IBM Agreement
for Services Acquired from an IBM Business Partner

This IBM Agreement for Services Acquired from an IBM Business Partner ("Agreement") governs IBM's delivery of certain IBM Services which Customer acquires through an IBM Business Partner. Such Services are delivered by IBM under terms which are in addition to the terms of this Agreement (for example, a statement of work). IBM licensed program products and IBM Machines are not acquired from IBM Business Partners under this Agreement.

1. Definitions

   **Enterprise** – any legal entity (such as a corporation) and the subsidiaries it owns by more than 50 percent. The term "Enterprise" applies only to the portion of the Enterprise located in the United States.

   **Machine** – a hardware device, its features, conversions, upgrades, elements, or accessories, or any combination of them. The term "Machine" includes an IBM Machine and any non-IBM Machine (including other equipment) that IBM may provide to Customer.

   **Machine Code** – microcode, basic input/output system code (called “BIOS”), utility programs, device drivers, diagnostics, and any other code (all subject to any exclusions in the license provided with it) delivered with an IBM Machine for the purpose of enabling the Machine's function as stated in its Specifications.

   **Materials** – literary works or other works of authorship (such as software programs and code, documentation, reports, and similar works) that IBM may deliver to Customer as part of a Service. The term "Materials" does not include licensed program products, Machine Code, or other items available under their own license terms or agreements.

   **Service** – performance of a task, assistance, support, or access to resources (such as an information database) that IBM makes available to Customer.

2. IBM Business Partners

IBM has signed agreements with certain organizations (called "IBM Business Partners") to promote, market, and support certain Services. Customer may order Services that are promoted or marketed to Customer by IBM Business Partners or other suppliers, however, i) this Agreement applies only if an Attachment or Transaction Document (as defined in Section 3 below) subject to this Agreement is provided for the specific transaction, and ii) such Business Partners and suppliers remain independent and separate from IBM.

IBM is not responsible for the actions or statements of IBM Business Partners or other suppliers, any obligations either has to Customer or services that they supply to Customer under their agreements.

3. Agreement Structure

Additional terms for Services are in documents called "Attachments" and "Transaction Documents" provided by IBM. In general, Attachments contain terms that may generally govern Customer's use of a Service, or may apply to more than one Services transaction, while Transaction Documents (such as a statement of work, supplement, schedule, invoice, exhibit, change authorization, or addendum) contain specific details and terms related to each individual transaction. Customer may receive one or more Transaction Documents for a single transaction. Attachments and Transaction Documents are part of this Agreement only for those transactions to which they apply. Each transaction is separate and independent from other transactions.

If there is a conflict among the terms of this Agreement, Attachments, and Transaction Documents, those of an Attachment prevail over those of this Agreement, and the terms of a Transaction Document prevail over those of both this Agreement and an Attachment.

4. Changes to the Agreement

In order to maintain flexibility in our business relationship, IBM may change the terms of this Agreement by providing Customer at least three months' written notice. However, these changes are not retroactive. They apply, as of the effective date IBM specifies in the notice, only to new orders, on-going transactions that do not expire, and transactions with a defined renewable contract period. For transactions with a
defined renewable contract period, Customer may request that IBM defer the change effective date until the end of the current contract period.

Customer acknowledges its agreement to have these changes apply for such transactions by i) placing new orders for Services after the change effective date, ii) failing to request that the change effective date be deferred until the start of the next renewal period, iii) allowing transactions to renew after receipt of the change notice, or iv) failing to terminate non-expiring transactions prior to the change effective date. Changes to charges are implemented as described in the Charges and Payment section below.

Otherwise, for a change to be valid, both parties must sign it.

5. Charges and Payment

When Customer orders a Service through an IBM Business Partner, the IBM Business Partner establishes the charges and terms governing payment of the charges. Customer will make payment directly to Customer’s IBM Business Partner.

However, IBM may charge Customer directly for some expenses incurred to perform Customer’s Service request (for example, actual travel and living expenses and out-of-pocket expenses). IBM will not incur these expenses without Customer’s prior approval. IBM will invoice Customer for such expenses. Amounts are due upon receipt of invoice and are payable as IBM specifies. Customer agrees to pay accordingly, including any late payment fee.

