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Staffing Agreement

Chipset21, with its principal office located at _3405 Bonita Street 207 B Suitland MD, (“STAFFING FIRM”), and _____, with its principal office located at _____ (“CLIENT”) agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this Staffing Agreement (the “Agreement”).

STAFFING FIRM’s Duties and Responsibilities

1. STAFFING FIRM will

- a. Recruit, screen, interview, and assign its employees (“Assigned Employees”) to perform the type of work described on Exhibit A under CLIENT’s supervision at the locations specified on Exhibit A;
- b. Pay Assigned Employees’ wages and provide them with the benefits that STAFFING FIRM offers to them;
- c. Pay, withhold, and transmit payroll taxes; provide unemployment insurance and workers’ compensation benefits; and handle unemployment and workers’ compensation claims involving Assigned Employees;
- d. Require Assigned Employees to sign agreements (in the form of Exhibit B) acknowledging that they are not entitled to holidays, vacations, disability benefits, insurance, pensions, or retirement plans, or any other benefits offered or provided by CLIENT; and
- e. Require Assigned Employees to sign confidentiality agreements (in the form of Exhibit C) before they begin their assignments to CLIENT.
- f. Subcontractors will be compensated according to the agreement between CS21 and the subcontractor.

CLIENT’s Duties and Responsibilities

2. CLIENT will

- a. Properly supervise Assigned Employees performing its work and be responsible for its business operations, products, services, and intellectual property;
- b. Properly supervise, control, and safeguard its premises, processes, or systems, and not permit Assigned Employees to operate any vehicle or mobile equipment, or entrust them with unattended premises, cash, checks, keys, credit cards, merchandise, confidential or trade secret information, negotiable instruments, or other valuables without STAFFING FIRM’s express prior written approval or as strictly required by the job description provided to STAFFING FIRM;
- c. Provide Assigned Employees with a safe work site and provide appropriate information, training, and safety equipment with respect to any hazardous substances or conditions to which they may be exposed at the work site;
- d. Not change Assigned Employees’ job duties without STAFFING FIRM’s express prior written approval; and
- e. Exclude Assigned Employees from CLIENT’s benefit plans, policies, and practices, and not make any offer or promise relating to Assigned Employees’ compensation or benefits.

Payment Terms, Bill Rates, and Fees

3. CLIENT will pay STAFFING FIRM for its performance at the rates set forth on Exhibit A and will also pay any additional costs or fees set forth in this Agreement. STAFFING FIRM will invoice CLIENT for services provided under this Agreement on a Weekly basis. Payment is due on receipt of invoice. Invoices will be supported by the pertinent time sheets or other agreed system for documenting time worked by the Assigned Employees. CLIENT's signature or other agreed method of approval of the work time submitted for Assigned Employees certifies that the documented hours are correct and authorizes STAFFING FIRM to bill CLIENT for those hours. If a portion of any invoice is disputed, CLIENT will pay the undisputed portion.

4. Assigned Employees are presumed to be nonexempt from laws requiring premium pay for overtime, holiday work, or weekend work. STAFFING FIRM will charge CLIENT special rates for premium work time only when an Assigned Employee's work on assignment to CLIENT, viewed by itself, would legally require premium pay and CLIENT has authorized, directed, or allowed the Assigned Employee to work such premium work time. CLIENT's special billing rate for premium hours will be the same multiple of the regular billing rate as STAFFING FIRM is required to apply to the Assigned Employee's regular pay rate. (For example, when federal law requires 150% of pay for work exceeding 40 hours in a week, CLIENT will be billed at 150% of the regular bill rate.)

5. If CLIENT uses the services of any Assigned Employee as its direct employee, as an independent contractor, or through any person or firm other than STAFFING FIRM during or within 180 days after any assignment of the Assigned Employee to CLIENT from STAFFING FIRM, CLIENT must notify STAFFING FIRM and (a) continue the Assigned Employee's assignment from STAFFING FIRM for his or her next 80 consecutive work hours for CLIENT; or (b) pay STAFFING FIRM a fee in the amount of 2 times the final billing rate for that Assigned Employee, or \$1000.00, whichever is higher.

