms reasonably approved by Landlord. Tenant shall deliver to Landlord a fully-executed copy of each agreement evidencing a sublease, assignment or mortgage within ten (10) business days after Tenant's execution thereof.

7.2 If Tenant is a partnership, then any event (whether voluntary, concurrent or related) resulting in a dissolution of Tenant, any withdrawal or change (whether voluntary, involuntary or by operation of law) of partners owning a controlling interest in Tenant (including each general partner), or any structural or other change having the effect of limiting the liability of the partners shall be deemed a voluntary assignment of this Lease subject to the provisions of this Article. If Tenant is a corporation (or a partnership with a corporate general partner), then any event (whether voluntary, concurrent or related) resulting in a dissolution, merger, consolidation or other reorganization of Tenant (or such corporate general partner), or the sale or transfer or relinquishment of the interest of shareholders who, as of the date of this Lease, own a controlling interest of the capital stock of Tenant (or such corporate general partner), shall be deemed a voluntary assignment of this Lease subject to the provisions of this Article; provided, however, that the foregoing portion of this sentence shall not apply to the trading of stock in the ordinary course in corporations whose stock is traded through a national or regional exchange or over-the-counter market. If Tenant is a limited liability company, then any dissolution of Tenant or a withdrawal or change, whether voluntary, involuntary or by operation of law, of members owning a controlling interest in Tenant shall be deemed a voluntary assignment of this Lease. In addition, a transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of Tenant, either by merger, consolidation, or otherwise shall be deemed to be an assignment under this Article VII. Whether Tenant is a partnership, corporation or any other type of entity, then, at the option of Landlord, a sale of all or substantially all of its assets shall also be deemed a voluntary assignment of this Lease.

7.3 If at any time during the Lease Term Tenant desires to assign, sublet or mortgage all or part of this Lease or the Premises, then in connection with Tenant's request to Landlord for Landlord's consent thereto, Tenant shall give notice to Landlord in writing ("Tenant's Request Notice") containing: the identity of the proposed assignee, subtenant or other party and a description of its business; the terms of the proposed assignment, subletting or other transaction the commencement date of the proposed assignment, subletting or other transaction (the "Proposed Sublease Commencement Date"); the area proposed to be assigned, sublet or otherwise encumbered (the "Proposed Sublet Space"); the most recent financial statement or other evidence of financial responsibility of such proposed assignee, subtenant or other party; and a certification executed by Tenant and such party stating whether or not any premium or other consideration is being paid for the assignment, sublease or other transaction.

7.4 If the proposed transaction constitutes an assignment of this Lease or a sublease of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the rentable area of the Premises for a term that is scheduled to expire during the last twelve (12) months of the then-remaining Lease Term, then Landlord shall have the right in its sole and absolute discretion to terminate this Lease by sending Tenant written notice of such termination within thirty (30) days after Landlord's receipt of Tenant's Request Notice. If Landlord elects to terminate this Lease, then Tenant shall tender the Premises to Landlord, and this Lease shall terminate, on the Proposed Sublease Commencement Date.

7.5 If any sublease or assignment (whether by operation of law or otherwise, including without limitation an assignment pursuant to the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code or any other Insolvency Law) provides that the subtenant or assignee thereunder is to pay any amount in excess of the sum of (a) of the rental and other charges due under this Lease plus (b) the reasonable, out-of-pocket expenses (excluding any costs attributable to vacancy periods or "downtime") which Tenant reasonably incurred in connection with the procurement of such sublease, assignment or other transfer, then whether such excess be in the form of an increased monthly or annual rental, a lump sum payment, payment for the sale, transfer or lease of Tenant's fixtures, leasehold improvements, furniture and other personal property, or any other form (and if the subleased or assigned space does not constitute the entire Premises, the existence of such excess shall be determined on a pro-rata basis), Tenant shall pay to Landlord any such excess or other premium applicable to the sublease or assignment, which amount shall be paid by Tenant to Landlord as additional rent and in no event later than ten (10) business days after any receipt thereof by Tenant. Acceptance by Landlord of any payments due under this Section shall not be deemed to constitute approval by Landlord of any sublease or assignment, nor shall such acceptance waive any rights of Landlord hereunder. Landlord shall have the right to inspect and audit Tenant's books and records relating to any sublease or assignment and the expenses incurred in connection therewith, upon reasonable written notice to Tenant of Landlord's desire to audit and inspect such books and records at a time and place to be mutually agreed upon by Landlord and Tenant.

7.6 All restrictions and obligations imposed pursuant to this Lease on Tenant shall be deemed to extend to any subtenant, assignee, licensee, concessionaire or other occupant or transferee, and Tenant shall cause such person to comply with such restrictions and obligations. Any assignee shall be deemed to have assumed obligations as if such assignee had originally executed this Lease and at Landlord's request shall execute promptly a document confirming such assumption. Each sublease is subject to the condition that if the Lease Term is terminated or Landlord succeeds to Tenant's interest in the Premises by voluntary surrender or otherwise, at Landlord's option the subtenant shall be bound to Landlord for the balance of the term of such sublease and shall attorn to and recognize Landlord as its landlord under the then executory terms of such sublease or the sublease shall terminate.

ARTICLE VIII MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

8.1 Tenant, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, shall promptly make all repairs, perform all maintenance, and make all replacements in and to the Premises that are necessary or desirable to keep the Premises in first class condition and repair, in a clean, safe and tenantable condition, and otherwise in accordance with all Laws and the requirements of this Lease. Tenant shall maintain all fixtures, furnishings and equipment located in, or exclusively serving, the Premises in clean, safe and sanitary condition, shall take good care thereof and make all required repairs and replacements thereto. Tenant shall give Landlord prompt written notice of any defects or damage to the structure of, or equipment or fixtures in, the Building or any part thereof. Tenant shall suffer no waste or injury to any part of the Premises, and shall, at the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease Term, surrender the Premises in an order and condition equal to or better than their order and condition upon completion of Tenant's Work, except for ordinary wear and tear and as otherwise provided in Articles IX and XVII. Except as otherwise provided in Article XVII, all injury, breakage and damage to the Premises caused by any act or omission of any invitee, agent, employee, subtenant, assignee, contractor, client, family member, licensee, customer or guest of Tenant (collectively, "Invitees") or Tenant, shall be repaired by and (except to the extent covered by Landlord's property insurance) at Tenant's expense. Except as otherwise provided in Article XVII, all injury, breakage and damage to any part of the Building (other than the Premises) or the Land caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of Tenant or any Invitee of Tenant shall be repaired by and at Tenant's expense, except that Landlord shall have the right at Landlord's option to make any such repair and to charge Tenant for all costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith. Landlord shall provide and install replacement tubes for Building standard fluorescent light fixtures (subject to reimbursement pursuant to Article V); all other bulbs and tubes for the Premises shall be provided and installed by Tenant at Tenant's expense.

8.2 Except as otherwise provided in this Lease, Landlord shall (subject to reimbursement pursuant to Article V) keep the exterior and demising walls, load bearing elements, foundations, roof and common areas that form a part of the Building, and the building standard mechanical, electrical, HVAC and plumbing systems, pipes and conduits that are provided by Landlord in the operation of the Building (collectively, the "Building Structure and Systems"), as well as the common areas of the Building, clean and in good operating condition and, promptly after becoming aware of any item needing repair, will make repairs thereto. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing to the contrary: (a) maintenance and repair of special tenant areas, finishes and equipment (including, but not limited to, any special fire protection equipment, telecommunications and computer equipment, kitchen/galley equipment, air-conditioning equipment serving the Premises only, all other furniture, furnishings and equipment of Tenant, all of Tenant's Work and all Alterations) shall be the sole responsibility of Tenant and shall be deemed not to be a part of the Building Structure and Systems; (b) Landlord shall have no obligation to make any repairs to the Premises brought about by any act or neglect of Tenant or any Invitee; and (c) Landlord shall have no obligation to make any repairs or perform any maintenance to overcome any adverse impact that Tenant's Work or any Alteration may have on the Building Structure and Systems.

ARTICLE IX ALTERATIONS

9.1 Landlord is under no obligation to make any structural or other alterations, decorations, additions, improvements or other changes (collectively, "Alterations") in or to the Premises or the Building, except as set forth in Section 9.4 below, on Exhibit B or as otherwise expressly provided in this Lease.

9.2 Tenant shall not make or permit anyone to make any Alterations in or to the Premises or the Building, without the prior written consent of Landlord, which consent may be withheld or granted in Landlord's sole and absolute discretion. If Landlord gives its consent to the making of any Alteration, such consent shall not be deemed to be an agreement or consent by Landlord to subject its interest in the Premises or the Building to any liens which may be filed in connection therewith. All Alterations involving structural, electrical, mechanical or plumbing work, the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system of the Premises or the Building, and/or the roof of the Building shall, at Landlord's election, be performed by Landlord's designated contractor or subcontractor at Tenant's expense (but at competitive rates). If Landlord elects not to so perform such work or does not have a right to perform such work, then Landlord shall be paid a reasonable construction supervision fee equal to three percent (3%) of the "hard" cost of such work. Promptly after the completion of an Alteration, Tenant at its expense shall deliver to Landlord three (3) sets of accurate as-built drawings showing such Alteration in place.

9.3 If any Alterations are made without the prior written consent of Landlord, Landlord shall have the right at Tenant's expense to remove and correct such Alterations and restore the Premises and the Building to their condition immediately prior thereto, or to require Tenant to do the same. All Alterations to the Premises or the Building made by either party shall immediately become the property of Landlord and shall remain upon and be surrendered with the Premises as a part thereof at the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease Term; provided, however, that (a) if no Event of Default then exists, then Tenant shall have the right to remove, prior to the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease Term, its personal property, all movable furniture, furnishings and trade fixtures installed in the Premises solely at the expense of Tenant, and (b) Tenant shall remove all Alterations and other items in the Premises or the Building which Landlord designates in writing for removal provided such designation is given concurrently with Landlord's approval of the applicable Alterations. Movable furniture, furnishings and trade fixtures shall be deemed to exclude without limitation any item the removal of which might cause damage to the Premises or the Building or which would normally be removed from the Premises with the assistance of any tool or machinery other than a dolly. Landlord shall have the right at Tenant's expense (but at competitive rates) to repair all damage and injury to the Premises or the Building caused by such removal or to require Tenant to do the same. If such furniture, furnishings and equipment are not removed by Tenant prior to the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease Term, the same shall at Landlord's option become the property of Landlord and shall be surrendered with the Premises as a part thereof; provided, however, that Landlord shall have the right at Tenant's expense to remove from the Premises such furniture, furnishings and equipment and any Alteration which Landlord designates in writing for removal or to require Tenant to do the same. If Tenant fails to return the Premises to Landlord as required by this Section, then Tenant shall pay to Landlord, as additional rent, all costs (including a construction management fee) incurred by Landlord in effecting such return. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Lease to the contrary, Tenant shall remove at its expense in compliance with the National Electric Code or other applicable Law, at or prior to the expiration or termination of this Lease, all wiring and cabling installed at or about the Premises which shall have been installed by or on behalf of Tenant.

