

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
 PROCUREMENT  
 P.O. BOX 30003, LANSING, MI 48909  
 OR  
 206 E. MICHIGAN AVE, LANSING, MI 48933

**NOTICE OF CONTRACT NO. 472B5500068**  
 between  
**THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
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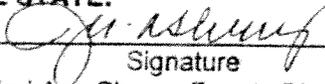
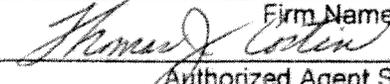
NAME & ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR:	PRIMARY CONTACT	EMAIL
Soletech, Inc. 425 Washington St. Claremont, NH 03743	Jim Ambrose	jim@soletech.com
	TELEPHONE	CONTRACTOR #, MAIL CODE
	(877) 625-9494	

STATE CONTACTS	AGENCY	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR:	Corrections	Chuck Beltz	(616) 527-2510 ext. 141	BeltzC1@michigan.gov
BUYER:	Corrections	Cathy Carr	(517) 241-2192	CarrC@michigan.gov

CONTRACT SUMMARY:			
DESCRIPTION:			
Outsole Blockers - MSI			
INITIAL TERM	EFFECTIVE DATE	INITIAL EXPIRATION DATE	AVAILABLE OPTIONS
Three year	February 10, 2015	February 9, 2018	two - one year
PAYMENT TERMS	F.O.B.	SHIPPED	SHIPPED FROM
3% 20; net 30 days	Destination	30 business days ARO	
ALTERNATE PAYMENT OPTIONS:			AVAILABLE TO MIDEAL PARTICIPANTS
<input type="checkbox"/> P-card <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Voucher (DV) <input type="checkbox"/> Other			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
MINIMUM DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS:			
4,000 pairs of any combination of outsole blocker sizes			
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:			
ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE AT TIME OF EXECUTION: \$945,945.00			

**THIS IS NOT AN ORDER:** This Contract Agreement is awarded on the basis of our inquiry bearing the solicitation #047215B0003515. Orders for delivery will be issued directly by the Department of Corrections through the issuance of a Purchase Order Form.

Notice of Contract #: 472B5500068

FOR THE CONTRACTOR:	FOR THE STATE:
Soletech, Inc. Firm Name	 Signature
 Authorized Agent Signature	Jeri Ann Sherry, Deputy Director Name/Title
THOMAS J. COSTIN Authorized Agent (Print or Type)	Department of Corrections Enter Name of Agency
02/06/2015 Date	1/12/15 Date



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# STATE OF MICHIGAN

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## STATEMENT OF WORK CONTRACT ACTIVITIES

The Statement of Work identifies the requirements of this Contract.

### Requirements

#### 1. Specifications

**1.1 The Contractor must provide outsole (the outside sole of a boot or shoe) blockers for the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC), Michigan State Industries (MSI) for use in the production of correctional shoes per the following product specifications:**

1. Outsole Blockers must be in the following sizes: 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16, & 17
2. Current Outsole Blocker brand is CPM-142 ST RUVA.
3. Color is black oil resistant outsoles.
4. Mold SMP-06
5. NBS abrasion resistance of 90-100%.
6. Outsole Blockers must be pre-buffed (roughed) with "oil resistant" printed on the bottom.
7. From toe to heel thickness must be 1/2" thick, heel must be 1" thick.
8. Specific gravity: 31 +/- .03g/cm<sup>3</sup>.
9. Oil resistance 19%.
10. Hardness: 66+/- scale c.
11. Tensile strength: 35+/-KG/CM.
12. Elongation: 230.
13. Trar strength: 15+ KG/CM.
14. Ross Flex: (-20C) 0 cut growth@ 7500 flexes.

Definite specifications – All commodities to be furnished hereunder must conform to the specifications as noted above.

Brands or trade names are for identification purposes only and do not limit the Contractor to such brands or trade names.

#### 1.2 Minimum Order

The minimum order is 4,000 pairs of any combination of outsole blocker sizes.

#### 1.3 Warranties

The Contractor warrants the product against any manufacturing defects or repairs. If an issue arises, MDOC should notify the Contractor immediately of the issue by telephone and follow-up with written notification. The Contractor may request samples of the defective products to be sent to the Contractor's office Claremont, NH for review. If the problem cannot be resolved by telephone, the Contractor will arrange for a Contractor representative to visit the MSI Shoe Factory. The Contractor agrees to endeavor to resolve any disputes within a timely manner.

#### 1.4 Recall Requirements and Procedures

If a quality problem arises that requires product to be recalled, the Contractor will immediately notify MDOC by telephone and in writing of the problem and provide instructions on how to return the product to the

Contractor, at the expense of the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to replace recalled product immediately.

### **1.5 Quality Assurance Program**

The Contractor maintains an office with a full-time Contractor employee within the manufacturing source, to oversee quality assurance. Quality assurance begins with the testing of the individual raw material components with testing along each step of the manufacturing process until final inspection at the time of packaging. Testing is performed in-house by the manufacturing facility and by an independent testing facility in the country or in the United States upon receipt by the Contractor.

### **1.6 Incentives**

The Contractor will offer a prompt payment discount of 3% 20; net 30 days. The number of days must not include processing time for payment to be received by the Contractor's financial institution.

### **1.7 Return Policy and Procedure**

As described in 1.3 Warranties, the Contractor warrants the product against any manufacturing defects or repairs. If there is an issue, the Contractor will take back the product at its expense and either issue a full refund for the defective product or immediately replace any defective product. All returns for incorrect orders are at no cost to the State.

## **2. Service Levels**

### **2.1 Time Frames**

All Contract Activities must be delivered within 30 business days from receipt of order. The receipt of order date is pursuant to Section 2, Notice provisions of the Standard Contract.

The Contractor will maintain a sufficient in-stock inventory to meet MDOC's requirement for delivery within 30 days. Orders will generally ship within 3-5 days of order receipt. If there is a need for a "Quick Ship" delivery, the Contractor is able to ship smaller orders by UPS same day or smaller truck orders within one or two calendar days after receipt of order. There may be an additional handling charge for special orders less than the minimum. MDOC would be responsible for the commercial freight or UPS charges on orders less than the minimum.

The Contractor's ability to provide product within the deliver timeframe will not be affected by the manufacturing plant shutdowns since the Contractor will have an in-stock inventory program for this product.

### **2.2 Delivery**

Delivery will be expected within 30 calendar days upon date of order. Deliveries will be accepted 8:00 a.m. through 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding State of Michigan holidays. The State will provide the Contractor with a calendar of the State holidays upon award. Deliveries will be made to:

Michigan Department of Corrections  
SMR Ionia Warehouse  
717 Wall Street  
Ionia, MI 48846

The Contractor is responsible for delivering the product to the location specified in the Purchase Order. Delivery to any other facility or warehouse will not be accepted, unless approved by the MDOC Contract Administrator prior to delivery. The State reserves the right to require that delivery be made directly to the factory which is located inside a correctional facility.

The Contractor should be aware that there is a possibility of a delay at any of the correctional facilities which prohibits delivery carriers entering the facility at time of arrival. The State will not be responsible for any additional charges which may arise due to delivery delays caused by a mobilization or any other reason.

## **2.3 Reporting**

The Contractor must provide various reports to the Program Manager, or designee, upon request. Examples include itemized reports of total items purchased by MSI, open invoice reports, delivery compliance reports, quality reports and service compliance reports.

## **2.4 Meetings**

The State may request meetings as it deems appropriate.

## **3. Staffing**

### **3.1 Contractor Representative**

The Contractor Representative that is specifically assigned to State of Michigan accounts, that will respond to State inquiries regarding the Contract Activities, answering questions related to ordering and delivery, etc. (the "Contractor Representative") is Mr. Jim Abrose, Director of Operations. The Contractor Representative is physically located at Soletech, Inc., 425 Washington Street, Claremont, NH 03743. His telephone number is (877) 625-9494.

The Contractor must notify the MDOC Contract Administrator immediately upon assigning a new Contractor Representative.

### **3.2 Customer Service Toll-Free Number**

The Contractor's toll-free number for the State to make contact with the Contractor Representative is (877) 625-9494. The Contractor Representative is available for calls during the hours of 6 am to 4:30 pm EST.

### **3.3 Disclosure of Subcontractors**

The Contractor utilizes Tianjin Solon Sports Goods Co., Ltd as its manufacturing partner. The subcontractor is located Yixing Science & Technology Are, Beichen District, Tianjin 300402 PRC.

The Contractor has worked with the subcontractor since 2005 and with the principals of the company for over twenty years. The Contractor maintains an office within the manufacturing plant. Mr. Sung Su Park is a full-time Contractor employee and he oversees the production of all Contractor products. Mr. Park may be contacted at +86-22-86993309.

### **3.4 Security**

The State may require delivery within a Michigan Department of Corrections correctional facility. The Contractor will be subject to the following security procedures:

All tobacco products are prohibited at all Michigan Department of Corrections Facilities. This includes vendors/drivers who will be prohibited from bringing in personal tobacco products to these locations.

All cellular devices, alcohol, firearms, fireworks, cameras, or animals, are prohibited from all Michigan Department of Corrections facilities. The State reserves the right to prohibit any item without prior notice or deny access to any vehicle.

Correctional facilities will provide a lock box for cellular devices and personal tobacco products in the sallyport. Contractor(s) that come into the Administration Building of a correctional facility will need to secure their cellular devices and personal tobacco products in their vehicle prior to entrance. If Contractor(s) arrive with such products, the Contractor(s) will be requested to return them to their vehicle. Delivery vehicles that carry tobacco and/or alcohol products for other organizations will not be allowed to bring such products into the facility.

If the Contractor(s) vehicle is equipped with video equipment, the Contractor(s) must have locking capability of interior and exterior facing lenses. Video equipment cannot be used within correctional facilities.

At least 24 hours prior to delivery of an order, the carrier should call the MDOC at (616) 527-2510 extension 1412 and provide the information for Law Enforcement Information Network (L.E.I.N.) clearance of the delivery driver and rider(s). Failure to provide the required information may result in the vendor being denied access to the correctional facility.

All vehicles entering a correctional facility must be inspected before entry of the secure perimeter.

The State reserves the right to deny access to any institution and/or facility to any Contractor(s) staff member who fails to comply with any applicable State, federal or local law, ordinance or regulation or whose presence may compromise the security of the facility, its members or staff. Persons under the age of 17 will not be allowed to enter the correctional facility. The State will not be responsible for costs incurred for denial of access.

Over familiarity with inmates is strictly forbidden.

The Contractor's staff may be required to make deliveries to or enter State facilities. The Contractor agrees to comply with all security access checks on its employees with direct responsibility for or access to the MDOC account. Deliveries will be via commercial carrier or UPS, which would also be subject to the State of Michigan's security clause herein. The State may require the Contractor's personnel to wear State issued identification badges.