6. Warranty

6.1 Warranty for Services

IBM warrants that it performs each IBM Service using reasonable care and skill and according to its current description (including any completion criteria) contained in this Agreement, an Attachment, or a Transaction Document. Customer agrees to provide timely written notice of any failure to comply with this warranty so that IBM can take corrective action.

6.2 Extent of Warranty

THESE WARRANTIES ARE CUSTOMER’S EXCLUSIVE WARRANTIES AND REPLACE ALL OTHER WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND ANY WARRANTY OR CONDITION OF NON-INFRINGEMENT.

Items Not Covered By Warranty.

IBM does not warrant uninterrupted or error-free operation of any deliverable or Service or that IBM will correct all defects. Unless IBM specifies otherwise, it provides Materials and non-IBM Services WITHOUT WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND. However, non-IBM suppliers may provide their own warranties to you.

7. Service Terms

7.1 Personnel

Each party will assign personnel that are qualified to perform the tasks required of such party under this Agreement and is responsible for the supervision, direction, control, and compensation of its personnel. Subject to the foregoing, each party may determine the assignment of its personnel and its contractors. IBM may engage subcontractors to provide or assist in providing Services, in which case IBM remains responsible for the fulfillment of its obligations under this Agreement and for the performance of the Services.

7.2 Materials Ownership and License

An Attachment or Transaction Document will specify Materials to be delivered to Customer and identify them as “Type I Materials,” “Type II Materials,” or otherwise as both parties agree. If not specified, Materials will be considered Type II Materials.

Customer will own the copyright in Materials created as part of a Service that are identified as “Type I Materials.” Customer grants IBM an irrevocable, nonexclusive, worldwide, paid-up license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, sublicense, distribute, and prepare derivative works based on, Type I Materials, and each such Material will constitute a “work made for hire” to the extent permissible under U.S. copyright law. If any such Materials are not works made for hire under applicable law, IBM assigns the ownership of copyrights in such Materials to Customer.
IBM or its suppliers will own the copyright in Materials created as part of a Services transaction that are identified as Type II Materials. IBM grants Customer an irrevocable, nonexclusive, worldwide, paid-up license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, and distribute (within Customer’s Enterprise only) copies of Type II Materials.

IBM or its suppliers retains ownership of the copyright in any of IBM’s or its suppliers’ works that pre-exist or were developed outside of this Agreement and any modifications or enhancements of such works that may be made under this Agreement. To the extent they are embedded in any Materials, such works are licensed in accordance with their separate licenses provided to Customer, if any, or otherwise as Type II Materials.

Each of us agrees to reproduce the copyright notice and any other legend of ownership on any copies made under the licenses granted in this section.

7.3 Customer Resources

If Customer is making available to IBM any facilities, software, hardware or other resources in connection with our performance of Services, Customer agrees to obtain any licenses or approvals related to these resources that may be necessary for IBM to perform the Services and develop Materials. IBM will be relieved of its obligations that are adversely affected by Customer’s failure to promptly obtain such licenses or approvals. Customer agrees to reimburse IBM for any reasonable costs and other amounts that IBM may incur from Customer’s failure to obtain these licenses or approvals.

Unless otherwise agreed in an Attachment or Transaction Document, Customer is responsible for i) any data and the content of any database Customer makes available to IBM in connection with a Service under this Agreement, ii) the selection and implementation of procedures and controls regarding access, security, encryption, use, and transmission of data, and iii) backup and recovery of the database and any stored data.

7.4 Service for Machines

IBM provides certain types of Service to keep Machines in, or restore them to, conformance with their specifications. IBM will inform Customer of the available types of Service for a Machine. At its discretion, IBM will i) either repair or exchange the failing Machine and ii) provide the Service either at Customer’s location or a service center. IBM manages and installs selected engineering changes that apply to IBM Machines and may also perform preventive maintenance.

Any feature, conversion, or upgrade IBM services must be installed on a Machine which is i) the designated, serial-numbered Machine, if applicable, and ii) at an engineering-change level compatible with the feature, conversion, or upgrade.

When the type of Service requires that Customer deliver the failing Machine to IBM, Customer agrees to ship it suitably packaged (prepaid unless IBM specifies otherwise) to a location IBM designates. After IBM has repaired or exchanged the Machine, IBM will deliver it to Customer at IBM’s expense unless IBM specifies otherwise. IBM is responsible for loss of, or damage to, Customer’s Machine while it is i) in IBM’s possession or ii) in transit in those cases where IBM is responsible for the transportation charges.