9.4 Landlord shall tender possession of the Premises to Tenant with the Landlord Work as set forth on Exhibit B Substantially Completed.

ARTICLE X SIGNS

10.1 Landlord will, at Landlord's expense, list Tenant's full name and suite number in the Building directory and provide Building standard signage on one suite entry door; provided, however, that any changes to any such signage shall be at Tenant's expense. No other sign, advertisement or notice referring to Tenant shall be inscribed, painted, affixed or otherwise displayed on any part of the exterior or interior of the Building (including windows and doors) without the prior written approval of Landlord, which may be granted or withheld in Landlord's sole and absolute discretion. If any such item that has not been approved by Landlord is so displayed, then Landlord shall have the right to remove such item at Tenant's expense or to require Tenant to do the same. Landlord reserves the right to install and display signs, advertisements and notices on any part of the exterior or interior of the Building.

ARTICLE XI SECURITY DEPOSIT

11.1 Simultaneously with Tenant's execution of this Lease, Tenant shall deposit with Landlord the Security Deposit Amount (as defined in Section 1.10) as a security deposit which shall be security for the performance by Tenant of all of Tenant's obligations, covenants, conditions and agreements under this Lease. Landlord shall not be required to maintain such security deposit in a separate account. Except as may be required by law, Tenant shall not be entitled to interest on the security deposit. Within approximately forty-five (45) days after the later of the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease Term or Tenant's vacating the Premises, Landlord shall return such security deposit to Tenant, less such portion thereof as Landlord shall have appropriated to satisfy any of Tenant's obligations, or any default by Tenant, under this Lease. If there shall be any Event of Default, then Landlord shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to use, apply or retain all or any portion of the security deposit for the payment of any (a) Base Rent, additional rent or any other sum as to which an Event of Default exists, or (b) amount Landlord may spend or become obligated to spend, or for the compensation of Landlord for any losses incurred, by reason of an Event of Default (including, but not limited to, any damage or deficiency arising in connection with the reletting of the Premises). If any portion of the security deposit is so used or applied, then within three (3) business days after Landlord gives written notice to Tenant of such use or application, Tenant shall deposit with Landlord cash in an amount sufficient to restore the security deposit to the original Security Deposit Amount, and Tenant's failure to do so shall constitute an Event of Default under this Lease.

11.2 If Landlord transfers the security deposit to any purchaser or other transferee of Landlord's interest in the Building, then Tenant shall look only to such purchaser or transferee for the return of the security deposit, and Landlord shall be released from all liability to Tenant for the return of such security deposit. Tenant acknowledges that the holder of any Mortgage shall not be liable for the return of any security deposit made by Tenant

hereunder unless such holder actually receives such security deposit. Tenant shall not pledge, mortgage, assign or transfer the security deposit or any interest therein.

ARTICLE XII INSPECTION

12.1 At all times Tenant shall permit Landlord, its agents and representatives, and the holder of any Mortgage, with not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior oral or written notice (except in the event of emergency, in which event no notice shall be required), to enter the Premises without charge therefor and without diminution of the rent payable by Tenant in order to examine, inspect or protect the Premises and the Building, to make such alterations and/or repairs as in the reasonable judgment of Landlord may be deemed necessary or desirable, or to exhibit the same to brokers, prospective tenants, lenders, purchasers and others; provided, however, that Landlord shall not exhibit the Premises to leasing brokers or prospective tenants except during the last year of the then-current Lease Term (or unless an Event of Default then exists or unless more than two (2) Events of Default have occurred during the prior twelve (12) month period). Except in the event of an emergency, Landlord shall use commercially reasonable efforts not to disrupt Tenant's normal business operations in the Premises in connection with any such entry.

ARTICLE XIII INSURANCE

13.1 Tenant shall not conduct or permit to be conducted any activity, or place or permit to be placed any equipment or other item in or about the Premises or the Building, which will in any way increase the rate of fire insurance or other insurance on the Building. If any increase in the rate of fire insurance or other insurance is due to any activity, equipment or other item of Tenant, then (whether or not Landlord has consented to such activity, equipment or other item) Tenant shall pay as additional rent due hereunder the amount of such increase. The statement of any applicable insurance company or insurance rating organization (or other organization exercising similar functions in connection with the prevention of fire or the correction of hazardous conditions) that an increase is due to any such activity, equipment or other item shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

13.2 (a) Throughout the Lease Term, Tenant shall obtain and maintain (1) commercial general liability insurance (written on an occurrence basis) including contractual liability coverage insuring the obligations assumed by Tenant under this Lease (including those set forth in Sections 6.3 and 15.2), premises and operations coverage, broad form property damage coverage and independent contractors coverage, and containing an endorsement for personal injury, (2) business interruption insurance, (3) "special form" property insurance, (4) comprehensive automobile liability insurance (covering automobiles owned by Tenant, if any), (5) worker's compensation insurance, and (6) employer's liability insurance. Such commercial general liability insurance shall be in an amount not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) combined single limit per occurrence with a four million dollar (\$4,000,000.00) annual aggregate. Such business interruption insurance shall be in minimum amounts typically carried by prudent tenants engaged in similar operations, but in no event shall be in an amount less than the Base Rent then in effect during any Lease Year. Such property insurance shall be in an amount not less than that required to replace all of the original tenant improvements installed in the Premises, all Alterations and all other contents of the Premises (including, without limitation, Tenant's trade fixtures, decorations, furnishings, equipment and personal property). Such automobile liability insurance shall be in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for each accident. Such worker's compensation insurance shall carry minimum limits as defined by the law of the jurisdiction in which the Building is located (as the same may be amended from time to time). Such employer's liability insurance shall be in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for each accident, one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) disease-policy limit, and one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) disease-each employee. Any liability insurance required pursuant to this Lease may be carried in the form of two policies, one for primary coverage and one for excess coverage over and above such primary coverage, provided that the limit or limits provided for with respect to such primary coverage shall satisfy the underlying limit requirements of such excess coverage, so that there shall be no additional risk retention by Tenant as a result of such liability insurance being carried in the form of two policies.

(b) All such insurance shall: (1) be issued by a company that is licensed to do business in the jurisdiction in which the Building is located, that has been approved in advance by Landlord and that has a rating equal to or exceeding A:VII from Best's Insurance Guide; (2) name Landlord, the managing agent of the Building and the holder of any Mortgage as additional insureds and/or loss payees (as applicable); (3) contain an endorsement that such policy shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding that the insured may have waived its right of action against any party prior to the occurrence of a loss (Tenant hereby waiving its right of action and recovery against and releasing Landlord and its employees and agents from any and all liabilities, claims and losses for which they may otherwise be liable to the extent Tenant is covered by insurance carried or required to be carried under this Lease); (4) provide that the insurer thereunder waives all right of recovery by way of subrogation against Landlord, its partners, agents, employees, and representatives, in connection with any loss or damage covered by such policy; (5) be acceptable in form and content to Landlord; (6) be primary and non-contributory; (7) contains an endorsement for cross liability and severability of interests; and (8) contain an endorsement prohibiting cancellation, failure to renew, reduction of amount of insurance or change in coverage without the insurer first giving Landlord thirty (30) days' prior written notice (by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested) of such proposed action. No such policy shall contain any deductible provision except as otherwise approved in writing by Landlord, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Landlord reserves the right from time to time to require Tenant to obtain higher minimum amounts or different types of insurance if it becomes customary for other landlords of first-class office buildings in the Landover, Maryland, area to require similar sized tenants in similar industries to carry insurance of such higher minimum amounts or of such different types of insurance. Tenant shall deliver a certificate of all such insurance and receipts evidencing payment therefor (and, upon request, copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements and declarations) to Landlord concurrently with Tenant's execution of this Lease and at least annually thereafter. Tenant shall give Landlord immediate notice in case of fire, theft or accident in the Premises, and in the case of fire, theft or accident in the Building if involving Tenant, its agents, employees or Invitees. Neither the issuance of any insurance policy required under this Lease nor the minimum limits specified herein shall be deemed to limit or restrict in any way Tenant's liability arising under or out of this Lease.

ARTICLE XIV
SERVICES AND UTILITIES

14.1 Subject to Tenant's obligations specified in this Lease: (a) Landlord will furnish to the Premises air-conditioning and heating from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ("Building Hours") during the seasons they are required in Landlord's reasonable judgment; and (b) Landlord will provide janitorial service as required in Landlord's reasonable judgment on Monday through Friday (or, at Landlord's option Sunday through Thursday) only (excluding legal public holidays), electricity sufficient for lighting purposes and normal office use only, water for lavatory and drinking purposes, elevator service (with at least one (1) elevator in operation at all times, except in the event of an emergency), and exterior window-cleaning service. Landlord shall not be liable for any failure to maintain comfortable atmosphere conditions in all or any portion of the Premises due to excessive heat generated by any equipment or machinery installed by Tenant (with or without Landlord's consent), due to any impact that Tenant's furniture, equipment, machinery or millwork may have upon the delivery of HVAC to the Premises, due to the occupancy load or due to any adverse impact resulting from Tenant's Work or any Alteration. If Tenant requires air-conditioning or heat beyond the Building Hours, then Landlord will furnish the same, provided Tenant gives Landlord sufficient advance notice of such requirement. Tenant shall pay for such extra service in accordance with Landlord's then-current schedule. As of the date of Landlord's execution of this Lease, the hourly charge for such extra service is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per wing per floor (two (2) wings per floor) in two (2)-hour incremental cycles, which charge is subject to increase from time to time equal to the direct and actual increase to the cost to Landlord of providing such service (without a profit increment). If the same after-hours service is also requested by other tenants on the same floor as Tenant, the charge therefor to each tenant requesting such after-hours service shall be a pro-rated amount based upon the square footage of the leased premises of all tenants on the same floor requesting such after-hours services, Notwithstanding anything above to the contrary, Tenant shall have access to the Building twenty-four (24) hours per day each day of the year (except in the event of an emergency). Landlord shall provide a card key (or similar type of) access system to provide access to the Building at times other than the normal hours of operation of the Building. Landlord shall provide Tenant with six (6) access cards or other means of access at no cost to Tenant (except that Landlord may charge Tenant for replacement cards). Tenant shall not permit anyone, except for Tenant's employees and authorized guests, to enter the Building at times other than the normal hours of operation of the Building. All persons entering or exiting the Building at times other than the normal hours of operation of the Building shall, at Landlord's discretion, be required to sign in and out.

14.2 Landlord represents that, to Landlord's knowledge as of date of Landlord's execution of this Lease, there is available to the Premises five and one-half (5 1/2) watts per square foot of rentable area for Tenant's use (excluding base building HVAC and lighting). Landlord may install checkmeters to electrical circuits serving Tenant's equipment to verify that Tenant is not consuming excessive electricity. If such checkmeters indicate that Tenant's electricity consumption is excessive, or if Tenant installs one or more supplementary HVAC units in the Premises, then Landlord may install at Tenant's expense sub-meters to ascertain Tenant's actual electricity consumption, and Tenant shall thereafter pay for such consumption at the then-current price per kilowatt hour charged Landlord by the utility. Tenant's electricity consumption shall be deemed excessive if the electricity consumption in the Premises per square foot of rentable area (excluding, without limitation, electricity consumed in connection with base building HVAC and lighting use) during any billing period exceeds the average electricity consumption per square foot of rentable area during the same period for typical, similarly situated tenants in the Building, as reasonably calculated by Landlord.