### **3.5 Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003-Public Law 108-79, September 4, 2003.**

The Contractor must comply with the Federal Register and the MDOC Prison Rape Elimination Act, 28 CFR Part 115, Prevention Plan. The Contractor must immediately refer any allegations or forms of sexual abuse or sexual harassment (staff-on-prisoner and prisoner-on-prisoner) to the MDOC Contract Compliance Inspector in writing. The Contractor shall ensure compliance with the National Standards to Prevent, Detect and Respond to Prison Rape, effective August 20, 2012 at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-06-20/pdf/2012-12427.pdf>. See attached PREA standards (Attachment B). If the Contractor does not abide by these standards, it will be considered a breach of Contract.

## **4. Pricing**

### **4.1 Price Term**

Pricing is firm for a 365 day period ("Pricing Period"). The first pricing period begins on the Effective Date. Adjustments may be requested, in writing, by either party and will take effect no earlier than the next Pricing Period.

The Contractor must quote prices "F.O.B. Destination, within Government Premises" with transportation charges included in the unit price on all orders that meet the minimum order requirement specified in Section 1.2, Minimum Order. The State will not pay any freight.

### **4.2 Price Changes**

Adjustments will be based on changes in actual Contractor costs. Any request must be supported by written evidence documenting the change in costs. The State may consider sources, such as the Consumer Price Index; Producer Price Index; other pricing indices as needed; economic and industry data; manufacturer or supplier letters noting the increase in pricing; and any other data the State deems relevant.

Following the presentation of supporting documentation, both parties will have 30 days to review the information and prepare a written response. If the review reveals no need for modifications, pricing will remain unchanged unless mutually agreed to by the parties. If the review reveals that changes are needed, both parties will negotiate such changes, for no longer than 30 days, unless extended by mutual agreement.

The Contractor remains responsible for Contract Activities at the current price for all orders received before the mutual execution of a Change Notice indicating the start date of the new Pricing Period.

## **5. Ordering**

### **5.1 Authorizing Document**

The appropriate authorizing document for the Contract will be a purchase order released from the contract. The Contractor is not authorized to begin performance until receipt of a purchase order.

### **5.2 Order Verification**

The Contractor must have internal controls, approved by MDOC-Procurement, to verify abnormal orders and to ensure that only authorized individuals place orders.

## **6. Delivery**

### **6.1 Delivery Programs**

The Contractor's standard delivery will be via commercial carrier, freight prepaid for the minimum order of 4,000 pairs within the contract terms. The Contractor's quick-ship delivery will be via UPS same day or smaller truck orders within one or two calendar days after receipt of order. The MDOC will be responsible for the commercial freight or UPS charges for quick-ship deliveries.

### **6.2 Packaging and Palletizing**

The Contractor must include a packing slip with each delivery. The packing slip must be enclosed in an envelope and attached to outer side of palletized material for easy access. The packing slip must include the purchase order number, date, deliverable, shipped quantity and name of the appropriate MSI factory. The packing slip must be written in English.

Packaging must be optimized to permit the lowest freight rate. Shipments must be palletized whenever possible using manufacturer's standard 4-way shipping pallets.

The maximum height shall be 5'6" including pallet.

The maximum weight shall be 3,500 pounds including pallet.

Pallets are to be securely banded or shrink wrapped.

Cost of palletizing is included in the unit price.

## **7. Acceptance**

### **7.1 Acceptance, Inspection and Testing**

All commodities and/or services to be furnished hereunder must conform to the specifications as noted in the contract. The acceptance process is defined in Section 16, Acceptance of the Standard Contract Terms.

### **7.2 Final Acceptance**

Final acceptance will be once the requested quantities are delivered in the requested time frame, as noted in the specifications of the contract.

## **8. Invoice and Payment**

### **8.1 Invoice Requirements**

All invoices submitted to the State must include: (a) date; (b) purchase order; (c) quantity; (d) description of the Contract Activities; (e) unit price; and (f) total price.

## **8.2 Payment Methods**

The State will make payment for Contract Activities via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

## **9. Additional Requirements**

### **9.1 Environmental and Energy Efficient Products**

The Contractor utilizes a small percentage of recycled rubber mixed in with the virgin rubber in an effort to reduce the manufacturing plant's carbon footprint.

### **9.2 Hazardous Chemical Identification**

In accordance with the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, 42 USC 11001, *et seq.*, as amended, the Contractor must provide a Material Safety Data Sheet listing any hazardous chemicals, as defined in 40 CFR §370.2, to be delivered. Each hazardous chemical must be properly identified, including any applicable identification number, such as a National Stock Number or Special Item Number.

There are no hazardous chemicals used in the manufacturing of the contract product.

### **9.3 Mercury Content**

Pursuant to MCL 18.1261d, mercury-free products must be procured when possible. The Contractor must explain if it intends to provide products containing mercury, the amount or concentration of mercury, and whether cost competitive alternatives exist. If cost competitive alternatives do not exist, the Contractor must provide justification as to why the particular product is essential. All products containing mercury must be labeled as containing mercury.

Products being supplied under this contract are mercury-free.

### **9.4 Brominated Flame Retardants**

The State prefers to purchase products that do not contain brominated flame retardants (BFRs) whenever possible. The products supplied under this contract do not contain BFRs.

### **9.5 Reserved**

### **9.9 Project Plan**

The Contractor will carry out this project under the direction and control of the Program Manager.

# STATE OF MICHIGAN

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### STANDARD CONTRACT TERMS

This STANDARD CONTRACT (“Contract”) is agreed to between the State of Michigan (the “State”) and Soletech, Inc. (“Contractor”), a Massachusetts corporation. This Contract is effective on February 10, 2015 (“Effective Date”), and unless terminated, expires on February 9, 2018.

This Contract may be renewed for up to two additional one year period(s). Renewal must be by written agreement of the parties.

The parties agree as follows:

1. **Duties of Contractor.** Contractor must perform the services and provide the deliverables described in **Exhibit A – Statement of Work** (the “Contract Activities”). An obligation to provide delivery of any commodity is considered a service and is a Contract Activity.

Contractor must furnish all labor, equipment, materials, and supplies necessary for the performance of the Contract Activities, and meet operational standards, unless otherwise specified in Exhibit A.

Contractor must: (a) perform the Contract Activities in a timely, professional, safe, and workmanlike manner consistent with standards in the trade, profession, or industry; (b) meet or exceed the performance and operational standards, and specifications of the Contract; (c) provide all Contract Activities in good quality, with no material defects; (d) not interfere with the State’s operations; (e) obtain and maintain all necessary licenses, permits or other authorizations necessary for the performance of the Contract; (f) cooperate with the State, including the State’s quality assurance personnel, and any third party to achieve the objectives of the Contract; (g) return to the State any State-furnished equipment or other resources in the same condition as when provided when no longer required for the Contract; (h) not make any media releases without prior written authorization from the State; (i) assign to the State any claims resulting from state or federal antitrust violations to the extent that those violations concern materials or services supplied by third parties toward fulfillment of the Contract; (j) comply with all State physical and IT security policies and standards which will be made available upon request; and (k) provide the State priority in performance of the Contract except as mandated by federal disaster response requirements. Any breach under this paragraph is considered a material breach.

Contractor must also be clearly identifiable while on State property by wearing identification issued by the State, and clearly identify themselves whenever making contact with the State.

2. **Notices.** All notices and other communications required or permitted under this Contract must be in writing and will be considered given and received: (a) when verified by written receipt if sent by courier; (b) when actually received if sent by mail without verification of receipt; or (c) when verified by automated receipt or electronic logs if sent by facsimile or email.

If to State:	If to Contractor:
Cathy Carr, Buyer Michigan Department of Corrections Grandview Plaza, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor PO Box 30003 Lansing, MI 48909 <a href="mailto:CarrC@michigan.gov">CarrC@michigan.gov</a> (517) 241-2192	<i>Thomas J. Costin, President</i> <i>Soletech, Inc.</i> <i>425 Washington St.</i> <i>Claremont, NH 03743</i> <a href="mailto:tom@soletech.com">tom@soletech.com</a> (877) 625-9494

3. **Contract Administrator.** The Contract Administrator for each party is the only person authorized to modify any terms and conditions of this Contract (each a “Contract Administrator”):

<b>If to State:</b> Cathy Carr, Buyer Michigan Department of Corrections Grandview Plaza, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor PO Box 30003 Lansing, MI 48909 <a href="mailto:CarrC@michigan.gov">CarrC@michigan.gov</a> (517) 241-2192	<b>If to Contractor:</b> Thomas J. Costin, President Soletech, Inc. 425 Washington St. Claremont, NH 03743 <a href="mailto:tom@soletech.com">tom@soletech.com</a> (877) 625-9494
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4. **Program Manager.** The Program Manager for each party will monitor and coordinate the day-to-day activities of the Contract (each a "Program Manager"):

<b>If to State:</b> Chuck Beltz, Plant Manager Michigan Department of Corrections Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility MSI-Shoe Factory 1727 Bluewater Hwy. Ionia, MI 48846 <a href="mailto:BeltzC1@michigan.gov">BeltzC1@michigan.gov</a> (616) 527-2510, extension 1412	<b>If to Contractor:</b> <i>Jim Ambrose, Director of Operations</i> Soletech, Inc. 425 Washington St. Claremont, NH 03743 <a href="mailto:jim@soletech.com">jim@soletech.com</a> (877) 625-9494
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5. **Performance Guarantee.** Contractor must at all times have financial resources sufficient, in the opinion of the State, to ensure performance of the Contract and must provide proof upon request. The State may require a performance bond (as specified in Exhibit A) if, in the opinion of the State, it will ensure performance of the Contract.
6. **Insurance Requirements.** Contractor must maintain the insurances identified below and is responsible for all deductibles. All required insurance must: (a) protect the State from claims that may arise out of, are alleged to arise out of, or result from Contractor's or a subcontractor's performance; (b) be primary and non-contributing to any comparable liability insurance (including self-insurance) carried by the State; and (c) be provided by an company with an A.M. Best rating of "A" or better and a financial size of VII or better.