Customer agrees:

a. to obtain authorization from the owner to have IBM service a Machine that Customer does not own;

b. where applicable, before IBM provides Service, to --
   (1) follow the problem determination and service request procedures that IBM provides,
   (2) secure all programs, data, and funds contained in a Machine, and
   (3) inform IBM of changes in a Machine's location.

c. to follow the Service instructions that IBM provides (which may include installing Machine Code and other software updates either downloaded from an IBM Internet Web site or copied from other electronic media); and

d. when Customer returns a Machine to IBM for any reason --
   (1) to securely erase from any Machine all programs not provided by IBM with the Machine and data, including without limitation, the following: i) information about identified or identifiable individuals or legal entities ("Personal Data") and ii) Customer’s confidential or proprietary information and other data. If removing or deleting Personal Data is not possible, Customer agrees to transform such information (e.g., by making it anonymous) so that it no longer qualifies as Personal Data under applicable law;
(2) to remove all funds from Machines returned to IBM. IBM is not responsible for any funds, programs not provided by IBM with the Machine, or data contained in a Machine that Customer returns to IBM; and

(3) IBM may ship all or part of the Machine or its software to other IBM or third party locations around the world to perform its responsibilities under this Agreement, and Customer authorizes IBM to do so.

7.4.1 Replacements
When Service involves the exchange of a part or Machine, the item IBM replaces becomes its property and the replacement becomes Customer’s. Customer represents that all removed items are genuine and unaltered. The replacement may not be new, but will be in good working order and at least functionally equivalent to the item replaced. The replacement assumes the warranty or maintenance Service status of the replaced item. Before IBM exchanges a part or Machine, Customer agrees to remove all features, parts, options, alterations, and attachments not under IBM’s service. Customer also agrees to i) ensure that the part or Machine is free of any legal obligations or restrictions that prevent its exchange and ii) transfer ownership and possession of removed parts to IBM.

Service for some IBM Machines involves IBM providing Customer with an exchange replacement for installation by Customer. Such exchange replacements may be i) a part of a Machine (called a Customer Replaceable Unit, or “CRU,” e.g., keyboard, memory, or hard disk drive), or ii) an entire Machine. Customer may request IBM to install the replacement CRU or Machine, however, Customer may be charged for the installation. IBM provides information and replacement instructions with Customer’s Machine and at any time on Customer’s request. IBM specifies in the materials shipped with a replacement whether the failing CRU or Machine must be returned to IBM. When return is required, return instructions and a container are shipped with the replacement, and Customer may be charged for the replacement if IBM does not receive the failing CRU or Machine within 15 days of Customer’s receipt of the replacement.

7.4.2 Items Not Covered
Repair and exchange Services do not cover:

a. accessories, supply items, consumables (such as batteries and printer cartridges), and structural parts (such as frames and covers);
b. Machines damaged by misuse, accident, modification, unsuitable physical or operating environment, or improper maintenance by Customer or a third party;
c. Machines with removed or altered Machine or parts identification labels;
d. failures caused by a product for which IBM is not responsible;
e. service of Machine alterations; or
f. service of a Machine on which Customer is using capacity or capability, other than that authorized by IBM in writing.

7.5 Warranty Service Upgrade
For certain Machines, Customer may select a Service upgrade from the standard type of warranty Service for the Machine. Customer may be charged for the Service upgrade during the warranty period. Customer may not terminate the Service upgrade or transfer it to another Machine during the warranty period. When the warranty period ends, the Machine will convert to maintenance Service at the same type of Service Customer selected for warranty Service upgrade.

7.6 Maintenance Coverage
When Customer orders maintenance Service for Machines, IBM, or Customer’s IBM Business Partner, will inform Customer of the date on which maintenance Service will begin. IBM may inspect the Machine within one month following that date. If the Machine is not in an acceptable condition for service, Customer may have IBM restore it for a charge or Customer may withdraw its request for maintenance Service. However, Customer will be charged for any maintenance Service which IBM has performed at Customer’s request.

7.7 Automatic Service Renewal
Renewable Services renew automatically for a same length contract period unless either of us provides written notification (at least one month prior to the end of the current contract period) to the other of its
decision not to renew. During an automatic renewal period, Customer may terminate the Service on one month's written notice, and IBM will provide Customer a prorated credit for any unused Services for which Customer has paid in advance.