14.3 Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for the cost of any excess water, sewer and chiller usage in the Premises. Excess usage shall mean the excess of the estimated usage in the Premises (per square foot of rentable area) during any billing period over the average usage (per square foot of rentable area) during the same period for the entire Building, as reasonably calculated by Landlord.

ARTICLE XV
LIABILITY OF LANDLORD

15.1 Landlord, its employees and agents shall not be liable to Tenant, any Invitee or any other person or entity for any damage (including indirect, special, punitive, and consequential damage), injury, loss or claim (including claims for the interruption of or loss to business) based on or arising out of any cause whatsoever, including without limitation the following: repair to any portion of the Premises or the Building; interruption in the use of the Premises or any equipment therein; any accident or damage resulting from any use or operation (by Landlord, Tenant or any other person or entity) of elevators or heating, cooling, electrical, sewerage or plumbing equipment or apparatus; termination of this Lease by reason of damage to the Premises or the Building; any fire, robbery, theft, vandalism, mysterious disappearance or any other casualty; actions of any other tenant of the Building or of any other person or entity; failure or inability to furnish any service specified in this Lease; and leakage in any part of the Premises or the Building from water, rain, ice or snow that may leak into, or flow from, any part of the Premises or the Building, or from drains, pipes or plumbing fixtures in the Premises or the Building. If any condition exists which may be the basis of a claim of constructive eviction, then Tenant shall give Landlord written notice thereof and a reasonable opportunity to correct such condition, and in the interim Tenant shall not claim that it has been constructively evicted or is entitled to a rent abatement. Any property placed by Tenant or any Invitee in or about the Premises or the Building shall be at the sole risk of Tenant, and Landlord shall not in any manner be held responsible therefor. Any person receiving an article delivered for Tenant shall be acting as Tenant's agent for such purpose and not as Landlord's agent. For purposes of this Article, the term "Building" shall be deemed to include the Land.

15.2 Tenant shall reimburse Landlord, its employees and agents for (as additional rent), and shall indemnify, defend upon request and hold them harmless from and against all costs, damages, claims liabilities, expenses (including attorneys' fees), losses penalties and court costs suffered by or claimed against them, directly or indirectly, based on or arising out of, in whole or in part, (a) use and occupancy of the Premises or the business conducted therein, (b) any act or omission of Tenant or any Invitee, (c) any breach of Tenant's obligations under this Lease, including failure to comply with Laws or surrender the Premises upon the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease Term, or (d) any entry by Tenant or any Invitee upon the Land prior to the Lease Commencement Date. Any obligation of the Tenant pursuant to this Paragraph, beyond Tenant's applicable insurance coverage, is subject to appropriation and funding by the Prince George's County Council and the Montgomery County Council.

15.3 No landlord hereunder shall be liable for any obligation or liability based on or arising out of any event or condition occurring during the period that such landlord was not the owner of the Building or a landlord's interest therein. Within ten (10) business days after written request, Tenant shall attorn to such transferee and execute, acknowledge and deliver any document submitted to Tenant confirming such attornment.

15.4 Tenant shall not have the right to set off, recoup, abate or deduct any amount allegedly owed to Tenant pursuant to any claim against Landlord from any rent or other sum payable to Landlord. Tenant's sole remedy for recovering upon such claim shall be to institute an independent action against Landlord, which action shall not be consolidated with any action of Landlord.

15.5 If Tenant or any Invitee is awarded a money judgment against Landlord, then recourse for satisfaction of such judgment shall be limited to execution against Landlord's estate and interest in the Building. No other asset of Landlord, any partner, director, member, officer or trustee of Landlord (each, an "officer") or any other person or entity shall be available to satisfy or be subject to such judgment, nor shall any officer or other person or entity be held to have personal liability for satisfaction of any claim or judgment against Landlord or any officer.

ARTICLE XVI RULES

16.1 Tenant and Invitees shall at all times abide by and observe the rules specified in Exhibit C. Tenant and Invitees shall also abide by and observe any other rule that Landlord may promulgate from time to time for the operation and maintenance of the Building, provided that notice thereof is given, and such rule is reasonable and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Lease. All rules shall be binding upon Tenant and enforceable by Landlord as if they were contained herein. Nothing contained in this Lease shall be construed as imposing upon Landlord any duty or obligation to enforce such rules, or the terms, conditions or covenants contained in any other lease, as against any other tenant, and Landlord shall not be liable to Tenant for the violation of such rules by any other tenant or its employees, agents, assignees, subtenants, invitees or licensees. Landlord shall use reasonable efforts not to enforce any rule or regulation in a manner which unreasonably discriminates among similarly situated tenants.

ARTICLE XVII DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION

17.1 If the Premises or the Building are totally or partially damaged or destroyed thereby rendering the Premises totally or partially inaccessible or unusable, then Landlord shall diligently repair and restore the Premises and the Building to substantially the same condition they were in prior to such damage or destruction; provided, however, that if in Landlord's judgment such repair and restoration cannot be completed within two hundred seventy (270) days after the occurrence of such damage or destruction, then Landlord shall provide written notice thereof to Tenant, and Landlord shall have the right to terminate this Lease by giving written notice of termination to the other within thirty (30) days after the date on which Landlord provided such notice. If this Lease is terminated pursuant to this Article, then rent shall be apportioned (based on the portion of the Premises which is usable after such damage or destruction) and paid to the date of termination (or, if Tenant did not occupy any portion of the Premises following such damage or destruction, paid to the date of such damage or destruction). If this Lease is not terminated as a result of such damage or destruction, then until such repair and restoration of the Premises are substantially complete, Tenant shall be required to pay rent only for the portion of the Premises that is usable while such repair and restoration are being made; provided, however, that if such damage or destruction was caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Tenant or any Invitee, then Tenant shall not be entitled to any such rent reduction. After receipt of all insurance proceeds (including proceeds of insurance maintained by Tenant), Landlord shall proceed with and bear the expenses of such repair and restoration of the Premises and the Building; provided, however, that (a) if such damage or destruction was caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Tenant or any Invitee, then Tenant shall pay Landlord's deductible and the amount by which such expenses exceed the insurance proceeds, if any, actually received by Landlord on account of such damage or destruction (or the insurance proceeds that would have been received if Landlord had maintained the property insurance required to be maintained by Landlord under this Lease), (b) Tenant shall pay the amount by which the cost of restoring any item which Landlord is required to restore and Tenant is required to insure exceeds the insurance proceeds received with respect thereto (or that would have been received if Landlord had maintained the property insurance required to be maintained by Landlord under this Lease), and (c) Landlord shall not be required to repair or restore any of the original tenant improvements installed pursuant to Exhibit B, any Alterations or any other contents of the Premises (including, without limitation, Tenant's trade fixtures, decorations, furnishings, equipment or personal property). Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Landlord shall have the right to terminate this Lease if (1) insurance proceeds are insufficient to pay the full cost of such repair and restoration, (2) the holder of any Mortgage fails or refuses to make such insurance proceeds available for such repair and restoration, (3) zoning or other applicable Laws or regulations do not permit such repair and restoration, or (4) the Building is damaged by fire or casualty (whether or not the Premises has been damaged) to such an extent that Landlord decides, in its sole and absolute discretion, not to rebuild or reconstruct the Building. Any obligation of the Tenant pursuant to this Paragraph, beyond Tenant's applicable insurance coverage, is subject to appropriation and funding by the Prince George's County Council and the Montgomery County Council.

ARTICLE XVIII CONDEMNATION

18.1 If fifty percent (50%) or more of the Premises, or the use or occupancy thereof, shall be taken or condemned by any governmental or quasi-governmental authority for any public or quasi-public use or purpose or sold under threat of such a taking or condemnation (collectively, "condemned"), then this Lease shall terminate on the day prior to the date title thereto vests in such authority and rent shall be apportioned as of such date. If less than fifty percent (50%) of the Premises or occupancy thereof is condemned and the remainder of the Premises is usable for general office purposes, then this Lease shall continue in full force and effect as to the part of the Premises not so condemned, except that as of the date title vests in such authority Tenant shall not be required to pay rent with respect to the part of the Premises so condemned. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the Land or the Building is condemned, then whether or not any portion of the Premises is condemned, Landlord shall have the right to terminate this Lease as of the date title vests in such authority.

18.2 All awards, damages and other compensation paid on account of such condemnation shall belong to Landlord, and Tenant assigns to Landlord all rights to such awards damages and compensation. Tenant shall not make any claim against Landlord or such authority for any portion of such award, damages or compensation attributable to damage to the Premises value of the unexpired portion of the Lease Term, loss of profits or goodwill, leasehold improvements or severance damages. Nothing contained herein, however, shall prevent Tenant from pursuing a separate claim against the authority for relocation expenses and for the value of furnishings, equipment and trade fixtures installed in the Premises at Tenant's expense and which Tenant is entitled pursuant to this Lease to remove at the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease Term, provided that such claim shall in no way diminish the award, damages or compensation payable to or recoverable by Landlord in connection with such condemnation.

ARTICLE XIX DEFAULT

19.1 Each of the following shall constitute an "Event of Default": (a) Tenant's failure to make when due any payment of the Base Rent, additional rent or other sum, unless such failure is due to a non-appropriation of funding by the Prince George's County Council and/or the Montgomery County Council.; (b) Tenant's failure to perform or observe any covenant or condition of this Lease not otherwise specifically described in this Section 19.1, which failure continues for ten (10) days after Landlord delivers written notice thereof to Tenant (or, if such failure cannot reasonably be cured within such ten (10) day period, but Tenant promptly commences and thereafter diligently pursues the cure of such failure, such longer period, not to exceed an additional twenty (20) days, as is reasonably necessary to effect such cure); provided, however, that such cure period shall not be applicable if, in Landlord's reasonable discretion, such failure raises a life/safety issue with respect to the Building or its occupants or visitors, including but not limited to, a threat of personal injury or continuing physical injury to the Building, or if such failure is affecting another tenant's use or occupancy of the Building or its premises; (c) an Event of Bankruptcy as specified in Article XX; (d) Tenant's dissolution or liquidation; (e) any subletting, assignment, transfer, mortgage or other encumbrance of the Premises or this Lease not permitted by Article VII; or (f) any of Tenant, a Guarantor, or any other person or entity liable for Tenant's obligations hereunder (including, without limitation, a General Partner (as hereinafter defined)) submitting (either before or after execution hereof) to Landlord any information that is materially false or misleading (including, without limitation, a financial statement containing any material inaccuracy or omission).