<b>Insurance Type</b>	<b>Additional Requirements</b>
<b>Commercial General Liability Insurance</b>	
<u>Minimal Limits:</u> \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence Limit \$1,000,000 Personal & Advertising Injury Limit \$2,000,000 General Aggregate Limit \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations  <u>Deductible Maximum:</u> \$50,000 Each Occurrence	Contractor must have their policy: (1) endorsed to add "the State of Michigan, its departments, divisions, agencies, offices, commissions, officers, employees, and agents" as additional insureds using endorsement CG 20 10 11 85, or both CG 2010 07 04 and CG 2037 07 04; (2) include a waiver of subrogation; and (3) for a claims-made policy, provide 3 years of tail coverage.
<b>Motor Vehicle Insurance</b>	
<u>Minimal Limits:</u> \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence	
<b>Workers' Compensation Insurance</b>	
<u>Minimal Limits:</u> Coverage according to applicable laws governing work activities.	Waiver of subrogation, except where waiver is prohibited by law.
<b>Employers Liability Insurance</b>	
<u>Minimal Limits:</u> \$100,000 Each Accident \$100,000 Each Employee by Disease	

\$500,000 Aggregate Disease.	
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If Contractor's policy contains limits higher than the minimum limits, the State is entitled to coverage to the extent of the higher limits. The minimum limits are not intended, and may not be construed to limit any liability or indemnity of Contractor to any indemnified party or other persons.

Contractor must: (a) provide insurance certificates to the Contract Administrator, containing the agreement or purchase order number, at Contract formation and within 20 calendar days of the expiration date of the applicable policies; (b) require that subcontractors maintain the required insurances contained in this Section; (c) notify the Contract Administrator within 5 business days if any insurance is cancelled; and (d) waive all rights against the State for damages covered by insurance. Failure to maintain the required insurance does not limit this waiver.

7. **Reserved.**

8. **Reserved.**

9. **Independent Contractor.** Contractor is an independent contractor and assumes all rights, obligations and liabilities set forth in this Contract. Contractor, its employees, and agents will not be considered employees of the State. No partnership or joint venture relationship is created by virtue of this Contract. Contractor, and not the State, is responsible for the payment of wages, benefits and taxes of Contractor's employees and any subcontractors. Prior performance does not modify Contractor's status as an independent contractor.

10. **Subcontracting.** Contractor may not delegate any of its obligations under the Contract without the prior written approval of the State. Contractor must notify the State at least 90 calendar days before the proposed delegation, and provide the State any information it requests to determine whether the delegation is in its best interest. If approved, Contractor must: (a) be the sole point of contact regarding all contractual matters, including payment and charges for all Contract Activities; (b) make all payments to the subcontractor; and (c) incorporate the terms and conditions contained in this Contract in any subcontract with a subcontractor. Contractor remains responsible for the completion of the Contract Activities, compliance with the terms of this Contract, and the acts and omissions of the subcontractor. The State, in its sole discretion, may require the replacement of any subcontractor.

11. **Staffing.** The State's Contract Administrator may require Contractor to remove or reassign personnel by providing a notice to Contractor.

12. **Background Checks.** Upon request, Contractor must perform background checks on all employees and subcontractors and its employees prior to their assignment. The scope is at the discretion of the State and documentation must be provided as requested. Contractor is responsible for all costs associated with the requested background checks. The State, in its sole discretion, may also perform background checks.

13. **Assignment.** Contractor may not assign this Contract to any other party without the prior approval of the State. Upon notice to Contractor, the State, in its sole discretion, may assign in whole or in part, its rights or responsibilities under this Contract to any other party. If the State determines that a novation of the Contract to a third party is necessary, Contractor will agree to the novation, provide all necessary documentation and signatures, and continue to perform, with the third party, its obligations under the Contract.

14. **Change of Control.** Contractor will notify, at least 90 calendar days before the effective date, the State of a change in Contractor's organizational structure or ownership. For purposes of this Contract, a change in control means any of the following: (a) a sale of more than 50% of Contractor's stock; (b) a sale of substantially all of Contractor's assets; (c) a change in a majority of Contractor's board members; (d) consummation of a merger or consolidation of Contractor with any other entity; (e) a change in ownership through a transaction or series of transactions; (f) or the board (or the stockholders) approves a plan of complete liquidation. A change of control does not include any consolidation or merger effected exclusively to change the domicile of Contractor, or any transaction or series of transactions principally for bona fide equity financing purposes.

In the event of a change of control, Contractor must require the successor to assume this Contract and all of its obligations under this Contract.

15. **Ordering.** Contractor is not authorized to begin performance until receipt of authorization as identified in Exhibit A.

16. **Acceptance.** Contract Activities are subject to inspection and testing by the State within 30 calendar days of the State's receipt of them ("State Review Period"), unless otherwise provided in Exhibit A. If the Contract Activities are not fully accepted by the State, the State will notify Contractor by the end of the State Review Period that either: (a) the Contract Activities are accepted, but noted deficiencies must be corrected; or (b) the Contract Activities are rejected. If the State finds material deficiencies, it may: (i) reject the Contract Activities without performing any further inspections; (ii) demand performance at no additional cost; or (iii) terminate this Contract in accordance with Section 23, Termination for Cause.

Within 10 business days from the date of Contractor's receipt of notification of acceptance with deficiencies or rejection of any Contract Activities, Contractor must cure, at no additional cost, the deficiency and deliver unequivocally acceptable Contract Activities to the State. If acceptance with deficiencies or rejection of the Contract Activities impacts the content or delivery of other non-completed Contract Activities, the parties' respective Program Managers must determine an agreed to number of days for re-submission that minimizes the overall impact to the Contract. However, nothing herein affects, alters, or relieves Contractor of its obligations to correct deficiencies in accordance with the time response standards set forth in this Contract.

If Contractor is unable or refuses to correct the deficiency within the time response standards set forth in this Contract, the State may cancel the order in whole or in part. The State, or a third party identified by the State, may perform the Contract Activities and recover the difference between the cost to cure and the Contract price plus an additional 10% administrative fee.

17. **Delivery.** Contractor must deliver all Contract Activities F.O.B. destination, within the State premises with transportation and handling charges paid by Contractor, unless otherwise specified in Exhibit A. All containers and packaging becomes the State's exclusive property upon acceptance.
18. **Risk of Loss and Title.** Until final acceptance, title and risk of loss or damage to Contract Activities remains with Contractor. Contractor is responsible for filing, processing, and collecting all damage claims. The State will record and report to Contractor any evidence of visible damage. If the State rejects the Contract Activities, Contractor must remove them from the premises within 10 calendar days after notification of rejection. The risk of loss of rejected or non-conforming Contract Activities remains with Contractor. Rejected Contract Activities not removed by Contractor within 10 calendar days will be deemed abandoned by Contractor, and the State will have the right to dispose of it as its own property. Contractor must reimburse the State for costs and expenses incurred in storing or effecting removal or disposition of rejected Contract Activities.
19. **Warranty Period.** The warranty period, if applicable, for Contract Activities is a fixed period commencing on the date specified in Exhibit A. If the Contract Activities do not function as warranted during the warranty period the State may return such non-conforming Contract Activities to the Contractor for a full refund.
20. **Terms of Payment.** Invoices must conform to the requirements communicated from time-to-time by the State. All undisputed amounts are payable within 45 days of the State's receipt. Contractor may only charge for Contract Activities performed as specified in Exhibit A. Invoices must include an itemized statement of all charges. The State is exempt from State sales tax for direct purchases and may be exempt from federal excise tax, if Contract Activities purchased under the Contract are for the State's exclusive use. Prices are exclusive of all taxes, and Contractor is solely responsible for payment of any applicable taxes.

The State has the right to withhold payment of any disputed amounts until the parties agree as to the validity of the disputed amount. The State will notify Contractor of any dispute within a reasonable time. Payment by the State will not constitute a waiver of any rights as to Contractor's continuing obligations, including claims for deficiencies or substandard Contract Activities. Contractor's acceptance of final payment by the State constitutes a waiver of all claims by Contractor against the State for payment under this Contract, other than those claims previously filed in writing on a timely basis and still disputed.

The State will only disburse payments under this Contract through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Contractor must register with the State at <http://www.michigan.gov/cpexpress> to receive electronic fund transfer payments. If Contractor does not register, the State is not liable for failure to provide payment.

Without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may have, the State reserves the right to set off at any time any amount then due and owing to it by Contractor against any amount payable by the State to Contractor under this Contract.

21. **Reserved.**
22. **Stop Work Order.** The State may suspend any or all activities under the Contract at any time. The State will provide Contractor a written stop work order detailing the suspension. Contractor must comply with the stop work order upon receipt. Within 90 calendar days, or any longer period agreed to by Contractor, the State will

either: (a) issue a notice authorizing Contractor to resume work, or (b) terminate the Contract or purchase order. The State will not pay for Contract Activities, Contractor's lost profits, or any additional compensation during a stop work period.

23. **Termination for Cause.** The State may terminate this Contract for cause, in whole or in part, if Contractor, as determined by the State: (a) endangers the value, integrity, or security of any location, data, or personnel; (b) becomes insolvent, petitions for bankruptcy court proceedings, or has an involuntary bankruptcy proceeding filed against it by any creditor; (c) engages in any conduct that may expose the State to liability; (d) breaches any of its material duties or obligations; or (e) fails to cure a breach within the time stated in a notice of breach. Any reference to specific breaches being material breaches within this Contract will not be construed to mean that other breaches are not material.

If the State terminates this Contract under this Section, the State will issue a termination notice specifying whether Contractor must: (a) cease performance immediately, or (b) continue to perform for a specified period. If it is later determined that Contractor was not in breach of the Contract, the termination will be deemed to have been a Termination for Convenience, effective as of the same date, and the rights and obligations of the parties will be limited to those provided in Section 24, Termination for Convenience.

The State will only pay for amounts due to Contractor for Contract Activities accepted by the State on or before the date of termination, subject to the State's right to set off any amounts owed by the Contractor for the State's reasonable costs in terminating this Contract. The Contractor must pay all reasonable costs incurred by the State in terminating this Contract for cause, including administrative costs, attorneys' fees, court costs, transition costs, and any costs the State incurs to procure the Contract Activities from other sources.

24. **Termination for Convenience.** The State may immediately terminate this Contract in whole or in part without penalty and for any reason, including but not limited to, appropriation or budget shortfalls. The termination notice will specify whether Contractor must: (a) cease performance of the Contract Activities immediately, or (b) continue to perform the Contract Activities in accordance with Section 25, Transition Responsibilities. If the State terminates this Contract for convenience, the State will pay all reasonable costs, as determined by the State, for State approved Transition Responsibilities.

