

**PROJECT NUMBER 46255
AMENDMENT # 4 TO
EXPRESS PRODUCTS LIST PURCHASE AGREEMENT
IT HARDWARE EPL RFP NUMBER 3760
BETWEEN
NEXT STEP GROUP, INC. DBA NEXT STEP INNOVATION
AND
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
AS CONTRACTING AGENT FOR THE
AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND GOVERNING AUTHORITIES
OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
(ORIGINAL PROJECT NUMBER 40731)**

This document (hereinafter referred to as "Amendment Number 4") shall serve to amend the original Express Products List Purchase Agreement executed on October 16, 2014 and amended on June 30, 2017, July 13, 2018, and June 28, 2019 (hereinafter referred to as "EPL Agreement"), between Next Step Group, Inc. dba Next Step Innovation, a Mississippi corporation having its principal place of business at 703 Highway 80 West Clinton, Mississippi 39056 (hereinafter referred to as "Seller"), and the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services having its principal place of business at 3771 Eastwood Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39211 (hereinafter referred to as "ITS"), as contracting agent for the governmental agencies, governing authorities, and educational institutions of the State of Mississippi authorized to use the Express Products List ("EPL") (hereinafter referred to as "Purchaser"). ITS and Purchaser are sometimes collectively referred to herein as "State".

NOW THEREFORE, ITS and Seller, by entering into this Amendment Number 4, mutually agree that the following provisions shall modify the aforementioned EPL Agreement:

- 1) Article 1.1 under "Term of Agreement" shall be and hereby is amended so as to renew the EPL Agreement for a period of two (2) years beginning July 1, 2021, and continuing through the close of business on June 30, 2023.
- 2) The following new Article 40 titled "Compliance with Enterprise Cloud and Offsite Hosting Security" shall be and hereby is added to the EPL Agreement and shall read as follows: "If applicable, Seller and Purchaser understand and agree that all products and services provided by the Seller under this Agreement must be and remain in compliance with the State of Mississippi's Enterprise Cloud and Offsite Hosting Security Policy. The parties understand and agree that the State's Enterprise Cloud and Offsite Hosting Security Policy is based on industry-standard best practices, policy, and guidelines at the time of contract execution and augments the Enterprise Security Policy. The State reserves the right to introduce a new policy during the term of this Agreement and require the Seller to comply with same in the event the industry introduces more secure, robust solutions or practices that facilitate a more secure posture for the State of Mississippi."

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All other terms and conditions of the Agreement executed on October 16, 2014 and amended on June 30, 2017, July 13, 2018, and June 28, 2019, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

**State of Mississippi, Department of
Information Technology Services, on
behalf of the governmental agencies,
governing authorities, and educational
institutions of the State of Mississippi**

By: David Johnson
Authorized Signature

Printed Name: David C. Johnson

Title: Executive Director

Date: 6/30/21

**Next Step Group, Inc. dba Next Step
Innovation**

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Trent Townsend
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By: _____
Authorized Signature

Printed Name: Trent Townsend

Title: CEO

Date: 6/21/2021