7.8 Termination and Withdrawal of a Service

Either party may terminate a Service transaction if the other materially fails to meet its obligations concerning the Service.

Customer may terminate a Service, on notice to IBM provided Customer has met all minimum requirements and paid any adjustment charges specified in the applicable Attachments and Transaction Documents.

For a maintenance Service, Customer may terminate provided any of the following circumstances occur:

a. Customer permanently removes the eligible Machine, for which the Service is provided, from productive use within Customer’s Enterprise;

b. the eligible location, for which the Service is provided, is no longer controlled by Customer (for example, because of sale or closing of the facility); or

c. the Machine has been under maintenance Service for at least one year and Customer gives IBM one month's written notice prior to terminating the maintenance Service.

IBM may withdraw a Service or support for an eligible Machine on three months' written notice to Customer. If IBM withdraws a Service for which Customer has prepaid and IBM has not yet fully provided it to Customer, Customer will receive a prorated refund.

Any terms which by their nature extend beyond termination or withdrawal remain in effect until fulfilled and apply to respective successors and assignees.

8. Intellectual Property Protection

8.1 Third Party Claims

If a third party claims that a Material IBM provides to Customer infringes that party's patent or copyright, IBM will defend Customer against that claim at IBM’s expense and pay all costs, damages, and attorney's fees that a court finally awards or that are included in a settlement approved by IBM, provided that Customer:

a. promptly notifies IBM in writing of the claim;

b. allows IBM to control, and cooperates with IBM in, the defense and any related settlement negotiations; and

c. is and remains in compliance with Customer's obligations under section 8.2 (Remedies) below.

8.2 Remedies

If such a claim is made or appears likely to be made, Customer agrees to permit IBM to enable Customer to continue to use the Material, or to modify it, or replace it with one that is at least functionally equivalent. If IBM determines that none of these alternatives is reasonably available, Customer agrees to terminate use of the Material and, if applicable, return the Material to IBM, on IBM’s written request. Customer’s IBM Business Partner will then give Customer a credit for the amount Customer paid for the creation of the returned Material.

8.3 Claims for Which IBM is Not Responsible

IBM has no obligation regarding any claim based on any of the following:

a. anything provided by Customer or a third party on Customer’s behalf that is incorporated into a Material, or IBM’s compliance with any designs, specifications, or instructions provided by Customer or a third party on Customer’s behalf;

b. modification of a Material by Customer or a third party on Customer’s behalf;

c. the combination, operation, or use of the Materials with any product, hardware device, program, data, apparatus, method, or process that IBM did not provide as a system, if the infringement would not have occurred were it not for such combination, operation or use;

d. the distribution, operation or use of a Material outside Customer’s Enterprise; or

e. infringement by a Machine or a licensed program product alone.
This Intellectual Property Protection section states IBM’s entire obligation and Customer’s exclusive remedy regarding any third party intellectual property claims.

9. Limitation of Liability

9.1 Items for which IBM May be Liable

Circumstances may arise where, because of a default on IBM’s part or other liability, Customer is entitled to recover damages from IBM. Regardless of the basis on which Customer is entitled to claim damages from IBM (including fundamental breach, negligence, misrepresentation, or other contract or tort claim), IBM’s entire liability for all claims in the aggregate arising from or related to each Service or otherwise arising under this Agreement will not exceed the amount of any actual direct damages up to the greater of $100,000, or the charges (if recurring, 12 months’ charges apply) for the Service that is the subject of the claim.

This limit also applies to any of IBM’s subcontractors and licensed program product developers. It is the maximum for which IBM and its subcontractors and licensed program product developers are collectively responsible. The following amounts are not subject to a cap on the amount of damages:

a. payments referred to in the Intellectual Property Protection section above; and

b. damages for bodily injury (including death) and damage to real property and tangible personal property for which IBM is legally liable.

9.2 Items for Which IBM is Not Liable

Except as expressly required by law without the possibility of contractual waiver, under no circumstances is IBM, its subcontractors, or licensed program product developers liable for any of the following even if informed of their possibility:

a. loss of, or damage to, data;

b. special, incidental, exemplary, or indirect damages or for any economic consequential damages; or

c. lost profits, business, revenue, goodwill, or anticipated savings.