25. **Transition Responsibilities.** Upon termination or expiration of this Contract for any reason, Contractor must, for a period of time specified by the State (not to exceed 90 calendar days), provide all reasonable transition assistance requested by the State, to allow for the expired or terminated portion of the Contract Activities to continue without interruption or adverse effect, and to facilitate the orderly transfer of such Contract Activities to the State or its designees. Such transition assistance may include, but is not limited to: (a) continuing to perform the Contract Activities at the established Contract rates; (b) taking all reasonable and necessary measures to transition performance of the work, including all applicable Contract Activities, training, equipment, software, leases, reports and other documentation, to the State or the State's designee; (c) taking all necessary and appropriate steps, or such other action as the State may direct, to preserve, maintain, protect, or return to the State all materials, data, property, and confidential information provided directly or indirectly to Contractor by any entity, agent, vendor, or employee of the State; (d) transferring title in and delivering to the State, at the State's discretion, all completed or partially completed deliverables prepared under this Contract as of the Contract termination date; and (e) preparing an accurate accounting from which the State and Contractor may reconcile all outstanding accounts (collectively, "**Transition Responsibilities**"). This Contract will automatically be extended through the end of the transition period.

26. **General Indemnification.** Contractor must defend, indemnify and hold the State, its departments, divisions, agencies, offices, commissions, officers, and employees harmless, without limitation, from and against any and all actions, claims, losses, liabilities, damages, costs, attorney fees, and expenses (including those required to establish the right to indemnification), arising out of or relating to: (a) any breach by Contractor (or any of Contractor's employees, agents, subcontractors, or by anyone else for whose acts any of them may be liable) of any of the promises, agreements, representations, warranties, or insurance requirements contained in this Contract; (b) any infringement, misappropriation, or other violation of any intellectual property right or other right of any third party; (c) any bodily injury, death, or damage to real or tangible personal property occurring wholly or in part due to action or inaction by Contractor (or any of Contractor's employees, agents, subcontractors, or by anyone else for whose acts any of them may be liable); and (d) any acts or omissions of Contractor (or any of Contractor's employees, agents, subcontractors, or by anyone else for whose acts any of them may be liable).

The State will notify Contractor in writing if indemnification is sought; however, failure to do so will not relieve Contractor, except to the extent that Contractor is materially prejudiced. Contractor must, to the satisfaction of the State, demonstrate its financial ability to carry out these obligations.

The State is entitled to: (i) regular updates on proceeding status; (ii) participate in the defense of the proceeding; (iii) employ its own counsel; and to (iv) retain control of the defense if the State deems necessary. Contractor will not, without the State's written consent (not to be unreasonably withheld), settle, compromise, or consent to the entry of any judgment in or otherwise seek to terminate any claim, action, or proceeding. To the extent that any State employee, official, or law may be involved or challenged, the State may, at its own expense, control the defense of that portion of the claim.

Any litigation activity on behalf of the State, or any of its subdivisions under this Section, must be coordinated with the Department of Attorney General. An attorney designated to represent the State may not do so until approved by the Michigan Attorney General and appointed as a Special Assistant Attorney General.

27. **Infringement Remedies.** If, in either party's opinion, any piece of equipment, software, commodity, or service supplied by Contractor or its subcontractors, or its operation, use or reproduction, is likely to become the subject of a copyright, patent, trademark, or trade secret infringement claim, Contractor must, at its expense: (a) procure for the State the right to continue using the equipment, software, commodity, or service, or if this option is not reasonably available to Contractor, (b) replace or modify the same so that it becomes non-infringing; or (c) accept its return by the State with appropriate credits to the State against Contractor's charges and reimburse the State for any losses or costs incurred as a consequence of the State ceasing its use and returning it.
28. **Limitation of Liability.** The State is not liable for consequential, incidental, indirect, or special damages, regardless of the nature of the action.
29. **Disclosure of Litigation, or Other Proceeding.** Contractor must notify the State within 14 calendar days of receiving notice of any litigation, investigation, arbitration, or other proceeding (collectively, "**Proceeding**") involving Contractor, a subcontractor, or an officer or director of Contractor or subcontractor, that arises during the term of the Contract, including: (a) a criminal Proceeding; (b) a parole or probation Proceeding; (c) a Proceeding under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act; (d) a civil Proceeding involving: (1) a claim that might reasonably be expected to adversely affect Contractor's viability or financial stability; or (2) a governmental or public entity's claim or written allegation of fraud; or (e) a Proceeding involving any license that Contractor is required to possess in order to perform under this Contract.
30. **State Data.** All data and information provided to Contractor by or on behalf of the State, and all data and information derived therefrom, is the exclusive property of the State ("**State Data**"); this definition is to be construed as broadly as possible. Upon request, Contractor must provide to the State, or a third party designated by the State, all State Data within 10 calendar days of the request and in the format requested by the State. Contractor will assume all costs incurred in compiling and supplying State Data. No State Data may be used for any marketing purposes.
31. **Reserved.**
32. **Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information.** The parties acknowledge that each party may be exposed to or acquire communication or data of the other party that is confidential, privileged communication not intended to be disclosed to third parties. The provisions of this Section survive the termination of this Contract.
  - a. **Meaning of Confidential Information.** For the purposes of this Contract, the term "**Confidential Information**" means all information and documentation of a party that: (a) has been marked "confidential" or with words of similar meaning, at the time of disclosure by such party; (b) if disclosed orally or not marked "confidential" or with words of similar meaning, was subsequently summarized in writing by the disclosing party and marked "confidential" or with words of similar meaning; and, (c) should reasonably be recognized as confidential information of the disclosing party. The term "Confidential Information" does not include any information or documentation that was/is: (a) subject to disclosure under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); (b) already in the possession of the receiving party without an obligation of confidentiality; (c) developed independently by the receiving party, as demonstrated by the receiving party, without violating the disclosing party's proprietary rights; (d) obtained from a source other than the disclosing party without an obligation of confidentiality; or, (e) publicly available when received, or thereafter became publicly available (other than through any unauthorized disclosure by, through, or on behalf of, the receiving party). For purposes of this Contract, in all cases and for all matters, State Data is deemed to be Confidential Information.
  - b. **Obligation of Confidentiality.** The parties agree to hold all Confidential Information in strict confidence and not to copy, reproduce, sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, give or disclose such Confidential Information to third parties other than employees, agents, or subcontractors of a party who have a need to know in connection with this Contract or to use such Confidential Information for any purposes whatsoever other than the performance of this Contract. The parties agree to advise and require their

respective employees, agents, and subcontractors of their obligations to keep all Confidential Information confidential. Disclosure to a subcontractor is permissible where: (a) use of a subcontractor is authorized under this Contract; (b) the disclosure is necessary or otherwise naturally occurs in connection with work that is within the subcontractor's responsibilities; and (c) Contractor obligates the subcontractor in a written contract to maintain the State's Confidential Information in confidence. At the State's request, any employee of Contractor or any subcontractor may be required to execute a separate agreement to be bound by the provisions of this Section.

- c. Cooperation to Prevent Disclosure of Confidential Information. Each party must use its best efforts to assist the other party in identifying and preventing any unauthorized use or disclosure of any Confidential Information. Without limiting the foregoing, each party must advise the other party immediately in the event either party learns or has reason to believe that any person who has had access to Confidential Information has violated or intends to violate the terms of this Contract and each party will cooperate with the other party in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief against any such person.
- d. Remedies for Breach of Obligation of Confidentiality. Each party acknowledges that breach of its obligation of confidentiality may give rise to irreparable injury to the other party, which damage may be inadequately compensable in the form of monetary damages. Accordingly, a party may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings, in addition to any other legal remedies which may be available, to include, in the case of the State, at the sole election of the State, the immediate termination, without liability to the State, of this Contract or any Statement of Work corresponding to the breach or threatened breach.
- e. Surrender of Confidential Information upon Termination. Upon termination of this Contract or a Statement of Work, in whole or in part, each party must, within 5 calendar days from the date of termination, return to the other party any and all Confidential Information received from the other party, or created or received by a party on behalf of the other party, which are in such party's possession, custody, or control; provided, however, that Contractor must return State Data to the State following the timeframe and procedure described further in this Contract. Should Contractor or the State determine that the return of any non-State Data Confidential Information is not feasible, such party must destroy the non-State Data Confidential Information and must certify the same in writing within 5 calendar days from the date of termination to the other party.

33. **Reserved.**

34. **Reserved.**

35. **Reserved.**

36. **Records Maintenance, Inspection, Examination, and Audit.** The State or its designee may audit Contractor to verify compliance with this Contract. Contractor must retain, and provide to the State or its designee and the auditor general upon request, all financial and accounting records related to the Contract through the term of the Contract and for 7 years after the latter of termination, expiration, or final payment under this Contract or any extension ("**Audit Period**"). If an audit, litigation, or other action involving the records is initiated before the end of the Audit Period, Contractor must retain the records until all issues are resolved.

Within 10 calendar days of providing notice, the State and its authorized representatives or designees have the right to enter and inspect Contractor's premises or any other places where Contract Activities are being performed, and examine, copy, and audit all records related to this Contract. Contractor must cooperate and provide reasonable assistance. If any financial errors are revealed, the amount in error must be reflected as a credit or debit on subsequent invoices until the amount is paid or refunded. Any remaining balance at the end of the Contract must be paid or refunded within 45 calendar days.

This Section applies to Contractor, any parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization of Contractor, and any subcontractor that performs Contract Activities in connection with this Contract.

37. **Warranties and Representations.** Contractor represents and warrants: (a) Contractor is the owner or licensee of any Contract Activities that it licenses, sells, or develops and Contractor has the rights necessary to convey title, ownership rights, or licensed use; (b) all Contract Activities are delivered free from any security interest, lien, or encumbrance and will continue in that respect; (c) the Contract Activities will not infringe the patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, or other proprietary rights of any third party; (d) Contractor must assign or otherwise transfer to the State or its designee any manufacturer's warranty for the Contract Activities; (e) the Contract Activities are merchantable and fit for the specific purposes identified in the Contract; (f) the Contract signatory has the authority to enter into this Contract; (g) all information furnished by Contractor in connection with the Contract fairly and accurately represents Contractor's business, properties, finances, and operations as

of the dates covered by the information, and Contractor will inform the State of any material adverse changes; and (h) all information furnished and representations made in connection with the award of this Contract is true, accurate, and complete, and contains no false statements or omits any fact that would make the information misleading. A breach of this Section is considered a material breach of this Contract, which entitles the State to terminate this Contract under Section 23, Termination for Cause.