6. In addition to the bill rates specified in Exhibit A of this Agreement, CLIENT will pay STAFFING FIRM the amount of all new or increased labor costs associated with CLIENT's Assigned Employees that STAFFING FIRM is legally required to pay—such as wages, benefits, payroll taxes, social program contributions, or charges linked to benefit levels—until the parties agree on new bill rates.

Confidential Information

7. Both parties may receive information that is proprietary to or confidential to the other party or its affiliated companies and their clients. Both parties agree to hold such information in strict confidence and not to disclose such information to third parties or to use such information for any purpose whatsoever other than performing under this Agreement or as required by law. No knowledge, possession, or use of CLIENT's confidential information will be imputed to STAFFING FIRM as a result of Assigned Employees' access to such information.

Cooperation

8. The parties agree to cooperate fully and to provide assistance to the other party in the investigation and resolution of any complaints, claims, actions, or proceedings that may be brought by or that may involve Assigned Employees.

Indemnification and Limitation of Liability

9. To the extent permitted by law, STAFFING FIRM will defend, indemnify, and hold CLIENT and its parent, subsidiaries, directors, officers, agents, representatives, and employees harmless from all claims, losses, and liabilities (including reasonable attorneys' fees) to the extent caused by STAFFING FIRM's breach of this Agreement; its failure to discharge its duties and responsibilities set forth in paragraph 1; or the negligence, gross negligence, or willful misconduct of STAFFING FIRM or STAFFING FIRM's officers, employees, or authorized agents in the discharge of those duties and responsibilities.

10. To the extent permitted by law, CLIENT will defend, indemnify, and hold STAFFING FIRM and

its parent, subsidiaries, directors, officers, agents, representatives, and employees harmless from all claims, losses, and liabilities (including reasonable attorneys' fees) to the extent caused by CLIENT's breach of this Agreement; its failure to discharge its duties and responsibilities set forth in paragraph 2; or the negligence, gross negligence, or willful misconduct of CLIENT or CLIENT's officers, employees, or authorized agents in the discharge of those duties and responsibilities.

11. Neither party shall be liable for or be required to indemnify the other party for any incidental, consequential, exemplary, special, punitive, or lost profit damages that arise in connection with this Agreement, regardless of the form of action (whether in contract, tort, negligence, strict liability, or otherwise) and regardless of how characterized, even if such party has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

12. As a condition precedent to indemnification, the party seeking indemnification will inform the other party within 30 business days after it receives notice of any claim, loss, liability, or demand for which it seeks indemnification from the other party; and the party seeking indemnification will cooperate in the investigation and defense of any such matter.

13. The provisions in paragraphs 9 through 13 of this Agreement constitute the complete agreement between the parties with respect to indemnification, and each party waives its right to assert any common-law indemnification or contribution claim against the other party.

Miscellaneous

14. Provisions of this Agreement, which by their terms extend beyond the termination or non renewal of this Agreement, will remain effective after termination or non renewal.

15. No provision of this Agreement may be amended or waived unless agreed to in a writing signed by the parties.

16. Each provision of this Agreement will be considered severable, such that if any one provision or clause conflicts with existing or future applicable law or may not be given full effect because of such law, no other provision that can operate without the conflicting provision or clause will be affected.

17. This Agreement and the exhibits attached to it contain the entire understanding between the parties and supersede all prior agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter of the Agreement.

18. The provisions of this Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding on the parties and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

19. The failure of a party to enforce the provisions of this Agreement will not be a waiver of any provision or the right of such party thereafter to enforce each and every provision of this Agreement.

20. CLIENT will not transfer or assign this Agreement without STAFFING FIRM's written consent.

21. Any notice or other communication will be deemed to be properly given only when sent via the United States Postal Service or a nationally recognized courier, addressed as shown on the first page of this Agreement.

22. Neither party will be responsible for failure or delay in performance of this Agreement if the failure or delay is due to labor disputes, strikes, fire, riot, war, terrorism, acts of God, or any other causes beyond the control of the nonperforming party.

Term of Agreement

23. This Agreement will be for a term of 3 years from the first date on which both parties have executed it. The Agreement may be terminated by either party upon 3 days written notice to the other party, except that, if a party becomes bankrupt or insolvent, discontinues operations, or fails to make any payments as required by the Agreement, either party may terminate the agreement upon 8 hours written notice.