19.2 If there shall be an Event of Default (even if prior to the Lease Commencement Date), then the provisions of this Section shall apply. Landlord shall have the right, at its sole option, to terminate this Lease. In addition, with or without terminating this Lease, Landlord may re-enter, terminate Tenant's right of possession and take possession of the Premises by any legal means. The provisions of this Article shall operate as a notice to quit, and Tenant hereby waives any other notice to quit or notice of Landlord's intention to re-enter the Premises or terminate this Lease. If necessary, Landlord may proceed to recover possession of the Premises under applicable Laws, or by such other proceedings, including re-entry and possession, as may be applicable. If Landlord elects to terminate this Lease and/or elects to terminate Tenant's right of possession, everything contained in this Lease on the part of Landlord to be done and performed shall cease without prejudice, however, to Tenant's liability for all Base Rent, additional rent and other sums specified herein. Whether or not this Lease and/or Tenant's right of possession is terminated, Landlord shall have the right, at its sole option, to terminate any renewal or expansion right contained in this Lease and to grant or withhold any consent or approval pursuant to this Lease in its sole and absolute discretion. Whether or not this Lease and/or Tenant's right of possession is terminated or any suit is instituted, Tenant shall be liable for any Base Rent, additional rent, damages or other sum which may be due or sustained prior to such default, and for all costs, fees and expenses (including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and costs, brokerage fees, expenses incurred in enforcing any of Tenant's obligations under the Lease or in placing the Premises in first-class rentable condition, advertising expenses, and any concessions or allowances granted by Landlord) incurred by Landlord in pursuit of its remedies hereunder and/or in recovering possession of the Premises and renting the Premises to others from time to time plus other actual, indirect, special or consequential damages suffered or incurred by Landlord on account of Tenant's default (including, but not limited to, late fees or other charges incurred by Landlord under any Mortgage). Tenant also shall be liable for additional damages which at Landlord's election shall be either one or a combination of the following: (a) an amount equal to the Base Rent and additional rent due or which would have become due from the date of Tenant's default through the remainder of the Lease Term, less the amount of rental, if any, which Landlord receives during such period from others to whom the Premises may be rented (other than any additional rent received by Landlord as a result of any failure of such other person to 'perform any of its obligations to Landlord), which amount shall be computed and payable in monthly installments, in advance, on the first day of each calendar month following Tenant's default and continuing until the date on which the Lease Term would have expired but for Tenant's default, it being understood that separate suits may be brought from time to time to collect any such damages for any month(s) (and any such separate suit shall not in any manner prejudice the right of Landlord to collect any damages for any subsequent month(s)), or Landlord may defer initiating any such suit until after the expiration of the Lease Term (in which event such deferral shall not be construed as a waiver of Landlord's rights as set forth herein and Landlord's cause of action shall be deemed not to have accrued until the expiration of the Lease Term), and it being further understood that if Landlord elects to bring suits from time to time prior to reletting the Premises, Landlord shall be entitled to its full damages through the date of the award of damages without regard to any Base Rent, additional rent or other sums that are or may be projected to be received by Landlord upon reletting of the Premises; or (b) an amount equal to the sum of (i) all Base Rent, additional rent and other sums due or which would be due and payable under this Lease as of the date of Tenant's default through the end of the scheduled Lease Term, plus (ii) the expenses (including broker and attorneys' fees) and value of all vacancy periods projected by Landlord to be incurred in connection with the reletting of the Premises, minus (iii) any Base Rent, additional rent and other sums which Tenant proves by a preponderance of the evidence would be received by Landlord upon reletting of the Premises from the end of the vacancy period projected by Landlord through the expiration of the scheduled Lease Term. Such amount shall be discounted using a discount factor equal to the yield of the Treasury Note or Bill, as appropriate, having a maturity period approximately commensurate to the remainder of the Term, and such resulting amount shall be payable to Landlord in a lump sum on demand, it being understood that upon payment of such liquidated and agreed final damages, Tenant shall be released from further liability under this Lease with respect to the period after the date of such payment. Landlord may bring suit to collect any such damages at any time after an Event of Default shall have occurred. In the event Landlord relets the Premises together with other premises or for a term extending beyond the scheduled expiration of the Lease Term, it is understood that Tenant will not be entitled to apply any base rent, additional rent or other sums generated or projected to be generated by either such other premises or in the period extending beyond the scheduled expiration of the Lease Term (collectively, the "Extra Rent") against Landlord's damages. Similarly in proving the amount that would be received by Landlord upon a reletting of the Premises as set forth in clause (iii) above, Tenant shall not take into account the Extra Rent. The provisions contained in this Section shall be in addition to, and shall not prevent the enforcement of, any claim Landlord may have against Tenant for

anticipatory breach of this Lease, it being agreed that, in the event of an anticipatory breach, Landlord shall have all rights and remedies set forth in this Section or otherwise available at law or in equity. Nothing herein shall be construed to affect or prejudice Landlord's right to prove, and claim in full, unpaid rent accrued prior to termination of this Lease. If Landlord is entitled, or Tenant is required, pursuant to any provision hereof to take any action upon the termination of the Lease Term, then Landlord shall be entitled, and Tenant shall be required, to take such action also upon the termination of Tenant's right of possession.

19.3 (a) Tenant hereby expressly waives, for itself and all persons claiming by, through or under it, any right of redemption, re-entry or restoration of the operation of this Lease under any present or future Law, including without limitation any such right which Tenant would otherwise have in case Tenant shall be dispossessed for any cause, or in case Landlord shall obtain possession of the Premises as herein provided.

(b) All rights and remedies of Landlord set forth in this Lease are cumulative and in addition to all other rights and remedies available to Landlord at law or in equity. The exercise by Landlord of any such right or remedy shall not prevent the concurrent or subsequent exercise of any other right or remedy. No delay or failure by Landlord or Tenant to exercise or enforce any of its rights or remedies or the other party's obligations shall constitute a waiver of any such rights, remedies or obligations. Neither Landlord nor Tenant shall be deemed to have waived any default by the other party unless such waiver expressly is set forth in a written instrument signed by the waiving party. If Landlord or Tenant waives in writing any default by the other party, such waiver shall not be construed as a waiver of any covenant, condition or agreement set forth in this Lease except as to the specific circumstances described in such written waiver.

19.4 If Landlord shall institute proceedings against Tenant and a compromise or settlement thereof shall be made, then the same shall not constitute a waiver of the same or of any other covenant, condition or agreement set forth herein, nor of any of Landlord's rights hereunder, except as may expressly be set forth in a written settlement agreement, or other written agreement, executed by Landlord and Tenant. Neither the payment by Tenant of a lesser amount than the monthly installment of Base Rent, additional rent or of any sums due hereunder nor any endorsement or statement on any check or letter accompanying a check for payment of rent or other sums payable hereunder shall be deemed an accord and satisfaction. Landlord may accept the same without prejudice to Landlord's right to recover the balance of such rent or other sums or to pursue any other remedy. Notwithstanding any request or designation by Tenant, Landlord may apply any payment received from Tenant to any payment then due. No re-entry by Landlord, and no acceptance by Landlord of keys from Tenant, shall be considered an acceptance of a surrender of this Lease.

19.5 If Tenant fails to make any payment to any third party or to do any act herein required to be made or done by Tenant, then Landlord may, but shall not be required to, make such payment or do such act. The taking of such action by Landlord shall not be considered a cure of such default by Tenant or prevent Landlord from pursuing any remedy it is otherwise entitled to in connection with such default. If Landlord elects to make such payment or do such act, then all expenses reasonably incurred by Landlord, plus interest thereon at a rate (the "Default Rate") equal to the greater of twelve percent (12%) per annum or the rate per annum which is five (5) whole percentage points higher than the prime rate published in the Money Rates section of the Wall Street Journal, from the date incurred by Landlord to the date of payment thereof by Tenant, shall constitute additional rent due hereunder; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as permitting Landlord to charge or receive interest in excess of the maximum rate then allowed by law.

19.6 If Tenant fails to make any payment of Base Rent, additional rent or any other sum on or before the date that is five (5) days after the date on which such payment is due and payable (without regard to any grace period specified in this Article XIX), then Tenant shall pay to Landlord a late charge of five percent (5%) of the amount of such payment. In addition, from and after the first day of the calendar month after the calendar month in which such payment or late fee became due and payable, such payment and such late fee shall bear interest at the Default Rate; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as permitting Landlord to charge or receive interest in excess of the maximum rate then allowed by law. Such late charge and interest shall constitute additional rent due hereunder without any notice or demand.

19.7 At any time that Tenant is in default of its obligation to pay rent, Tenant shall not sell, transfer or remove from the Premises any of the aforementioned tangible property without Landlord's prior written consent, unless the same shall be promptly replaced with similar items of comparable value.

19.8 If more than one natural person or entity shall constitute Tenant, then the liability of each such person or entity shall be joint and several. If Tenant is a general partnership or other entity the partners or members of which are subject to personal liability, then the liability of each such partner or member shall be joint and several. No waiver, release or modification of the obligations of any such person or entity shall affect the obligations of any other such person or entity.

ARTICLE XX **BANKRUPTCY**

20.1 An "Event of Bankruptcy" is the occurrence with respect to any of Tenant, a Guarantor or any other person or entity liable for Tenant's obligations hereunder (including, without limitation, any general partner (or, if Tenant is a limited liability company, any member of Tenant) of Tenant (a "General Partner")) of any of the following; (a) such person or entity becoming insolvent, as that term is defined in Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") or under the insolvency laws of any state (the "Insolvency Laws"); (b) appointment of a receiver or custodian for any property of such person or entity, or the institution of a foreclosure or attachment action upon any property of such person or entity; (c) filing by such person or entity of a voluntary petition under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code or Insolvency Laws; (d) filing of an involuntary petition against such person or entity as the subject debtor under the Bankruptcy Code or Insolvency Laws, which either (1) is not dismissed within thirty (30) days after filing, or (2) results in the issuance of an order for relief against the debtor; or (e) such person or entity making or consenting to an assignment for the benefit of creditors or a composition of creditors.