38. **Conflicts and Ethics.** Contractor will uphold high ethical standards and is prohibited from: (a) holding or acquiring an interest that would conflict with this Contract; (b) doing anything that creates an appearance of impropriety with respect to the award or performance of the Contract; (c) attempting to influence or appearing to influence any State employee by the direct or indirect offer of anything of value; or (d) paying or agreeing to pay any person, other than employees and consultants working for Contractor, any consideration contingent upon the award of the Contract. Contractor must immediately notify the State of any violation or potential violation of these standards. This Section applies to Contractor, any parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization of Contractor, and any subcontractor that performs Contract Activities in connection with this Contract.
39. **Compliance with Laws.** Contractor must comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.
40. **Reserved.**
41. **Nondiscrimination.** Under the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 453, MCL 37.2101, *et seq.*, and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 220, MCL 37.1101, *et seq.*, Contractor and its subcontractors agree not to discriminate against an employee or applicant for employment with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status, or mental or physical disability. Breach of this covenant is a material breach of this Contract.
42. **Unfair Labor Practice.** Under MCL 423.324, the State may void any Contract with a Contractor or subcontractor who appears on the Unfair Labor Practice register compiled under MCL 423.322.
43. **Governing Law.** This Contract is governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with Michigan law, excluding choice-of-law principles, and all claims relating to or arising out of this Contract are governed by Michigan law, excluding choice-of-law principles. Any dispute arising from this Contract must be resolved in Michigan Court of Claims. Contractor consents to venue in Ingham County, and waives any objections, such as lack of personal jurisdiction or *forum non conveniens*. Contractor must appoint agents in Michigan to receive service of process.
44. **Non-Exclusivity.** Nothing contained in this Contract is intended nor will be construed as creating any requirements contract with Contractor. This Contract does not restrict the State or its agencies from acquiring similar, equal, or like Contract Activities from other sources.
45. **Force Majeure.** Neither party will be in breach of this Contract because of any failure arising from any disaster or acts of god that are beyond their control and without their fault or negligence. Each party will use commercially reasonable efforts to resume performance. Contractor will not be relieved of a breach or delay caused by its subcontractors. If immediate performance is necessary to ensure public health and safety, the State may immediately contract with a third party.
46. **Dispute Resolution.** The parties will endeavor to resolve any Contract dispute in accordance with this provision. The dispute will be referred to the parties' respective Contract Administrators or Program Managers. Such referral must include a description of the issues and all supporting documentation. The parties must submit the dispute to a senior executive if unable to resolve the dispute within 15 business days. The parties will continue performing while a dispute is being resolved, unless the dispute precludes performance. A dispute involving payment does not preclude performance.  
  
Litigation to resolve the dispute will not be instituted until after the dispute has been elevated to the parties' senior executive and either concludes that resolution is unlikely, or fails to respond within 15 business days. The parties are not prohibited from instituting formal proceedings: (a) to avoid the expiration of statute of limitations period; (b) to preserve a superior position with respect to creditors; or (c) where a party makes a determination that a temporary restraining order or other injunctive relief is the only adequate remedy. This Section does not limit the State's right to terminate the Contract.
47. **Media Releases.** News releases (including promotional literature and commercial advertisements) pertaining to the Contract or project to which it relates must not be made without prior written State approval, and then only in accordance with the explicit written instructions of the State.

48. **Website Incorporation.** The State is not bound by any content on Contractor's website unless expressly incorporated directly into this Contract.
49. **Order of Precedence.** In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of the Contract, the exhibits, a purchase order, or an amendment, the order of precedence is: (a) the purchase order; (b) the amendment; (c) Exhibit A; (d) any other exhibits; and (e) the Contract.
50. **Severability.** If any part of this Contract is held invalid or unenforceable, by any court of competent jurisdiction, that part will be deemed deleted from this Contract and the severed part will be replaced by agreed upon language that achieves the same or similar objectives. The remaining Contract will continue in full force and effect.
51. **Waiver.** Failure to enforce any provision of this Contract will not constitute a waiver.
52. **Survival.** The provisions of this Contract that impose continuing obligations, including warranties and representations, termination, transition, insurance coverage, indemnification, and confidentiality, will survive the expiration or termination of this Contract.
53. **Entire Contract and Modification.** This Contract is the entire agreement and replaces all previous agreements between the parties for the Contract Activities. This Contract may not be amended except by signed agreement between the parties (a "**Contract Change Notice**").

# STATE OF MICHIGAN

Contract 472B5500068  
Outsole Blockers

## PRICING

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	UNIT COST
1	Outsole blockers (See Exhibit A, 1.1 for specs) Size: 6 Color: black Completely roughed and uncut	Pair	\$3.85
2	Outsole blockers (See Exhibit A, 1.1 for specs) Size: 7 Color: black Completely roughed and uncut	Pair	\$3.85
3	Outsole blockers (See Exhibit A, 1.1 for specs) Size: 8 Color: black Completely roughed and uncut	Pair	\$3.85
4	Outsole blockers (See Exhibit A, 1.1 for specs) Size: 9 Color: black Completely roughed and uncut	Pair	\$3.85
5	Outsole blockers (See Exhibit A, 1.1 for specs) Size: 10 Color: black Completely roughed and uncut	Pair	\$3.85
6	Outsole blockers (See Exhibit A, 1.1 for specs) Size: 11 Color: black Completely roughed and uncut	Pair	\$3.85
7	Outsole blockers (See Exhibit A, 1.1 for specs) Size: 12 Color: black Completely roughed and uncut	Pair	\$3.85
8	Outsole blockers (See Exhibit A, 1.1 for specs) Size: 13 Color: black Completely roughed and uncut	Pair	\$3.85
9	Outsole blockers (See Exhibit A, 1.1 for specs) Size: 14 Color: black Completely roughed and uncut	Pair	\$3.85
10	Outsole blockers (See Exhibit A, 1.1 for specs) Size: 15 Color: black Completely roughed and uncut	Pair	\$3.85

Price is per pair of outsole blocker. Price includes all costs, including but not limited to, any one-time or set-up charges, fees, and potential costs that Contractor may charge the State (e.g., shipping and handling, per piece pricing, and palletizing).

Minimum order is 4,000 pairs of any combination of outsole blocker sizes.

The State is not required or obligated to purchase any specific quantity of product during the term of the contract

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## § 115.5 General definitions.

For purposes of this part, the term—

*Agency* means the unit of a State, local, corporate, or nonprofit authority, or of the Department of Justice, with direct responsibility for the operation of any facility that confines inmates, detainees, or residents, including the implementation of policy as set by the governing, corporate, or nonprofit authority.

*Agency head* means the principal official of an agency.

*Community confinement facility* means a community treatment center, halfway house, restitution center, mental health facility, alcohol or drug rehabilitation center, or other community correctional facility (including residential re-entry centers), other than a juvenile facility, in which individuals reside as part of a term of imprisonment or as a condition of pre-trial release or post-release supervision, while participating in gainful employment, employment search efforts, community service, vocational training, treatment, educational programs, or similar facility-approved programs during nonresidential hours.

*Contractor* means a person who provides services on a recurring basis pursuant to a contractual agreement with the agency.

*Detainee* means any person detained in a lockup, regardless of adjudication status.

*Direct staff supervision* means that security staff are in the same room with, and within reasonable hearing distance of, the resident or inmate.

*Employee* means a person who works directly for the agency or facility.

*Exigent circumstances* means any set of temporary and unforeseen circumstances that require immediate action in order to combat a threat to the security or institutional order of a facility.

*Facility* means a place, institution, building (or part thereof), set of buildings, structure, or area (whether or not enclosing a building or set of buildings) that is used by an agency for the confinement of individuals.

*Facility head* means the principal official of a facility.

*Full compliance* means compliance with all material requirements of each standard except for *de minimis* violations, or discrete and temporary violations during otherwise sustained periods of compliance.

*Gender nonconforming* means a person whose appearance or manner does not conform to traditional societal gender expectations.

*Inmate* means any person incarcerated or detained in a prison or jail.

*Intersex* means a person whose sexual or reproductive anatomy or chromosomal pattern does not seem to fit typical definitions of male or female. Intersex medical conditions are sometimes referred to as disorders of sex development.

*Jail* means a confinement facility of a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency whose primary use is to hold persons pending adjudication of criminal charges, persons committed to confinement after

adjudication of criminal charges for sentences of one year or less, or persons adjudicated guilty who are awaiting transfer to a correctional facility.

*Juvenile* means any person under the age of 18, unless under adult court supervision and confined or detained in a prison or jail.

*Juvenile facility* means a facility primarily used for the confinement of juveniles pursuant to the juvenile justice system or criminal justice system.

*Law enforcement staff* means employees responsible for the supervision and control of detainees in lockups.

*Lockup* means a facility that contains holding cells, cell blocks, or other secure enclosures that are:  
(1) Under the control of a law enforcement, court, or custodial officer; and  
(2) Primarily used for the temporary confinement of individuals who have recently been arrested, detained, or are being transferred to or from a court, jail, prison, or other agency.

*Medical practitioner* means a health professional who, by virtue of education, credentials, and experience, is permitted by law to evaluate and care for patients within the scope of his or her professional practice. A “qualified medical practitioner” refers to such a professional who has also successfully completed specialized training for treating sexual abuse victims.

*Mental health practitioner* means a mental health professional who, by virtue of education, credentials, and experience, is permitted by law to evaluate and care for patients within the scope of his or her professional practice. A “qualified mental health practitioner” refers to such a professional who has also successfully completed specialized training for treating sexual abuse victims.

*Pat-down search* means a running of the hands over the clothed body of an inmate, detainee, or resident by an employee to determine whether the individual possesses contraband.

*Prison* means an institution under Federal or State jurisdiction whose primary use is for the confinement of individuals convicted of a serious crime, usually in excess of one year in length, or a felony.

*Resident* means any person confined or detained in a juvenile facility or in a community confinement facility.

*Secure juvenile facility* means a juvenile facility in which the movements and activities of individual residents may be restricted or subject to control through the use of physical barriers or intensive staff supervision. A facility that allows residents access to the community to achieve treatment or correctional objectives, such as through educational or employment programs, typically will not be considered to be a secure juvenile facility.

*Security staff* means employees primarily responsible for the supervision and control of inmates, detainees, or residents in housing units, recreational areas, dining areas, and other program areas of the facility.

*Staff* means employees.

*Strip search* means a search that requires a person to remove or arrange some or all clothing so as to permit a visual inspection of the person’s breasts, buttocks, or genitalia.

*Transgender* means a person whose gender identity (*i.e.*, internal sense of feeling male or female) is different from the person's assigned sex at birth.

*Substantiated allegation* means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

*Unfounded allegation* means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

*Unsubstantiated allegation* means an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

*Volunteer* means an individual who donates time and effort on a recurring basis to enhance the activities and programs of the agency.

*Youthful inmate* means any person under the age of 18 who is under adult court supervision and incarcerated or detained in a prison or jail.

*Youthful detainee* means any person under the age of 18 who is under adult court supervision and detained in a lockup.