Authorized representatives of the parties have executed this Agreement below to express the parties' agreement to its terms.

CLIENT

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

CHIPSET21

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

Exhibit A

Sample Rate Schedule

Job Title or Description

Shift Location

Hourly Bill Rate

CLIENT STAFFING FIRM

Signature

Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Title Title

Date Date

Optional Provisions

Guarantee

STAFFING FIRM guarantees that the Assigned Employees that STAFFING FIRM recruits and assigns to CLIENT will have the qualifications CLIENT requests. If CLIENT finds any Assigned Employee's qualifications or general work-related behavior lacking and lets STAFFING FIRM know STAFFING FIRM will make reasonable efforts to replace the Assigned Employee immediately.

Insurance

STAFFING FIRM will cover STAFFING FIRM's staffing operations for CLIENT with at least the following types and limits of insurance or other coverage:

A. Commercial general liability insurance, including personal injury, contractual liability, and property damage, with limits of \$1,000,000.00.

Late Payment Penalty

CLIENT agrees to pay net upon receipt of invoice and to pay interest on any unpaid balances after 7 days from the date of receipt at the compounded rate of 3% per day (Annual Percentage Rate of 25%) or the maximum legal rate, whichever is higher, calculated from the date of receipt.

No Staff Hire-Aways; Fee

CLIENT and STAFFING FIRM agree not to directly or indirectly employ or engage as an independent contractor any staff employee of the other party during the term of this Agreement and for a period of 3 years thereafter without the prior written consent of the other party. Any party violating this paragraph will pay to the other party a fee in the amount of 50% of the employee's annualized compensation with the new employer.

Financial Audit

Upon reasonable written notice, either party may, at its own expense, inspect the other party's financial records relating to this Agreement, and the audited party shall cooperate with such audit. Auditors who are not employees of the auditing party may be engaged for this purpose only with the consent of the audited party.

Nature of Relationship

The services that STAFFING FIRM will render to CLIENT under this Agreement will be as an independent contractor. Nothing contained in this Agreement will be construed to create the relationship of principal and agent, or employer and employee, between STAFFING FIRM and CLIENT.

Headings

The headings of the paragraphs of this Agreement are inserted solely for the convenience of reference. They will in no way define, limit, extend, or aid in the construction of the scope, extent, or intent of this Agreement.

Arbitration

Any controversy or dispute between the parties arising out of this Agreement will be resolved by arbitration under the Federal Arbitration Act and before the American Arbitration Association (AAA) at the AAA location closest to STAFFING FIRM's office. The costs of arbitration will be shared.

Exhibit B

Agreement and Waiver

In consideration of my assignment to CLIENT by CS21, I agree that I am solely an employee, or contractor with CS21 for benefits plan purposes and that I am eligible only for such benefits as CS21 may offer to me as its employee, or contractor. I further understand and agree that I am not eligible for or entitled to participate in or make any claim upon any benefit plan, policy, or practice offered by CLIENT, its parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, or successors to any of their direct employees, regardless of the length of my assignment to CLIENT by CS21 Consulting firm and regardless of whether I am held to be a common-law employee of CLIENT for any purpose; and therefore, with full knowledge and understanding, I hereby expressly waive any claim or right that I may have, now or in the future, to such benefits and agree not to make any claim for such benefits.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS

Signature

Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Date Date

Exhibit C

Assigned Employee Confidentiality Agreement

As a condition of my assignment by CS21 to CLIENT, I hereby agree as follows:
I will not use, disclose, or in any way reveal or disseminate to unauthorized parties any information I

gain through contact with materials or documents that are made available through my assignment at CLIENT or which I learn about during such assignment.

I will not disclose or in any way reveal or disseminate any information pertaining to CLIENT or its operating methods and procedures that come to my attention as a result of this assignment.

Under no circumstances will I remove physical or electronic documents or copies of documents from the premises of CLIENT.

I understand that I will be responsible for any direct or consequential damages resulting from any violation of this Agreement.

The obligations of this Agreement will survive my employment by CS21.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS

Signature

Signature

Printed Name Printed Name

Date Date