20.2 Upon occurrence of an Event of Bankruptcy, Landlord shall have all rights and remedies available pursuant to Article XIX; provided, however, that while a case (the "Case") in which Tenant is the subject debtor under the Bankruptcy Code is pending, Landlord's right to terminate this Lease shall be subject, to the extent required by the Bankruptcy Code, to any rights of Tenant or its trustee in bankruptcy (collectively, "Trustee") to assume or assume and assign this Lease pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code. After the commencement of a Case: (i) Trustee shall perform all post-petition obligations of Tenant under this Lease; and (ii) if Landlord is entitled to damages (including, without limitation, unpaid rent) pursuant to the terms of this Lease, then all such damages shall be entitled to administrative expense priority pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code. Any person or entity to which this Lease is assigned pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code shall be deemed without further act or deed to have assumed all of the obligations arising under this Lease on and after the date of assignment, and any such assignee shall upon request execute and deliver to Landlord an instrument confirming such assumption. Trustee shall not have the right to assume or assume and assign this Lease unless Trustee promptly (a) cures all defaults under this Lease, (b) compensates Landlord for damages incurred as a result of such defaults, (c) provides adequate assurance of future performance on the part of Trustee as debtor in possession or Trustee's assignee, and (d) complies with all other requirements of the Bankruptcy Code. If Trustee fails to assume or assume and assign this Lease in accordance with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code within sixty (60) days after the initiation of the Case, then Trustee shall be deemed to have rejected this Lease. If this Lease is rejected or deemed rejected, then Landlord shall have all rights and remedies available to it pursuant to Article XIX. Adequate assurance of future performance shall require, among other things, that the following minimum criteria be met: (1) Tenant's gross receipts in the ordinary course of business during the thirty (30) days preceding the Case must be greater than ten (10) times the next monthly installment of Base Rent and additional rent due; (2) Both the average and median of Tenant's monthly gross receipts in the ordinary course of business during the seven (7) months preceding the Case must be greater than the next monthly installment of Base Rent and additional rent due; (3) Trustee must pay its estimated pro-rata share of the cost of all services performed or provided by Landlord (whether directly or through agents or contractors and whether or not previously included as part of Base Rent) in advance of the performance or provision of such services; (4) Trustee must agree that Tenant's business shall be conducted in a first-class manner, and that no liquidating sale, auction or other non-first-class business operation shall be conducted in the Premises; (5) Trustee must agree that the use of the Premises as stated in this Lease shall remain unchanged and that no prohibited use shall be permitted; (6) Trustee must agree that the assumption or assumption and assignment of this Lease shall not violate or affect the rights of other tenants of the Building and the Complex; (7) Trustee must pay at the time the next monthly installment of Base Rent is due, in addition to such installment, an amount equal to the monthly installments of Base Rent, and additional rent due for the next six (6) months thereafter, such amount to be held as a security deposit; (8) Trustee must agree to pay, at any time Landlord draws on such security deposit, the amount necessary to restore such security deposit to its original amount; (9) Trustee must comply with all duties and obligations of Tenant under this Lease; and (10) All assurances of future performance specified in the Bankruptcy Code must be provided.

ARTICLE XXI SUBORDINATION

21.1 This Lease is subject and subordinate to the lien, provisions, operation and effect of all mortgages, deeds of trust, ground leases or other security instruments which may now or hereafter encumber the Building or the Land (collectively, "Mortgages"), to all funds and indebtedness intended to be secured thereby, and to all renewals, extensions, modifications, recastings or refinancings thereof. The holder of any Mortgage to which this Lease is subordinate shall have the right (subject to any required approval of the holders of any superior Mortgage) at any time to declare this Lease to be superior to the lien, provisions, operation and effect of such Mortgage and Tenant shall execute, acknowledge and deliver all documents required by such holder in confirmation thereof.

21.2 Tenant shall, within ten (10) business days after Landlord's request, execute any requisite or appropriate document confirming the foregoing subordination. Tenant waives the provisions of any statute or rule of law now or hereafter in effect which may give or purport to give Tenant any right to terminate or otherwise adversely affect this Lease and Tenant's obligations hereunder in the event any foreclosure proceeding is prosecuted or completed or in the event the Building, the Land or Landlord's interest therein is transferred by foreclosure, by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise. If this Lease is not extinguished upon any such transfer or by the transferee following such transfer, then, at the request of such transferee, Tenant shall attorn to such transferee and shall recognize such transferee as the landlord under this Lease. Tenant agrees that, upon any such attornment, such transferee shall not be (a) bound by any payment of the Base Rent or additional rent more than one (1) month in advance, except prepayments in the nature of security for the performance by Tenant of its obligations under this Lease, but only to the extent such prepayments have been delivered to such transferee, (b) bound by any amendment of this Lease made without the consent of the holder of each Mortgage existing as of the date of such amendment, (c) liable for damages for any breach, act or omission of any prior landlord, or (d) subject to any offsets or defenses which Tenant might have against any prior landlord; provided, however, that after succeeding to Landlord's interest under this Lease, such transferee shall agree to perform in accordance with the terms of this Lease all obligations of Landlord arising after the date of transfer. Within ten (10) business days after the request of such transferee, Tenant shall execute, acknowledge and deliver any requisite or appropriate document submitted to Tenant confirming such attornment.

21.3 If any prospective or current holder of a Mortgage requires that modifications to this Lease be obtained, and provided that such modifications (a) are reasonable, (b) do not adversely affect in a material manner Tenant's use of the Premises as herein permitted, and (c) do not increase the rent and other sums to be paid by Tenant, then Landlord may submit to Tenant an amendment to this Lease incorporating such required modifications, and Tenant shall execute acknowledge and deliver such amendment to Landlord within ten (10) business days after Tenant's receipt thereof.

21.4 If (a) the Building or the Land, or both, are at any time subject to a Mortgage, (b) this Lease and rent payable hereunder is assigned to the holder of the Mortgage, and (c) the Tenant is given notice of such assignment, including the name and address of the assignee, then, in that event, Tenant shall not terminate this Lease or make any abatement in the rent payable hereunder for any default on the part of the Landlord without first giving notice, in the manner provided elsewhere in this Lease for the giving of notices, to the holder of such Mortgage, specifying the default in reasonable detail, and affording such holder a reasonable opportunity to make performance, at its election, for and on behalf of the Landlord, except that (x) such holder shall have at least thirty (30) days to cure the default; (y) if such default cannot be cured with reasonable diligence and continuity within thirty (30) days, such holder shall have any additional time as may be reasonably necessary to cure the default with reasonable diligence and

continuity and (z) if the default cannot reasonably be cured without such holder having obtained possession of the Building, such holder shall have such additional time as may be reasonably necessary under the circumstances to obtain possession of the Building and thereafter to cure the default with reasonable diligence and continuity. If more than one such holder makes a written request to Landlord to cure the default, the holder making the request whose lien is the most senior shall have such right.

ARTICLE XXII HOLDING OVER

22.1 Tenant acknowledges that it is extremely important that Landlord have substantial advance notice of the date on which Tenant will vacate the Premises, because Landlord will require an extensive period to locate a replacement tenant and because Landlord plans its entire leasing and renovation program for the Building in reliance on its lease expiration dates. Tenant also acknowledges that if Tenant fails to surrender the Premises or any portion thereof at the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease Term, then it will be conclusively presumed that the value to Tenant of remaining in possession, and the loss that will be suffered by Landlord as a result thereof, far exceed the Base Rent and additional rent that would have been payable had the Lease Term continued during such holdover period. Therefore, if Tenant (or anyone claiming through Tenant) does not immediately surrender the Premises or any portion thereof upon the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease Term, then the rent payable by Tenant hereunder shall be increased to equal (a) for the first two (2) months of holdover, one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the Base Rent, additional rent and other sums that would have been payable pursuant to the provisions of this Lease if the Lease Term had continued during such holdover period, and (b) thereafter, one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the greater of (1) the fair market rent for the entire Premises, or (2) the Base Rent, additional rent and other sums that would have been payable pursuant to the provisions of this Lease if the Lease Term had continued during such holdover period. Such rent shall be computed by Landlord and paid by Tenant on a monthly basis and shall be payable on the first day of such holdover period and the first day of each calendar month thereafter during such holdover period until the Premises have been vacated. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Lease, Landlord's acceptance of such rent shall not in any manner adversely affect Landlord's other rights and remedies, including Landlord's right to evict Tenant and to recover all damages. Any such holdover shall be deemed to be a tenancy-at-sufferance and not a tenancy-at-will or tenancy from month-to-month. In no event shall any holdover be deemed a permitted extension or renewal of the Lease Term, and nothing contained herein shall be construed to constitute Landlord's consent to any holdover or to give Tenant any right with respect thereto. Any obligation of the Tenant pursuant to this Paragraph is subject to appropriation and funding by the Prince George's County Council and the Montgomery County Council.

ARTICLE XXIII COVENANTS OF LANDLORD

23.1 Landlord covenants that it has the right to enter into this Lease, and that if Tenant shall perform timely all of its obligations hereunder, then, subject to the provisions of this Lease, Tenant shall during the Lease Term peaceably and quietly occupy and enjoy the full possession of the Premises without hindrance by Landlord or any party claiming through or under Landlord.

23.2 Landlord reserves the following rights: (a) to change the street address and name of the Building and the Complex; (b) to change the arrangement and location of entrances, passageways, doors, doorways, corridors, elevators, stairs, toilets or other public parts of the Building and the Complex, provided that such changes do not materially adversely affect the usability of the Premises for general office purposes; (c) to erect, use and maintain pipes, wires structural supports, ducts and conduits in and through the Premises; (d) to grant to anyone the exclusive right to conduct any particular business in the Building and the Complex not inconsistent with Tenant's permitted use of the Premises; (e) to exclusively use and/or lease the roof areas, the sidewalks and other exterior areas; (f) to resubdivide the Land or to combine the Land with other lands; (g) to relocate any parking areas designated for Tenant's use, provided such relocation is, at its furthest point, within fifty (50) yards of the furthest point of Tenant's existing parking; (h) if Tenant vacates the Premises prior to the expiration of the Lease Term, to make Alterations to or otherwise prepare the Premises for reoccupancy without relieving Tenant of its obligation to pay all Base Rent, additional rent and other sums due under this Lease through such expiration; (i) to construct improvements (including kiosks) on the Land and in the public and common areas of the Building, using commercially reasonable efforts not to materially adversely affect the usability of the Premises for general office purposes; (j) to prohibit smoking in the entire Building or portions thereof (including the Premises) and on the Land, so long as such prohibitions are in accordance with applicable law; and (k) if any excavation or other substructure work shall be made or authorized to be made upon land adjacent to the Building or the Land, to enter the Premises for the purpose of doing such work as is required to preserve the walls of the Building and to preserve the land from injury or damage and to support such walls and land by proper foundations, using commercially reasonable efforts not to materially adversely affect the usability of the Premises for general office purposes. Landlord may exercise any or all of the foregoing rights without being deemed to be guilty of an eviction, actual or constructive, or a disturbance of Tenant's business or use or occupancy of the Premises.

ARTICLE XXIV PARKING

24.1 During the Lease Term, Tenant shall have the right to use (on a non-exclusive first-come, first-served basis) the unreserved Parking Permits (as defined in Section 1.18 hereinabove) for the unreserved parking of passenger automobiles in the parking areas designated from time to time by Landlord for the use of tenants of the Building (the "Parking Area").

24.2 Landlord reserves the right to establish rates and fees for the use of the Parking Area and to establish and modify or amend rules and regulations governing the use of such parking areas; provided, however, that the Parking Permits shall be free of charge during the initial Lease Term. Landlord shall have the right to revoke a user's parking privileges in the event such user fails to abide by the rules and regulations governing the use of such parking areas. Tenant shall be prohibited from using the Parking Area for purposes other than for parking registered vehicles. The storage or repair of vehicles in the Parking Area shall be prohibited.

24.3 Tenant shall not assign, sublet or transfer any parking permits. Any attempted assignment, sublet, or transfer shall be void. Landlord reserves the right to institute either a valet parking system or a self-parking system. Tenant and its employees shall observe reasonable safety precautions in the use of the Parking Area and shall at all times abide by all rules and regulations governing the use of the Parking Area promulgated by Landlord or the Parking Area operator. The Parking Area will remain open at all times; however, Landlord reserves the right to close a portion, but not all, of the Parking Area during periods of unusually inclement weather or for repairs. Landlord does not assume any responsibility, and shall not be held liable, for any damage or loss to any automobile or personal property in or about the Parking Area, or for any injury sustained by any person in or about the Parking Area.

ARTICLE XXV GENERAL PROVISIONS

25.1 Tenant acknowledges that neither Landlord nor any broker, agent or employee of Landlord has made any representation or promise with respect to the Premises or the Building except as herein expressly set forth, and no right, privilege, easement or license is being acquired by Tenant except as herein expressly set forth.

25.2 Nothing contained in this Lease shall be construed as creating any relationship between Landlord and Tenant other than that of landlord and tenant. Tenant shall not use the name of the Building, Metro Executive Terrace or 8400 Corporate Drive for any purpose other than as the address of the business to be conducted by Tenant in the Premises, use the name of the Building as Tenant's business address after Tenant vacates the Premises, or do or permit to be done anything in connection with Tenant's business or advertising which in the reasonable judgment of Landlord may reflect unfavorably on Landlord or the Building or confuse or mislead the public as to any apparent connection or relationship between Landlord the Building and Tenant.

25.3 Nothing contained in this Lease shall be construed as creating any relationship or legal obligations or rights as between Landlord and Prince George's County, Maryland or Landlord and Montgomery County, Maryland.

25.4 Any obligation or liability of Tenant arising in any way from this lease is subject to, limited by, and contingent upon the appropriation and availability of funds. Any indemnification given by Tenant in this lease may be limited by the damage caps and notice requirements set forth in any applicable State law. Any indemnification given by Tenant in this lease is not intended to create any rights or causes of action in any third parties or to increase the Tenant's liability above the caps provided in any applicable State law.

25.5 Landlord and Tenant each warrants to the other that in connection with this Lease it has not employed or dealt with any broker, agent or finder, other than the Broker(s). Landlord acknowledges that Landlord shall pay any commission or fee due to the Broker(s) pursuant to a separate agreement. Tenant shall indemnify and hold Landlord harmless from and against any claim for brokerage or other commissions asserted by any broker, agent or finder employed by Tenant or with whom Tenant has dealt, other than the Broker(s).

25.6 At any time and from time to time, upon not less than ten (10) business days' prior written notice, Tenant and each subtenant, assignee, licensee or concessionaire or occupant of Tenant shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to Landlord and/or any other person or entity designated by Landlord, a written statement certifying: (a) that this Lease is unmodified and in full force and effect (or if there have been modifications, that this Lease is in full force and effect as modified and stating the modifications); (b) the dates to which the rent and any other charges have been paid; (c) whether or not Landlord is in default in the performance of any obligation, and if so, specifying the nature of such default; (d) the address to which notices to Tenant are to be sent; (e) that this Lease is subject and subordinate to all Mortgages encumbering the Building or the Land; (f) that Tenant has accepted the Premises and that all work thereto has been completed (or if such work has not been completed, specifying the incomplete work); and (g) such other matters as Landlord may reasonably request. Any such statement may be relied upon by any owner of the Building or the Land, any prospective purchaser of the Building or the Land, any holder or prospective holder of a Mortgage or any other person or entity. Tenant acknowledges that time is of the essence to the delivery of such statements and that Tenant's failure to deliver timely such statements may cause substantial damages resulting from, for example, delays in obtaining financing secured by the Building. Tenant shall be liable for all such damages. If any such statement is not delivered timely by Tenant then all matters contained in such statement shall be deemed true and accurate.

25.7 TENANT AND ALL GENERAL PARTNERS OF TENANT EACH WAIVES TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, CLAIM OR COUNTERCLAIM BROUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH ANY MATTER ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THIS LEASE, THE RELATIONSHIP OF LANDLORD AND TENANT HEREUNDER, TENANT'S USE OR OCCUPANCY OF THE PREMISES, AND/OR ANY CLAIM OF INJURY OR DAMAGE. TENANT CONSENTS TO SERVICE OF PROCESS AND ANY PLEADING RELATING TO ANY SUCH ACTION AT THE PREMISES; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING HEREIN SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS REQUIRING SUCH SERVICE AT THE PREMISES. TENANT, AND ALL GENERAL PARTNERS OF TENANT EACH WAIVES ANY OBJECTION TO THE VENUE OF ANY ACTION FILED IN ANY COURT SITUATED IN THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE BUILDING IS LOCATED, AND WAIVES ANY RIGHT, CLAIM OR POWER, UNDER THE DOCTRINE OF *FORUM NON CONVENIENS* OR OTHERWISE, TO TRANSFER ANY SUCH ACTION TO ANY OTHER COURT.

25.8 All notices or other communications required under this Lease shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given and received when delivered in person (with receipt therefor), on the next business day after deposit with a recognized, national overnight delivery service, or on the second day after being sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to the following addresses: (a) if to Landlord, at each of the Landlord Notice Addresses specified in Article I; (b) if to Tenant, at the Tenant Notice Address specified in Article I. Either party may change its address for the giving of notices by notice given in accordance with this Section. If Landlord or the holder of any Mortgage notifies Tenant that a copy of any notice to Landlord shall be sent to such holder at a specified address, then Tenant shall send (in the manner specified in this Section and at the same time such notice is sent to Landlord) a copy of each such notice to such holder, and no such notice shall be considered duly sent unless

such copy is so sent to such holder. Any such holder shall have the rights set forth in Section 21.4. Any cure of Landlord's default by such holder shall be treated as performance by Landlord.

25.9 Each provision of this Lease shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any provision of this Lease or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall to any extent be invalid or unenforceable, then such provision shall be deemed to be replaced by the valid and enforceable provision most substantively similar to such invalid or unenforceable provision, and the remainder of this Lease and the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby. Nothing contained in this Lease shall be construed as permitting Landlord to charge or receive interest in excess of the maximum rate allowed by law.

25.10 Feminine, masculine or neuter pronouns shall be substituted for those of another form, and the plural or singular shall be substituted for the other number, in any place in which the context may require such substitution.

25.11 The provisions of this Lease shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and each of their respective representatives, successors and assigns, subject to the provisions herein restricting assignment or subletting.

25.12 This Lease contains and embodies the entire agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations, letters of intent, proposals, representations, warranties, understandings, suggestions and discussions, whether written or oral, between the parties hereto. Any representation, inducement, warranty, understanding or agreement that is not expressly set forth in this Lease shall be of no force or effect. This Lease may be modified or changed in any manner only by an instrument signed by both parties. This Lease includes and incorporates all Exhibits attached hereto.

25.13 This Lease shall be governed by the Laws of the jurisdiction in which the Building is located. There shall be no presumption that this Lease be construed more strictly against the party who itself or through its agent prepared it, it being agreed that all parties hereto have participated in the preparation of this Lease and that each party had the opportunity to consult legal counsel before the execution of this Lease.

25.14 Headings are used for convenience and shall not be considered when construing this Lease.

25.15 The submission of an unsigned copy of this document to Tenant shall not constitute an offer or option to lease the Premises. This Lease shall become effective and binding only upon execution and delivery by both Landlord and Tenant.

25.16 Time is of the essence with respect to each of Tenant's obligations hereunder.

25.17 This Lease may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together constitute one and the same document. The parties hereto consent and agree that this Lease may be signed and/or transmitted by facsimile, e-mail of a .pdf document or using electronic signature technology (e.g., via DocuSign or similar electronic signature technology), and that such signed electronic record shall be valid and as effective to bind the party so signing as a paper copy bearing such party's handwritten signature. The parties further consent and agree that (1) to the extent a party signs this Lease using electronic signature technology, by clicking "SIGN", such party is signing this Lease electronically, and (2) the electronic signatures appearing on this Lease shall be treated, for purposes of validity, enforceability and admissibility, the same as handwritten signatures.

25.18 Neither this Lease nor a memorandum thereof shall be recorded.

25.19 Landlord reserves the right to make reasonable changes and modifications to the plans and specifications for the Building without Tenant's consent.

25.20 Any elimination or shutting off of light, air, or view by any structure which may be erected on lands adjacent to the Building shall in no way affect this Lease or impose any liability on Landlord.

25.21 Except as otherwise provided in this Lease, any additional rent or other sum owed by Tenant to Landlord (other than Base Rent), and any cost, expense, damage or liability incurred by Landlord for which Tenant is liable, shall be considered additional rent payable pursuant to this Lease to be paid by Tenant no later than thirty (30) days after the date Landlord notifies Tenant of the amount thereof.

25.22 Tenant's liabilities and obligations with respect to the period prior to the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease Term shall survive such expiration or earlier termination.

25.23 If Landlord is in any way delayed or prevented from performing any obligation due to fire, act of God, governmental act or failure to act, strike, labor dispute, inability to procure materials, or any cause beyond Landlord's reasonable control (whether similar or dissimilar to the foregoing events), then the time for performance of such obligation shall be excused for the period of such delay or prevention and extended for a period equal to the period of such delay, interruption or prevention.

25.24 Landlord's review, approval and consent powers (including the right to review plans and specifications) are for its benefit only. Such review, approval or consent (or condition imposed in connection therewith) shall be deemed not to constitute a representation concerning legality, safety or any other matter.

25.25 The deletion of any printed, typed or other portion of this Lease shall not evidence the parties' intention to contradict such deleted portion. Such deleted portion shall be deemed not to have been inserted in this Lease.

25.26 At the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease Term, Tenant shall deliver to Landlord all keys and security cards to the Building and the Premises, whether such keys were furnished by Landlord or otherwise procured by Tenant, and shall inform Landlord of the combination of each lock, safe and vault, if any, in the Premises.

25.27 Tenant and the person executing and delivering this Lease on Tenant's behalf each represents and warrants that such person is duly authorized to so act; that Tenant is duly organized, is qualified to do business in the jurisdiction in which the Building is located, is in good standing under the Laws of the state of its organization and the Laws of the jurisdiction in which the Building is located, and has the power and authority' to enter into this Lease; and that all action required to authorize Tenant and such person to enter into this Lease has been duly taken.

25.28 At any time upon not less than ten (10) business days' prior written notice, Tenant shall submit (a) the current financial statements of Tenant, financial statements of Tenant for both of the two (2) prior full years and an opinion of Tenant's certified public accountant (including a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement for the most recent prior full year), all prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied, and (b) such other information concerning the financial condition of Tenant, a Guarantor or any other person or entity liable for Tenant's obligations hereunder (including, without limitation, quarterly statements) as Landlord may request; provided, however, that Landlord shall not request the information set forth in clause (a) more than twice per calendar year. Tenant warrants that all such information heretofore and hereafter submitted is and shall be correct and complete.

25.29 Tenant hereby represents its compliance with all applicable anti-money laundering laws, including, without limitation, the USA Patriot Act, and the laws administered by the United States Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control, including, without limitation, Executive Order 13224 (the "Executive Order"). Tenant further represents (a) that it is not, and it is not owned or controlled directly or indirectly by any person or entity, on the SDN List published by the United States Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control and (b) that it is not a person otherwise identified by government or legal authority as a person with whom a U.S. Person is prohibited from transacting business. As of the date hereof, a list of such designations and the text of the Executive Order are published under the internet website address www.ustreas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac. Tenant covenants and agrees to deliver to Landlord any reasonable certification or other evidence requested from time to time by Landlord in its reasonable discretion confirming Tenant's compliance with this Section 25.27.

ARTICLE XXVI BUILDING AMENITIES

26.1 Conference Room. Landlord has provided for the use of the tenants of the Building a conference room. Provided Tenant is not in default hereunder following applicable notice and cure periods, during the Lease Term, Tenant shall be entitled on a first-come first-served basis to be coordinated with the property manager to the non-exclusive use of such conference room. Prior to using any such conference room, Tenant must first notify Landlord's property manager of its intent to do so. The property manager shall then schedule a time in which Tenant may use the conference room with Tenant's rights being on a first-come first served basis during Normal Business Hours. Landlord may place reasonable limits on each tenant's usage of the conference room so that no tenant is making disproportionate use of the conference room if the result of such disproportionate use would be to limit the availability of the conference room for use by other tenants or licensees. Landlord shall have the right, at its sole option, to institute a reservation system for such conference room. Use of such conference room shall be at no separate charge to Tenant (other than inclusion of the costs thereof as an Operating Costs), except that Landlord shall have the right to charge a cleaning and/or set-up fee for use of such conference room. Landlord shall not be liable to any person for injuries received while using such conference room. Landlord shall be entitled at its option to either discontinue provision of the conference room or at its option relocate the conference room to another floor of the Building.

26.2 Fitness Facility. The Building includes a fitness center for the use of Tenant and other tenants of the Building. Use of the fitness center shall be subject to such rules and regulations as Landlord or its management agent may establish from time to time, and to compliance therewith by the tenants and their guests (including the obligation to execute a liability waiver). Any tenant or other party who violates such rules and regulations may be prohibited by Landlord or its management agent from using the fitness center.

26.3 Vending Services. The Building includes enhanced vending services for the use of Tenant and other tenants of the Building. Use of the enhanced vending shall be subject to such rules and regulations as Landlord or its management agent may establish from time to time, and to compliance therewith by the tenant and their guests. Any tenant or other party who violates such rules and regulations may be prohibited by Landlord or its management agent from using the enhanced vending services. Landlord agrees to take no action to discontinue such services during the initial term or any renewal term(s).

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Landlord and Tenant have executed this Lease under seal as of the day and year first above written.

WITNESS/ATTEST:

LANDLORD:

PDC METRO EAST LLC,
a Maryland limited liability company

By: Polinger Development Co.,
a Maryland corporation, its Manager

By: _____
Name: John H.C. Gordon
Title: President

WITNESS/ATTEST:

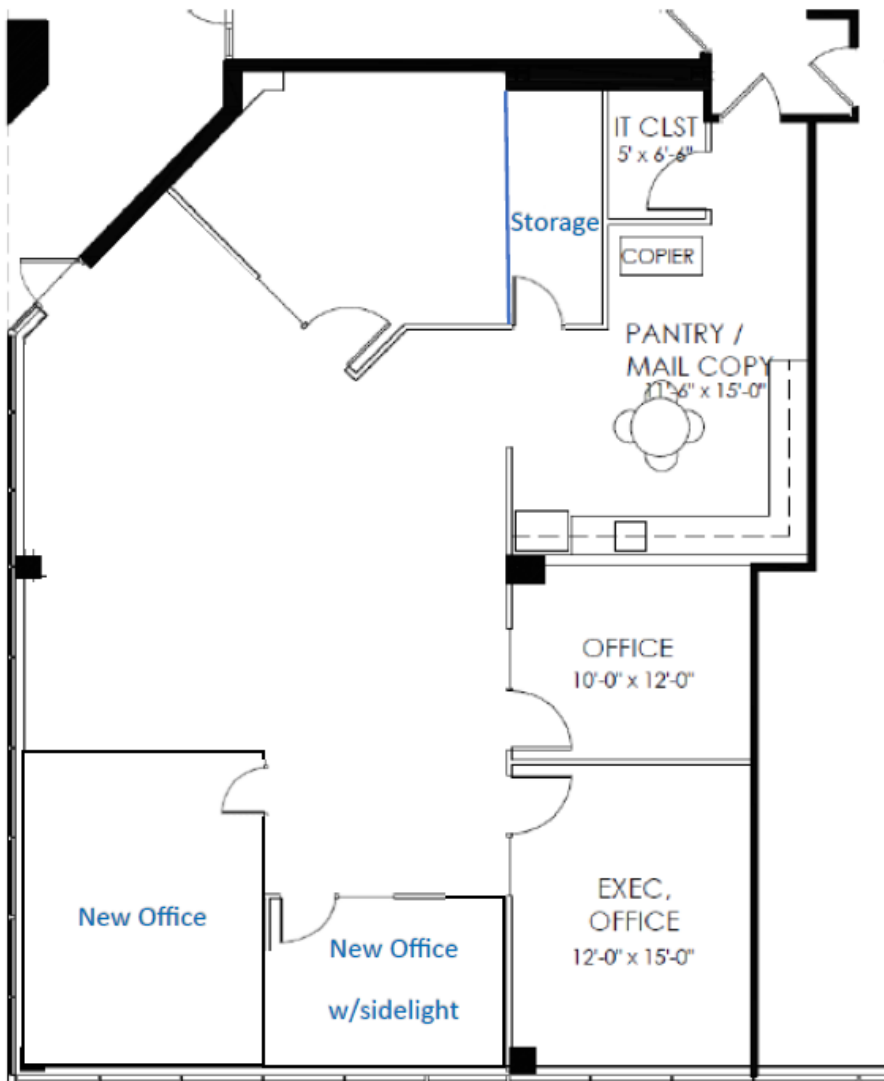
TENANT:

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION

By: _____ [SEAL]
Name: _____
Title: _____

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EXHIBIT A
SPACE PLAN



Add two new offices; only one with sidelight
Create a storage closet in existing conference room
Paint the suite white
Shampoo the existing carpet

EXHIBIT B

LANDLORD WORK

1. Provided Tenant is not then in default of any of the terms or conditions of the Lease, Landlord agrees to deliver the Premises to Tenant as a fully constructed "spec" suite substantially in accordance with the space plan attached as Exhibit A to the Lease, using Building standard, methods, materials, and finishes (the "Landlord Work"). It is agreed that the performance of the Landlord Work is intended to be "turnkey" and will be completed at Landlord's sole cost and expense; provided, however, in the event that Tenant elects to make any changes to this Exhibit or to Exhibit A, which changes increase the cost of such work, Tenant shall pay such increased costs ("Excess Costs") in full prior to the commencement of such work. If payments due for such Excess Costs are not paid in full within ten (10) calendar days after they are due, Tenant acknowledges that the late payment fee and interest charge provisions of Section 19.6 of the Lease shall apply. It is expressly agreed that the Landlord Work will not include installation of cabling or wiring and that Tenant's contractors will be solely responsible for such items.

2. Nothing contained in this Exhibit B, nor any delay in completing the Premises, shall in any manner affect the Lease Commencement Date set forth in Section 1.4 of the Lease or Tenant's liability for payment of Base Rent from such date, except as follows: If Substantial Completion (as hereinafter defined) of the Landlord Work is delayed due to a Tenant Caused Delay (as hereinafter defined), then the Lease Commencement Date for all purposes of the Lease shall be the date on which the Landlord Work would have been Substantially Complete but for such Tenant Caused Delay(s).

3. As used herein, "**Substantial Completion**" or "**Substantially Complete**" shall mean when all Landlord Work has been completed, in accordance with all applicable laws and substantially in accordance with Exhibit A attached hereto; except for minor details of construction and minor adjustments of equipment and fixtures that can be completed without causing unreasonable interference with Tenant's use of the Premises.

4. As used herein, "**Tenant Caused Delay**" shall mean any delay in the Substantial Completion of the Landlord Work caused by: (i) Tenant's or Tenant's agent's, representative's, contractor's or employee's interference with the work of Landlord or Landlord's contractor; (ii) Tenant's failure to fully and timely comply with the terms and conditions of the Lease or this Exhibit B; (iii) Tenant's failure to respond to any request by Landlord for any approval or information within three (3) business days of such request pertaining to the Landlord Work or (iv) any other act or omission by Tenant or any employee, agent, representative or contractor of Tenant constituting a Tenant Caused Delay under the terms of this Lease or any exhibit, rider, annex, or schedule.

5. Notwithstanding that the Premises is being constructed on a "turnkey" basis, the Landlord Work shall expressly exclude coordination of furniture, audio visual, security, and IT infrastructure and all such items shall be performed by Tenant using contractors selected by Tenant.

EXHIBIT C

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations have been formulated for the safety and well-being of all tenants of the Building. Strict adherence to these rules and regulations is necessary to guarantee that every tenant will enjoy a safe and undisturbed occupancy of its premises. Any violation of these rules and regulations by Tenant shall constitute a default by Tenant under the Lease. The rules and regulations are as follows:

1. Tenant shall not obstruct or encumber or use for any purpose other than ingress and egress to and from the Premises any sidewalk, entrance, passage, court, elevator, vestibule, stairway, corridor, hall or other part of the Building not exclusively occupied by Tenant. No bottles, parcels or other articles shall be placed, kept or displayed on window ledges, in windows or in corridors, stairways or other public parts of the Building. Tenant shall not place any showcase, mat or other article outside the Premises.

2. Landlord shall have the right to control and operate the public portions of the Building and the facilities furnished for common use of the tenants, in such manner as Landlord deems best for the benefit of the tenants generally. Tenant shall not permit the visit to the Premises of persons in such numbers or under such conditions as to interfere with the use and enjoyment of the entrances, corridors, elevators and other public portions or facilities of the Building by other tenants. Tenant shall coordinate in advance with Landlord's property management department all deliveries to the Building so that arrangements can be made to minimize such interference. Tenant shall not permit its employees and invitees to congregate in the elevator lobbies or corridors of the Building. Canvassing, soliciting and peddling in the Building are prohibited, and Tenant shall cooperate to prevent the same.

3. Tenant shall not attach, hang or use in connection with any window or door of the Premises any drape, blind, shade or screen, without Landlord's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. All awnings, drapes, projections, curtains, blinds, shades, screens and other fixtures shall be of a quality, type, design and color, and shall be attached in a manner, approved in writing by Landlord, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any Tenant-supplied window treatments shall be installed behind Landlord's standard window treatments so that Landlord's standard window treatments will be what is visible to persons outside the Building. Drapes (whether installed by Landlord or Tenant) which are visible from the exterior of the Building shall be cleaned by Tenant at least once a year, without notice from Landlord, at Tenant's own expense.

4. Tenant shall not use the water fountains, water and wash closets, and plumbing and other fixtures for any purpose other than those for which they were constructed, and Tenant shall not place any debris, rubbish, rag or other substance therein (including, without limitation, coffee grounds). All damages from misuse of fixtures shall be borne by the tenant causing same.

5. Tenant shall not construct, maintain, use or operate within the Premises any electrical device, wiring or apparatus in connection with a loudspeaker system or other sound system, in connection with any excessively bright, changing, flashing, flickering or moving light or lighting device, or in connection with any similar device or system, in a manner that is visible or audible from outside the Premises without Landlord's prior written consent. Tenant shall not construct, maintain, use or operate any such device or system outside of its Premises or within such Premises so that the same can be heard or seen from outside the Premises. No flashing, neon or search lights shall be used which can be seen outside the Premises.

6. Tenant shall not bring any bicycle, vehicle, animal, bird or pet of any kind into the Building, except seeing-eye or hearing-ear dogs or other service animals for handicapped persons visiting the Premises.

7. Except as specifically provided to the contrary in the Lease, Tenant shall not cook or permit any cooking on the Premises, except for microwave cooking, toaster oven cooking and use of coffee machines by Tenant's employees for their own consumption. Tenant shall not install any microwave oven or coffee machine in the Premises without Landlord's prior written approval of such equipment and its location within the Premises, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Tenant shall not cause or permit any unusual or objectionable odor to be produced upon or emanate from the Premises.

8. Tenant shall not make any unseemly or disturbing noise that would disturb or interfere with other occupants of the Building or detract from the image of the Building.

9. Tenant shall not place on any floor a load exceeding the floor load per square foot which such floor was designed to carry. Landlord shall have the right to prescribe the weight, position and manner of installation of safes and other heavy equipment and fixtures. Landlord shall have the right to repair at Tenant's expense any damage to the Premises or the Building caused by Tenant's moving property into or out of the Premises or due to the same being in or upon the Premises or to require Tenant to do the same. Tenant shall not receive into the Building or carry in the elevators any safes, freight, furniture, equipment or bulky item except as approved by Landlord, and any such furniture, equipment and bulky item shall be delivered only through the designated delivery entrance of the Building and the designated freight elevator at designated times. Tenant shall remove promptly from any sidewalk adjacent to the Building any furniture, furnishing, equipment or other material there delivered or deposited for Tenant.

10. Tenant shall not place additional locks or bolts of any kind on any of the doors or windows, and shall not make any change in any existing lock or locking mechanism therein, without Landlord's prior written approval. Tenant shall keep doors leading to a corridor or main hall closed at all times except as such doors may be used for ingress or egress and shall lock such doors during all times the Premises are unattended. Tenant shall, upon the termination of its tenancy: (a) restore to Landlord all keys and security cards to stores, offices, storage rooms, toilet rooms, the Building and the Premises which were either furnished to, or otherwise procured by, Tenant, and in the event of the loss of any keys so furnished, Tenant shall pay the replacement cost thereof; and (b) inform Landlord of the combination of any lock, safe and vault in the Premises. At Landlord's request, a

charge of three dollars (\$3.00) per key shall be paid for all keys in excess of two (2) for each public entrance door to the Premises Tenant's key system shall be consistent with that for the rest of the Building.

11. Tenant shall not install or operate in the Premises any electrically operated equipment or machinery (other than reasonable quantities of customary office equipment) without obtaining the prior written consent of Landlord. Landlord may condition such consent upon Tenant's payment of additional rent in compensation for the excess consumption of electricity or other utilities and for the cost of any additional wiring or apparatus that may be occasioned by the operation of such equipment of machinery. Tenant shall not install any equipment of any type or nature that will or may necessitate any changes, replacements or additions to, or changes in the use of, the water system, heating system, plumbing system, air-conditioning system, electrical system or life safety system of the Premises or the Building, without obtaining Landlord's prior written consent, which consent may be granted or withheld in Landlord's sole and absolute discretion. If any machine or equipment of Tenant causes noise or vibration that may be transmitted to such a degree as to be objectionable to Landlord or any tenant in the Building, then Landlord shall have the right to install at Tenant's expense vibration eliminators or other devices sufficient to reduce such noise and vibration to a level satisfactory to Landlord or to require Tenant to do the same.

12. Landlord reserves the right to exclude from the Building at all times any person who does not properly identify himself to the Building management or attendant on duty. Landlord shall have the right to exclude any undesirable or disorderly persons from the Building at any time. Landlord may require all persons admitted to or leaving the Building to show satisfactory identification and to sign a register.

13. Tenant shall not permit or encourage any loitering in or about the Premises and shall not use or permit the use of the Premises for lodging, dwelling or sleeping.

14. Tenant, before closing and leaving the Premises at any time, shall see that all windows are closed and all lights and equipment are turned off, including, without limitation, coffee machines.

15. Tenant shall not request Landlord's employees to perform any work or do anything outside of such employees' regular duties without Landlord's prior written consent. Tenant's special requirements will be attended to only upon application to Landlord, and any such special requirements shall be billed to Tenant in accordance with the schedule of charges maintained by Landlord from time to time or as is agreed upon in writing in advance by Landlord and Tenant. Tenant shall not employ any of Landlord's employees for any purpose whatsoever without Landlord's prior written consent.

16. There shall not be used in any space, or in the public halls of the Building, either by any tenant or by jobbers or others in the delivery or receipt of merchandise, any hand trucks, except those equipped with rubber tires and side guards. Tenant shall be responsible for any loss or damage resulting from any deliveries made by or for Tenant.

17. Tenant shall not install or permit the installation of any wiring for any purpose on the exterior of the Premises.

18. Tenant acknowledges that it is Landlord's intention that the Building be operated in a manner which is consistent with the highest standards of cleanliness, decency and morals in the community which it serves. Toward that end, Tenant shall not sell, distribute, display or offer for sale any item which, in Landlord's reasonable judgment, is inconsistent with the quality of operation of the Building or may tend to impose or detract from the moral character or image of the Building. Tenant shall not use the Premises for any immoral or illegal purpose.

19. Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Lease, Tenant shall not use, occupy or permit any portion of the Premises to be used or occupied for the storage, manufacture or sale of liquor.

20. Tenant shall purchase or contract for waxing, rug shampooing, venetian blind washing, interior glass washing, furniture polishing, janitorial work, removal of any garbage from any dining or eating facility or for towel service in the Premises, only from contractors companies or persons approved by Landlord.

21. Tenant shall not remove, alter or replace the ceiling light diffusers, ceiling tiles or air diffusers in any portion of the Premises without the prior written consent of Landlord.

22. Tenant shall not purchase water, ice, coffee, soft drinks, towels, or other merchandise or services from any company or person whose repeated violation of Building regulations has caused, in Landlord's opinion, a hazard or nuisance to the Building and/or its occupants.

23. Tenant shall not pay any employee on the Premises except those actually employed therein; nor shall Tenant use the Premises as headquarters for large scale employment of workers for other locations.

24. Landlord shall have the right, upon written notice to Tenant, to require Tenant to refrain from or discontinue any advertising by Tenant which, in Landlord's reasonable opinion, tends to impair the reputation of the Building or its desirability for offices.

25. Tenant shall not in any manner deface any part of the Premises or the Building. No stringing of wires, boring or cutting shall be permitted except with Landlord's prior written consent. Any floor covering installed by Tenant shall have an under layer of felt rubber, or similar sound deadening substance, which shall not be affixed to the floor by cement or any other non-soluble adhesive materials.

26. Should Tenant's use and occupancy of the Premises require the installation of supplemental cooling, and should the Building contain a closed loop, Tenant agrees that its supplemental cooling requirements will be serviced by tapping into the Building's closed loop. Tenant shall be responsible for the cost of connecting into the loop and agrees to pay to Landlord as additional rent the monthly tap fee in accordance with Landlord's then-current rate schedule. Should the Building not contain a closed loop, Tenant agrees to be responsible for fees associated with placing equipment on the roof of the Building.

27. Each Tenant shall handle its newspapers and "office paper" in the manner required by Law and shall conform with any recycling plan instituted by Landlord.

28. Tenant shall not bring or keep, or permit to be brought or kept, in the Building any weapon or flammable combustible or explosive fluid, chemical or substance.

29. Tenant shall comply with all workplace smoking Laws. There shall be no smoking in bathrooms, elevator lobbies elevators, and other common areas.

30. Landlord may, upon request of Tenant, waive Tenant's compliance with any of the rules, provided that (a) no waiver shall be effective unless signed by Landlord, (b) no waiver shall relieve Tenant from the obligation to comply with such rule in the future unless otherwise agreed in writing by Landlord, (c) no waiver granted to any tenant shall relieve any other tenant from the obligation of complying with these rules and regulations, and (d) no waiver shall relieve Tenant from any liability for any loss or damage resulting from Tenant's failure to comply with any rule.

The following rules shall be applicable to retail tenants only:

1. Tenant shall replace promptly any cracked or broken glass in the Premises (including without limitation all windows, display cases, countertops and doors) with glass of like color, kind and quality.

2. Tenant shall not operate its business in a manner which is commonly known as a "discount house", "wholesale house", "cut-rate store", or "outlet store", and shall not conduct any "fire sale," "going out of business sale," "bankruptcy sale" or auction within the Premises.

3. Tenant shall not receive or ship articles of any kind outside the designated loading area for the Premises or other than during the designated loading times.

4. Tenant shall keep any garbage, trash, rubbish or other refuse in rat-proof containers within the interior of the Premises; deposit daily such garbage, trash, rubbish and refuse in receptacles designated by Landlord; and enclose and/or shield such receptacles in a manner approved by Landlord.

5. Tenant shall not sell, display or offer for sale any roach clip, water pipe, bong, coke spoon, cigarette papers, hypodermic syringe or other paraphernalia which in Landlord's opinion are commonly used in connection with illegal drugs, or any pornographic, lewd, suggestive or "adult" newspaper, book, magazine, film, picture or merchandise of any kind.

6. Tenant shall not install burglar bars in or to the Premises without Landlord's prior approval and if requested to do so by Landlord, install a locking system compatible with the locking system being used by Landlord at the Building.

EXHIBIT D

CERTIFICATE AFFIRMING COMMENCEMENT DATES

This Certificate is executed by Tenant pursuant to the terms and provisions of that certain Office Lease Agreement dated as of _____, 20__ (the "Lease"), by and between **PDC METRO EAST LLC** ("Landlord") and **WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION** ("Tenant"). This Certificate confirms the following:

1. The Lease Commencement Date is _____, 20__.
2. The initial term of the Lease shall expire on _____, ____.

3. Tenant acknowledges that, as of the date hereof, the Lease is in full force and effect and Landlord has timely performed all of the obligations required under the Lease to be performed by Landlord as of such date.

In the event Tenant does not execute and return this Certificate to Landlord within ten (10) business days after Tenant's receipt thereof, then the dates set forth herein shall be deemed conclusive.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF Tenant has executed this Certificate as of _____.

WITNESS/ATTEST

TENANT

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION,

By: _____ [SEAL]

Name: _____

Title: _____