#### **§ 115.6 Definitions related to sexual abuse.**

For purposes of this part, the term—

*Sexual abuse* includes—

- (1) Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by another inmate, detainee, or resident; and
- (2) Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

*Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by another inmate, detainee, or resident* includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; and
- (4) Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

*Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer* includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of the inmate, detainee, or resident:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Contact between the mouth and any body part where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (4) Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;

- (5) Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (6) Any attempt, threat, or request by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer to engage in the activities described in paragraphs (1)-(5) of this section;
- (7) Any display by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an inmate, detainee, or resident, and
- (8) Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

*Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer* means an invasion of privacy of an inmate, detainee, or resident by staff for reasons unrelated to official duties, such as peering at an inmate who is using a toilet in his or her cell to perform bodily functions; requiring an inmate to expose his or her buttocks, genitals, or breasts; or taking images of all or part of an inmate's naked body or of an inmate performing bodily functions.

*Sexual harassment* includes—

- (1) Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate, detainee, or resident directed toward another; and
- (2) Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

<i>Prevention Planning</i> <i>§ 115.11 Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator.</i>
(a) An agency shall have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and outlining the agency’s approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to such conduct.
(b) An agency shall employ or designate an upper-level, agency-wide PREA coordinator with sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities.
(c) Where an agency operates more than one facility, each facility shall designate a PREA compliance manager with sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility’s efforts to comply with the PREA standards.
<i>Prevention Planning</i> <i>§ 115.12 Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates.</i>
(a) A public agency that contracts for the confinement of its inmates with private agencies or other entities, including other government agencies, shall include in any new contract or contract renewal the entity’s obligation to adopt and comply with the PREA standards.
(b) Any new contract or contract renewal shall provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards.
<i>Prevention Planning</i> <i>§ 115.13 Supervision and monitoring.</i>
(a) The agency shall ensure that each facility it operates shall develop, document, and make its best efforts to comply on a regular basis with a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing, and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect inmates against sexual abuse. In calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring, facilities shall take into consideration: (1) Generally accepted detention and correctional practices; (2) Any judicial findings of inadequacy; (3) Any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies; (4) Any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies; (5) All components of the facility’s physical plant (including “blind-spots” or areas where staff or inmates may be isolated); (6) The composition of the inmate population; (7) The number and placement of supervisory staff; (8) Institution programs occurring on a particular shift; (9) Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards; (10) The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse; and (11) Any other relevant factors.
(b) In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, the facility shall document and justify all deviations from the plan.
(c) Whenever necessary, but no less frequently than once each year, for each facility the agency operates, in consultation with the PREA coordinator required by § 115.11, the agency shall assess, determine, and document whether adjustments are needed to: (1) The staffing plan established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section; (2) The facility’s deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies; and (3) The resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan.
(d) Each agency operating a facility shall implement a policy and practice of having intermediate-level or higher-level supervisors conduct and document unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Such policy and practice shall be implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts. Each agency shall have a policy to prohibit staff from alerting other staff members that these supervisory rounds are occurring, unless such announcement is related to the legitimate operational functions of the facility.

*Prevention Planning*  
*§ 115.14 Youthful inmates.*

(a) A youthful inmate shall not be placed in a housing unit in which the youthful inmate will have sight, sound, or physical contact with any adult inmate through use of a shared dayroom or other common space, shower area, or sleeping quarters.

(b) In areas outside of housing units, agencies shall either:

(1) maintain sight and sound separation between youthful inmates and adult inmates, or

(2) provide direct staff supervision when youthful inmates and adult inmates have sight, sound, or physical contact.

(c) Agencies shall make best efforts to avoid placing youthful inmates in isolation to comply with this provision. Absent exigent circumstances, agencies shall not deny youthful inmates daily large-muscle exercise and any legally required special education services to comply with this provision. Youthful inmates shall also have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible.

*Prevention Planning*  
*§ 115.15 Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches.*

(a) The facility shall not conduct cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches (meaning a search of the anal or genital opening) except in exigent circumstances or when performed by medical practitioners.

(b) As of [INSERT DATE 3 YEARS PLUS 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER], or [INSERT DATE 5 YEARS PLUS 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] for a facility whose rated capacity does not exceed 50 inmates, the facility shall not permit cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates, absent exigent circumstances. Facilities shall not restrict female inmates' access to regularly available programming or other out-of-cell opportunities in order to comply with this provision.

(c) The facility shall document all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches, and shall document all cross-gender pat-down searches of female inmates.

(d) The facility shall implement policies and procedures that enable inmates to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks. Such policies and procedures shall require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit.

(e) The facility shall not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status. If the inmate's genital status is unknown, it may be determined during conversations with the inmate, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner.

(f) The agency shall train security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat-down searches, and searches of transgender and intersex inmates, in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs.

*Prevention Planning*  
*§ 115.16 Inmates with disabilities and inmates who are limited English proficient.*

(a) The agency shall take appropriate steps to ensure that inmates with disabilities (including, for example, inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who are blind or have low vision, or those who have intellectual, psychiatric, or speech disabilities), have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Such steps shall include, when necessary to ensure effective communication with inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary. In addition, the agency shall ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that

<p>ensure effective communication with inmates with disabilities, including inmates who have intellectual disabilities, limited reading skills, or who are blind or have low vision. An agency is not required to take actions that it can demonstrate would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a service, program, or activity, or in undue financial and administrative burdens, as those terms are used in regulations promulgated under title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act, 28 CFR 35.164.</p>
<p>(b) The agency shall take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to inmates who are limited English proficient, including steps to provide interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary.</p>
<p>(c) The agency shall not rely on inmate interpreters, inmate readers, or other types of inmate assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the inmate's safety, the performance of first-response duties under § 115.64, or the investigation of the inmate's allegations.</p>
<p><i>Prevention Planning</i>  § 115.17 <i>Hiring and promotion decisions.</i></p>
<p>(a) The agency shall not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with inmates, and shall not enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates, who—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997);</li> <li>(2) Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse; or</li> <li>(3) Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.</li> </ol>
<p>(b) The agency shall consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with inmates.</p>
<p>(c) Before hiring new employees who may have contact with inmates, the agency shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Perform a criminal background records check; and</li> <li>(2) Consistent with Federal, State, and local law, make its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse.</li> </ol>
<p>(d) The agency shall also perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates.</p>
<p>(e) The agency shall either conduct criminal background records checks at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees.</p>
<p>(f) The agency shall ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with inmates directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions and in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees. The agency shall also impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct.</p>
<p>(g) Material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, shall be grounds for termination.</p>
<p>(h) Unless prohibited by law, the agency shall provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work.</p>
<p><i>Prevention Planning</i>  § 115.18 <i>Upgrades to facilities and technologies.</i></p>
<p>(a) When designing or acquiring any new facility and in planning any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, the agency shall consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse.</p>

(b) When installing or updating a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, the agency shall consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse.

*Responsive Planning*

*§ 115.21 Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations.*

(a) To the extent the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, the agency shall follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions.

(b) The protocol shall be developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable, and, as appropriate, shall be adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011.

(c) The agency shall offer all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate. Such examinations shall be performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible. If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, the examination can be performed by other qualified medical practitioners. The agency shall document its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs.

(d) The agency shall attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center. If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, the agency shall make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member. Agencies shall document efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers. For the purpose of this standard, a rape crisis center refers to an entity that provides intervention and related assistance, such as the services specified in 42 U.S.C. 14043g(b)(2)(C), to victims of sexual assault of all ages. The agency may utilize a rape crisis center that is part of a governmental unit as long as the center is not part of the criminal justice system (such as a law enforcement agency) and offers a comparable level of confidentiality as a nongovernmental entity that provides similar victim services.

(e) As requested by the victim, the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or qualified community-based organization staff member shall accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and shall provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals.

(f) To the extent the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, the agency shall request that the investigating agency follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

(g) The requirements of paragraphs (a) through (f) of this section shall also apply to:

- (1) Any State entity outside of the agency that is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse in prisons or jails; and
- (2) Any Department of Justice component that is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse in prisons or jails.

(h) For the purposes of this section, a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member shall be an individual who has been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and has received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general.

*Responsive Planning*

*§ 115.22 Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations.*

(a) The agency shall ensure that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

(b) The agency shall have in place a policy to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior. The agency shall publish such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, make the policy available through other means. The agency shall

document all such referrals.
(c) If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, such publication shall describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity.
(d) Any State entity responsible for conducting administrative or criminal investigations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in prisons or jails shall have in place a policy governing the conduct of such investigations.
(e) Any Department of Justice component responsible for conducting administrative or criminal investigations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in prisons or jails shall have in place a policy governing the conduct of such investigations.
<i>Training and Education</i> <i>§ 115.31 Employee training.</i>
(a) The agency shall train all employees who may have contact with inmates on: (1) Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment; (2) How to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures; (3) Inmates' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment; (4) The right of inmates and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment; (5) The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement; (6) The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims; (7) How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse; (8) How to avoid inappropriate relationships with inmates; (9) How to communicate effectively and professionally with inmates, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming inmates; and (10) How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.
(b) Such training shall be tailored to the gender of the inmates at the employee's facility. The employee shall receive additional training if the employee is reassigned from a facility that houses only male inmates to a facility that houses only female inmates, or vice versa.
(c) All current employees who have not received such training shall be trained within one year of the effective date of the PREA standards, and the agency shall provide each employee with refresher training every two years to ensure that all employees know the agency's current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures. In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, the agency shall provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies.
(d) The agency shall document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received.
<i>Training and Education</i> <i>§ 115.32 Volunteer and contractor training.</i>
(a) The agency shall ensure that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures.
(b) The level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with inmates, but all volunteers and contractors who have contact with inmates shall be notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents.
(c) The agency shall maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received.
<i>Training and Education</i> <i>§ 115.33 Inmate education.</i>
(a) During the intake process, inmates shall receive information explaining the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual

abuse or sexual harassment.
(b) Within 30 days of intake, the agency shall provide comprehensive education to inmates either in person or through video regarding their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents, and regarding agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents.
(c) Current inmates who have not received such education shall be educated within one year of the effective date of the PREA standards, and shall receive education upon transfer to a different facility to the extent that the policies and procedures of the inmate's new facility differ from those of the previous facility.
(d) The agency shall provide inmate education in formats accessible to all inmates, including those who are limited English proficient, deaf, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled, as well as to inmates who have limited reading skills.
(e) The agency shall maintain documentation of inmate participation in these education sessions.
(f) In addition to providing such education, the agency shall ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to inmates through posters, inmate handbooks, or other written formats.
<i>Training and Education</i>
<i>§ 115.34 Specialized training: Investigations.</i>
(a) In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to § 115.31, the agency shall ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators have received training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings.
(b) Specialized training shall include techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral.
(c) The agency shall maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations.
(d) Any State entity or Department of Justice component that investigates sexual abuse in confinement settings shall provide such training to its agents and investigators who conduct such investigations.
<i>Training and Education</i>
<i>§ 115.35 Specialized training: Medical and mental health care.</i>
(a) The agency shall ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in:
(1) How to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
(2) How to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse;
(3) How to respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; and
(4) How and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
(b) If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, such medical staff shall receive the appropriate training to conduct such examinations.
(c) The agency shall maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere.
(d) Medical and mental health care practitioners shall also receive the training mandated for employees under § 115.31 or for contractors and volunteers under § 115.32, depending upon the practitioner's status at the agency.
<i>Screening for Risk of Sexual Victimization and Abusiveness</i>
<i>§ 115.41 Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness.</i>
(a) All inmates shall be assessed during an intake screening and upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other inmates or sexually abusive toward other inmates.
(b) Intake screening shall ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility.
(c) Such assessments shall be conducted using an objective screening instrument.
(d) The intake screening shall consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess inmates for risk of sexual victimization:

<p>(1) Whether the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability;</p> <p>(2) The age of the inmate;</p> <p>(3) The physical build of the inmate;</p> <p>(4) Whether the inmate has previously been incarcerated;</p> <p>(5) Whether the inmate's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent;</p> <p>(6) Whether the inmate has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child;</p> <p>(7) Whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming;</p> <p>(8) Whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization;</p> <p>(9) The inmate's own perception of vulnerability; and</p> <p>(10) Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes.</p>
<p>(e) The initial screening shall consider prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses, and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse, as known to the agency, in assessing inmates for risk of being sexually abusive.</p>
<p>(f) Within a set time period, not to exceed 30 days from the inmate's arrival at the facility, the facility will reassess the inmate's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening.</p>
<p>(g) An inmate's risk level shall be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness.</p>
<p>(h) Inmates may not be disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to, questions asked pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(7), (d)(8), or (d)(9) of this section.</p>
<p>(i) The agency shall implement appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Screening for Risk of Sexual Victimization and Abusiveness</i>  § 115.42 Use of screening information.</p>
<p>(a) The agency shall use information from the risk screening required by § 115.41 to inform housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive.</p>
<p>(b) The agency shall make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each inmate.</p>
<p>(c) In deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex inmate to a facility for male or female inmates, and in making other housing and programming assignments, the agency shall consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems.</p>
<p>(d) Placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex inmate shall be reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the inmate.</p>
<p>(e) A transgender or intersex inmate's own views with respect to his or her own safety shall be given serious consideration.</p>
<p>(f) Transgender and intersex inmates shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates.</p>
<p>(g) The agency shall not place lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status, unless such placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting such inmates.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Screening for Risk of Sexual Victimization and Abusiveness</i>  § 115.43 Protective custody.</p>
<p>(a) Inmates at high risk for sexual victimization shall not be placed in involuntary segregated housing unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made, and a determination has been made that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers. If a facility cannot conduct such an assessment immediately, the facility may hold the inmate in involuntary segregated housing for less</p>

than 24 hours while completing the assessment.
(b) Inmates placed in segregated housing for this purpose shall have access to programs, privileges, education, and work opportunities to the extent possible. If the facility restricts access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities, the facility shall document: (1) The opportunities that have been limited; (2) The duration of the limitation; and (3) The reasons for such limitations.
(c) The facility shall assign such inmates to involuntary segregated housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged, and such an assignment shall not ordinarily exceed a period of 30 days.
(d) If an involuntary segregated housing assignment is made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, the facility shall clearly document: (1) The basis for the facility's concern for the inmate's safety; and (2) The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged.
(e) Every 30 days, the facility shall afford each such inmate a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population.
<i>-Reporting</i> § 115.51 <i>Inmate reporting.</i>
(a) The agency shall provide multiple internal ways for inmates to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation by other inmates or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents.
(b) The agency shall also provide at least one way for inmates to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency, and that is able to receive and immediately forward inmate reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials, allowing the inmate to remain anonymous upon request. Inmates detained solely for civil immigration purposes shall be provided information on how to contact relevant consular officials and relevant officials at the Department of Homeland Security.
(c) Staff shall accept reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties and shall promptly document any verbal reports.
(d) The agency shall provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates.
<i>Reporting</i> § 115.52 <i>Exhaustion of administrative remedies.</i>
(a) An agency shall be exempt from this standard if it does not have administrative procedures to address inmate grievances regarding sexual abuse.
(b)(1) The agency shall not impose a time limit on when an inmate may submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse. (2) The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse. (3) The agency shall not require an inmate to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse. (4) Nothing in this section shall restrict the agency's ability to defend against an inmate lawsuit on the ground that the applicable statute of limitations has expired.
(c) The agency shall ensure that— (1) An inmate who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint, and (2) Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint.
(d)(1) The agency shall issue a final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance. (2) Computation of the 90-day time period shall not include time consumed by inmates in preparing any administrative appeal.

<p>(3) The agency may claim an extension of time to respond, of up to 70 days, if the normal time period for response is insufficient to make an appropriate decision. The agency shall notify the inmate in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made.</p> <p>(4) At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the inmate does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, the inmate may consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level.</p>
<p>(e)(1) Third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, shall be permitted to assist inmates in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse, and shall also be permitted to file such requests on behalf of inmates.</p> <p>(2) If a third party files such a request on behalf of an inmate, the facility may require as a condition of processing the request that the alleged victim agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf, and may also require the alleged victim to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process.</p> <p>(3) If the inmate declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, the agency shall document the inmate's decision.</p>
<p>(f)(1) The agency shall establish procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse.</p> <p>(2) After receiving an emergency grievance alleging an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, the agency shall immediately forward the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken, shall provide an initial response within 48 hours, and shall issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days. The initial response and final agency decision shall document the agency's determination whether the inmate is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse and the action taken in response to the emergency grievance.</p>
<p>(g) The agency may discipline an inmate for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse only where the agency demonstrates that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith.</p>
<p><i>Reporting</i></p> <p><i>§ 115.53 Inmate access to outside confidential support services.</i></p>
<p>(a) The facility shall provide inmates with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving inmates mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations, and, for persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes, immigrant services agencies. The facility shall enable reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible.</p>
<p>(b) The facility shall inform inmates, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws.</p>
<p>(c) The agency shall maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide inmates with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse. The agency shall maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements.</p>
<p><i>Reporting</i></p> <p><i>§ 115.54 Third-party reporting.</i></p>
<p>The agency shall establish a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and shall distribute publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate.</p>
<p><i>Official Response Following an Inmate Report</i></p> <p><i>§ 115.61 Staff and agency reporting duties.</i></p>
<p>(a) The agency shall require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency; retaliation against inmates or staff who</p>

reported such an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation.
(b) Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, staff shall not reveal any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions.
(c) Unless otherwise precluded by Federal, State, or local law, medical and mental health practitioners shall be required to report sexual abuse pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section and to inform inmates of the practitioner's duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services.
(d) If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable persons statute, the agency shall report the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws.
(e) The facility shall report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility's designated investigators.
<i>Official Response Following an Inmate Report</i> <i>§ 115.62 Agency protection duties.</i>
When an agency learns that an inmate is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, it shall take immediate action to protect the inmate.
<i>Official Response Following an Inmate Report</i> <i>§ 115.63 Reporting to other confinement facilities.</i>
(a) Upon receiving an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the head of the facility that received the allegation shall notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred.
(b) Such notification shall be provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation.
(c) The agency shall document that it has provided such notification.
(d) The facility head or agency office that receives such notification shall ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards.
<i>Official Response Following an Inmate Report</i> <i>§ 115.64 Staff first responder duties.</i>
(a) Upon learning of an allegation that an inmate was sexually abused, the first security staff member to respond to the report shall be required to:
(1) Separate the alleged victim and abuser;
(2) Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence;
(3) If the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating; and
(4) If the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating.
(b) If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, the responder shall be required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff.
<i>Official Response Following an Inmate Report</i> <i>§ 115.65 Coordinated response.</i>
The facility shall develop a written institutional plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse, among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership.
<i>Official Response Following an Inmate Report</i> <i>§ 115.66 Preservation of ability to protect inmates from contact with abusers.</i>

<p>(a) Neither the agency nor any other governmental entity responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf shall enter into or renew any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limits the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any inmates pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted.</p>
<p>(b) Nothing in this standard shall restrict the entering into or renewal of agreements that govern:</p> <p>(1) The conduct of the disciplinary process, as long as such agreements are not inconsistent with the provisions of §§ 115.72 and 115.76; or</p> <p>(2) Whether a no-contact assignment that is imposed pending the outcome of an investigation shall be expunged from or retained in the staff member's personnel file following a determination that the allegation of sexual abuse is not substantiated.</p>
<p><i>Official Response Following an Inmate Report</i>  § 115.67 Agency protection against retaliation.</p>
<p>(a) The agency shall establish a policy to protect all inmates and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other inmates or staff, and shall designate which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation.</p>
<p>(b) The agency shall employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for inmate victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or inmate abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for inmates or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations.</p>
<p>(c) For at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, the agency shall monitor the conduct and treatment of inmates or staff who reported the sexual abuse and of inmates who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by inmates or staff, and shall act promptly to remedy any such retaliation. Items the agency should monitor include any inmate disciplinary reports, housing, or program changes, or negative performance reviews or reassignments of staff. The agency shall continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need.</p>
<p>(d) In the case of inmates, such monitoring shall also include periodic status checks.</p>
<p>(e) If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, the agency shall take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation.</p>
<p>(f) An agency's obligation to monitor shall terminate if the agency determines that the allegation is unfounded.</p>
<p><i>Official Response Following an Inmate Report</i>  § 115.68 Post-allegation protective custody.</p>
<p>Any use of segregated housing to protect an inmate who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse shall be subject to the requirements of § 115.43.</p>
<p><i>Investigations</i>  § 115.71 Criminal and administrative agency investigations.</p>
<p>(a) When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, it shall do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively for all allegations, including third-party and anonymous reports.</p>
<p>(b) Where sexual abuse is alleged, the agency shall use investigators who have received special training in sexual abuse investigations pursuant to § 115.34.</p>
<p>(c) Investigators shall gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data; shall interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses; and shall review prior complaints and reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator.</p>
<p>(d) When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, the agency shall conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution.</p>

(e) The credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness shall be assessed on an individual basis and shall not be determined by the person's status as inmate or staff. No agency shall require an inmate who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an allegation.
(f) Administrative investigations: (1) Shall include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse; and (2) Shall be documented in written reports that include a description of the physical and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings.
(g) Criminal investigations shall be documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible.
(h) Substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal shall be referred for prosecution.
(i) The agency shall retain all written reports referenced in paragraphs (f) and (g) of this section for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years.
(j) The departure of the alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the facility or agency shall not provide a basis for terminating an investigation.
(k) Any State entity or Department of Justice component that conducts such investigations shall do so pursuant to the above requirements.
(l) When outside agencies investigate sexual abuse, the facility shall cooperate with outside investigators and shall endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation.
<i>Investigations</i> <i>§ 115.72 Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations.</i>
The agency shall impose no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.
<i>Investigations</i> <i>§ 115.73 Reporting to inmates.</i>
(a) Following an investigation into an inmate's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, the agency shall inform the inmate as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded.
(b) If the agency did not conduct the investigation, it shall request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the inmate.
(c) Following an inmate's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the inmate, the agency shall subsequently inform the inmate (unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded) whenever: (1) The staff member is no longer posted within the inmate's unit; (2) The staff member is no longer employed at the facility; (3) The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or (4) The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.
(d) Following an inmate's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another inmate, the agency shall subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: (1) The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility; or (2) The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility.
(e) All such notifications or attempted notifications shall be documented.
(f) An agency's obligation to report under this standard shall terminate if the inmate is released from the agency's custody.