10. General Principles of our Relationship

a. Neither party grants the other the right to use its (or any of its Enterprise’s) trademarks, trade names, or other designations in any promotion or publication without prior written consent.

b. The exchange of any confidential information will be made under a separate, signed confidentiality agreement. However, to the extent confidential information is exchanged in connection with any Service under this Agreement, the applicable confidentiality agreement is incorporated into, and subject to, this Agreement.

c. This Agreement and any transaction under it do not create an agency, joint venture, or partnership between Customer and IBM. Each party is free to enter into similar agreements with others to develop, acquire, or provide competitive products and services.

d. Each party grants only the licenses and rights specified in this Agreement. No other licenses or rights (including licenses or rights under patents) are granted either directly, by implication, or otherwise. The rights and licenses granted to Customer under this Agreement may be terminated if Customer fails to fulfill its applicable payment obligations.

e. Customer authorizes International Business Machines Corporation and its subsidiaries (and their successors and assigns, contractors and IBM Business Partners) to store and use Customer’s business contact information wherever they do business, in connection with Services, or in furtherance of IBM’s business relationship with Customer.

f. No right or cause of action for any third party is created by this Agreement or any transaction under it, nor is IBM responsible for any third party claims against Customer except as described in the Intellectual Property Protection section above or as permitted by the Limitation of Liability section above for bodily injury (including death) or damage to real or tangible personal property for which IBM is legally liable to that third party.

g. Customer is responsible for selecting the Services that meet its needs and for the results obtained from the use of the Services, including Customer’s decision to implement any recommendation concerning Customer’s business practices and operations.
h. Where approval, acceptance, consent or similar action by either party is required under this Agreement, such action will not be unreasonably delayed or withheld.

i. Neither party is responsible for failure to fulfill any non-monetary obligations due to events beyond its control.

j. As reasonably required by IBM to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, Customer agrees to provide IBM with sufficient and safe access (including remote access) to Customer’s facilities, systems, information, personnel, and resources, all at no charge to IBM. IBM is not responsible for any delay in performing or failure to perform caused by Customer’s delay in providing such access or performing other Customer responsibilities under this Agreement.

11. Agreement Termination

Either party may terminate this Agreement on written notice to the other following the expiration or termination of the terminating party’s obligations under this Agreement, including any applicable Attachment or Transaction Document.

Either party may terminate this Agreement if the other does not comply with any of its terms, provided the one who is not complying is given written notice and reasonable time to comply.

Any terms of this Agreement that by their nature extend beyond the Agreement termination remain in effect until fulfilled, and apply to both parties’ respective successors and assignees.

12. Geographic Scope and Governing Law

The rights, duties, and obligations of each party are valid only in the United States except that all licenses are valid as specifically granted.

Both parties agree to the application of the laws of the State of New York to govern, interpret, and enforce all of Customer’s and IBM’s respective rights, duties, and obligations arising from, or relating in any manner to, the subject matter of this Agreement, without regard to conflict of law principles.

If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Agreement remain in full force and effect.

Nothing in this Agreement affects any statutory rights of consumers that cannot be waived or limited by contract.
This Agreement, including its applicable Attachments and Transaction Documents, is the complete agreement regarding transactions by which Customer acquires IBM Services through an IBM Business Partner, and replaces any prior oral or written communications between Customer and IBM. In entering into this Agreement, including each Attachment and Transaction Document, neither party is relying on any representation that is not specified in this Agreement including without limitation any representations concerning: i) estimated charges for any Service; ii) performance or function of any Service; iii) the experiences or recommendations of other parties; or iv) results or savings Customer may achieve. Additional or different terms in any written communication from Customer (such as a purchase order) are void.

Each party accepts, on behalf of its Enterprise, the terms of this Agreement by signing this Agreement (or another document that incorporates it by reference) by hand or electronically. Once signed, i) any reproduction of this Agreement, an Attachment, or Transaction Document made by reliable means (for example, electronic image, photocopy or facsimile) is considered an original and ii) all Services provided under this Agreement are subject to it.

Agreed to:

________________________________ ("Customer")
Customer Legal Name

By____________________________________
Authorized signature
Title:
Name (type or print):
Date:
Customer identification number:
Customer address:

Agreed to:

International Business Machines Corporation
("IBM")

By____________________________________
Authorized signature
Title:
Name (type or print):
Date:
Agreement number:
IBM address: