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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this day of 19

by and between THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA through the Defense Contract Administration Services, Defense Supply Agency
acting for the Department of Defense (*hereinafter called the Government*) and (i)

a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of

(ii) a partnership consisting of

(iii) an individual trading as

with its principal office and place of business at in the city of

State of (*hereinafter called the Contractor*).

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Government, through the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, and/or the Department of the Air Force, has in the past purchased or may in the future purchase from the Contractor supplies or services which are required and necessary to the national defense of the United States; or may invite bids or request quotations on proposed contracts for the purchase of supplies or services which are required and necessary to the national defense of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that certain security measures be taken by the Contractor prior to and after his being accorded access to classified information; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to define and set forth the precautions and specific safeguards to be taken by the Contractor and the Government in order to preserve and maintain the security of the United States through the prevention of improper disclosure of classified information derived from matters affecting the national defense; sabotage; or any other act detrimental to the security of the United States:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual promises herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Section I—SECURITY CONTROLS

(A) The Contractor agrees to provide and maintain a system of security controls within its or his own organization in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Defense Industrial Security Manual for Safeguarding Classified Information attached hereto and made a part of this agreement, subject, however, (i) to any revisions of the Manual required by the demands of national security as determined by the Government, notice of which has been furnished to the Contractor, and (ii) to mutual agreements entered into by the parties in order to adapt the Manual to the Contractor's business and necessary procedures thereunder. In order to place in effect such security controls, the Contractor further agrees to prepare *Standard Practice Procedures* for its or his own use, such procedures to be consistent with the Department of Defense Industrial Security Manual for Safeguarding Classified Information. In the event of any inconsistency between the Contractor's Standard Practice Procedures and the Department of Defense Industrial Security Manual for Safeguarding Classified Information as the same may be revised, the Manual shall control.

(B) The Government agrees that it shall indicate when necessary by security classification (*Top Secret, Secret,* or *Confidential*), the degree of importance to the national defense of information pertaining to supplies, services, and other matters to be furnished by the Contractor to the Government or the Government to the Contractor, and the Government shall give written notice of such security classification to the Contractor and of any subsequent changes thereof; provided, however, that matters requiring security classification will be assigned the least restrictive security classification consistent with proper safeguarding of the matter concerned, since overclassification causes unnecessary operational delays and depreciates the importance of correctly classified matter. Further, the Government agrees that when Atomic Energy information is involved it will when necessary indicate by a marking additional to the classification marking that the information is "Restricted Data—Atomic Energy Act, 1946." The Contractor is authorized to rely on any letter or other written instrument signed by the contracting officer changing the classification of matter. The Government also agrees upon written application of the Contractor to designate employees of the Contractor who may have access to information classified Top Secret or Secret or to information classified Confidential when "Restricted Data" is involved, or to matter involving research, development, or production of cryptographic equipment, regardless of its military classification; and alien employees to have access to any classified matter.

(C) The Contractor agrees that it or he shall determine that any subcontractor, subbidder, individual, or organization proposed by it or him for the furnishing of supplies or services which will involve access to classified information in its or his custody has executed a Department of Defense Security Agreement which is still in effect, with any Military Department, prior to being accorded access to such classified information.

Section II—INSPECTION

Designated representatives of the Government responsible for inspection pertaining to industrial plant security shall have the right to inspect at reasonable intervals the procedures, methods, and facilities utilized by the Contractor in complying with the requirements of the terms and conditions of the Department of Defense Industrial Security Manual for Safeguarding Classified Information. Should the Government, through its authorized representative, determine that the Contractor's security methods, procedures, or facilities do not comply with such requirements, it shall submit a written report to the Contractor advising him of the deficiencies.

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Section III—MODIFICATION

Modification of this security agreement (*as distinguished from the Industrial Security Manual for Safeguarding Classified Information, which may be modified in accordance with section I of this agreement*) may be made only by written agreement of the parties hereto.

Section IV—TERMINATION

This agreement shall remain in effect until terminated through the giving of 30 days' written notice to the other party of intention to terminate; provided, however, notwithstanding any such termination, the terms and conditions of this agreement shall continue in effect so long as the Contractor has classified information in his possession or under his control.

Section V—PRIOR SECURITY AGREEMENTS

As of the date hereof, this security agreement replaces and succeeds any and all prior security or secrecy agreements, understandings, and representations with respect to the subject matter included herein, entered into between the Contractor and the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, and/or the Department of the Air Force: *Provided*, That the term "security or secrecy agreements, understandings, and representations" shall not include agreements, understandings, and representations contained in contracts for the furnishing of supplies or services to the Government heretofore entered into between the Contractor and the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, and/or the Department of the Air Force.

Section VI—SECURITY COSTS

This agreement does not obligate Government funds, and the Government shall not be liable for any costs or claims of the Contractor arising out of this agreement or instructions issued hereunder. It is recognized, however, that the parties may provide in other written contracts for security costs which may be properly chargeable thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the day and year first above written:

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By _____

_____
(Authorized representative of the Government)

_____
(Corporation)

WITNESS

By _____

_____

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(Firm)

_____
(Title)

_____
(Address)

NOTE.—In case of corporation, witnesses not required but certificate below must be completed. Type or print names under all signatures.

NOTE.—Contractor, if a corporation, should cause the following certificate to be executed under its corporate seal, provided that the same officer shall not execute both the agreement and the certificate.

CERTIFICATE

I, _____, certify that I am the _____ of the corporation named as Contractor herein; that _____ who signed this agreement on behalf of the Contractor, was then _____ of said corporation; that said agreement was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body, and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

(*Corporate Seal*)

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(Signature)

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