<i>Discipline</i> <i>§ 115.76 Disciplinary sanctions for staff.</i>
(a) Staff shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies.
(b) Termination shall be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse.
(c) Disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) shall be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories.
(d) All terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to any relevant licensing bodies.
<i>Discipline</i> <i>§ 115.77 Corrective action for contractors and volunteers.</i>
(a) Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse shall be prohibited from contact with inmates and shall be reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies.
(b) The facility shall take appropriate remedial measures, and shall consider whether to prohibit further contact with inmates, in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer.
<i>Discipline</i> <i>§ 115.78 Disciplinary sanctions for inmates.</i>
(a) Inmates shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following an administrative finding that the inmate engaged in inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse or following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse.
(b) Sanctions shall be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the inmate's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other inmates with similar histories.
(c) The disciplinary process shall consider whether an inmate's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior when determining what type of sanction, if any, should be imposed.
(d) If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, the facility shall consider whether to require the offending inmate to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming or other benefits.
(e) The agency may discipline an inmate for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact.
(f) For the purpose of disciplinary action, a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred shall not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.
(g) An agency may, in its discretion, prohibit all sexual activity between inmates and may discipline inmates for such activity. An agency may not, however, deem such activity to constitute sexual abuse if it determines that the activity is not coerced.
<i>Medical and Mental Care</i> <i>§ 115.81 Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse.</i>
(a) If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening.
(b) If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a prison inmate has previously perpetrated sexual

abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening.
(c) If the screening pursuant to § 115.41 indicates that a jail inmate has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, staff shall ensure that the inmate is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening.
(d) Any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting shall be strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff, as necessary, to inform treatment plans and security and management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law.
(e) Medical and mental health practitioners shall obtain informed consent from inmates before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the inmate is under the age of 18.
<i>Medical and Mental Care</i> <i>§ 115.82 Access to emergency medical and mental health services.</i>
(a) Inmate victims of sexual abuse shall receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment.
(b) If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent abuse is made, security staff first responders shall take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.62 and shall immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners.
(c) Inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate.
(d) Treatment services shall be provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.
<i>Medical and Mental Care</i> <i>§ 115.83 Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers.</i>
(a) The facility shall offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility.
(b) The evaluation and treatment of such victims shall include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody.
(c) The facility shall provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care.
(d) Inmate victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated shall be offered pregnancy tests.
(e) If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph (d) of this section, such victims shall receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services.
(f) Inmate victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated shall be offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate.
(g) Treatment services shall be provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.
(h) All prisons shall attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known inmate-on-inmate abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners.
<i>Data Collection and Review</i> <i>§ 115.86 Sexual abuse incident reviews.</i>

(a) The facility shall conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded.
(b) Such review shall ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation.
(c) The review team shall include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners.
(d) The review team shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse;</li> <li>(2) Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; or gang affiliation; or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility;</li> <li>(3) Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse;</li> <li>(4) Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts;</li> <li>(5) Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff; and</li> <li>(6) Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1)-(d)(5) of this section, and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager.</li> </ol>
(e) The facility shall implement the recommendations for improvement, or shall document its reasons for not doing so.
<i>Data Collection and Review</i> <i>§ 115.87 Data collection.</i>
(a) The agency shall collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions.
(b) The agency shall aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually.
(c) The incident-based data collected shall include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice.
(d) The agency shall maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews.
(e) The agency also shall obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates.
(f) Upon request, the agency shall provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30.
<i>Data Collection and Review</i> <i>§ 115.88 Data review for corrective action.</i>
(a) The agency shall review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Identifying problem areas;</li> <li>(2) Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and</li> <li>(3) Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.</li> </ol>
(b) Such report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
(c) The agency's report shall be approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means.
(d) The agency may redact specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, but must indicate the nature of the material redacted.

<i>Data Collection and Review</i>
<i>§ 115.89 Data storage, publication, and destruction.</i>
(a) The agency shall ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.87 are securely retained.
(b) The agency shall make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means.
(c) Before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available, the agency shall remove all personal identifiers.
(d) The agency shall maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.87 for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise.
<i>Audits</i>
<i>§ 115.93 Audits of standards.</i>
The agency shall conduct audits pursuant to §§ 115.401–.405.
<i>Auditing and Corrective Action</i>
<i>§ 115.401 Frequency and scope of audits.</i>
(a) During the three-year period starting on [INSERT DATE ONE YEAR PLUS 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER], and during each three-year period thereafter, the agency shall ensure that each facility operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, is audited at least once.
(b) During each one-year period starting on [INSERT DATE ONE YEAR PLUS 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER], the agency shall ensure that at least one-third of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, is audited.
(c) The Department of Justice may send a recommendation to an agency for an expedited audit if the Department has reason to believe that a particular facility may be experiencing problems relating to sexual abuse. The recommendation may also include referrals to resources that may assist the agency with PREA-related issues.
(d) The Department of Justice shall develop and issue an audit instrument that will provide guidance on the conduct of and contents of the audit.
(e) The agency shall bear the burden of demonstrating compliance with the standards.
(f) The auditor shall review all relevant agency-wide policies, procedures, reports, internal and external audits, and accreditations for each facility type.
(g) The audits shall review, at a minimum, a sampling of relevant documents and other records and information for the most recent one-year period.
(h) The auditor shall have access to, and shall observe, all areas of the audited facilities.
(i) The auditor shall be permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information).
(j) The auditor shall retain and preserve all documentation (including, e.g., video tapes and interview notes) relied upon in making audit determinations. Such documentation shall be provided to the Department of Justice upon request.
(k) The auditor shall interview a representative sample of inmates, residents, and detainees, and of staff, supervisors, and administrators.
(l) The auditor shall review a sampling of any available videotapes and other electronically available data (e.g., Watchtour) that may be relevant to the provisions being audited.
(m) The auditor shall be permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates, residents, and detainees.
(n) Inmates, residents, and detainees shall be permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel.
(o) Auditors shall attempt to communicate with community-based or victim advocates who may have insight into relevant conditions in the facility.

<i>Auditing and Corrective Action</i> <i>§ 115.402 Auditor qualifications.</i>
(a) An audit shall be conducted by: (1) A member of a correctional monitoring body that is not part of, or under the authority of, the agency (but may be part of, or authorized by, the relevant State or local government); (2) A member of an auditing entity such as an inspector general's or ombudsperson's office that is external to the agency; or (3) Other outside individuals with relevant experience.
(b) All auditors shall be certified by the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice shall develop and issue procedures regarding the certification process, which shall include training requirements.
(c) No audit may be conducted by an auditor who has received financial compensation from the agency being audited (except for compensation received for conducting prior PREA audits) within the three years prior to the agency's retention of the auditor.
(d) The agency shall not employ, contract with, or otherwise financially compensate the auditor for three years subsequent to the agency's retention of the auditor, with the exception of contracting for subsequent PREA audits.
<i>Auditing and Corrective Action</i> <i>§ 115.403 Audit contents and findings.</i>
(a) Each audit shall include a certification by the auditor that no conflict of interest exists with respect to his or her ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review.
(b) Audit reports shall state whether agency-wide policies and procedures comply with relevant PREA standards.
(c) For each PREA standard, the auditor shall determine whether the audited facility reaches one of the following findings: Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard); Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period); Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action). The audit summary shall indicate, among other things, the number of provisions the facility has achieved at each grade level.
(d) Audit reports shall describe the methodology, sampling sizes, and basis for the auditor's conclusions with regard to each standard provision for each audited facility, and shall include recommendations for any required corrective action.
(e) Auditors shall redact any personally identifiable inmate or staff information from their reports, but shall provide such information to the agency upon request, and may provide such information to the Department of Justice.
(f) The agency shall ensure that the auditor's final report is published on the agency's website if it has one, or is otherwise made readily available to the public.
<i>Auditing and Corrective Action</i> <i>§ 115.404 Audit corrective action plan.</i>
(a) A finding of "Does Not Meet Standard" with one or more standards shall trigger a 180-day corrective action period.
(b) The auditor and the agency shall jointly develop a corrective action plan to achieve compliance.
(c) The auditor shall take necessary and appropriate steps to verify implementation of the corrective action plan, such as reviewing updated policies and procedures or re-inspecting portions of a facility.
(d) After the 180-day corrective action period ends, the auditor shall issue a final determination as to whether the facility has achieved compliance with those standards requiring corrective action.
(e) If the agency does not achieve compliance with each standard, it may (at its discretion and cost) request a subsequent audit once it believes that it has achieved compliance.
<i>Auditing and Corrective Action</i> <i>§ 115.405 Audit appeals.</i>
(a) An agency may lodge an appeal with the Department of Justice regarding any specific audit finding

that it believes to be incorrect. Such appeal must be lodged within 90 days of the auditor's final determination.
(b) If the Department determines that the agency has stated good cause for a re-evaluation, the agency may commission a re-audit by an auditor mutually agreed upon by the Department and the agency. The agency shall bear the costs of this re-audit.
(c) The findings of the re-audit shall be considered final.
<i>State Compliance</i>
<i>§ 115.501 State determination and certification of full compliance.</i>
(a) In determining pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 15607(c)(2) whether the State is in full compliance with the PREA standards, the Governor shall consider the results of the most recent agency audits.
(b) The Governor's certification shall apply to all facilities in the State under the operational control of the State's executive branch, including facilities operated by private entities on behalf of the State's executive branch.

