jurisdiction, the remainder of the Contract and the application of the term or condition to other parties or circumstances shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

## 4.4 Assignment

- A. DIR may assign the Contract without prior written approval to: i) a successor in interest (another state agency as designated by the Texas Legislature), or ii) as necessary to satisfy a regulatory requirement imposed upon a party by a governing body with the appropriate authority.
- B. A Customer may assign a Purchase Order issued under the Contract without prior written approval to: i) a successor in interest (another state agency as designated by the Texas Legislature), or ii) as necessary to satisfy a regulatory requirement imposed upon a party by a governing body with the appropriate authority.
- C. Successful Respondent shall not assign its rights under the Contract or delegate the performance of its duties under the Contract without prior written approval from the DIR. Any attempted assignment in violation of this provision is void and without effect.

## 4.5 Survival

All applicable Statements of Work that were entered into between Successful Respondent and a Customer under the terms and conditions of the Contract shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract. All Purchase Orders issued and accepted by Successful Respondent shall survive expiration or termination of the Contract for the term of the Purchase Order, unless the Customer terminates the Purchase Order sooner. However, regardless of the term of the Purchase Order, no Purchase Order shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract for more than three (3) years. In all instances of termination or expiration and no later than five (5) days after termination or expiration or upon DIR request, Successful Respondent shall provide a list, in accordance with the format requested by DIR (i.e., Excel, Word, etc.), of all surviving Statements of Work and Purchase Orders to the DIR Contract Manager and shall continue to report sales and pay the DIR Administrative Fees for the duration of all such surviving Statements of Work and Purchase Orders. Rights and obligations under the Contract which by their nature should survive, including, but not limited to the DIR Administrative Fee and any and all payment obligations invoiced prior to the termination or expiration hereof, obligations of confidentiality; and indemnification will remain in effect.

## 4.6 Choice of Law

The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions. In any litigation where any state agency is a party, and subject to the requirements of Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, the exclusive venue of any such suit arising under the Contract is fixed in the state courts of Travis County, Texas. If litigation does not involve any state agency, then venue is fixed in the state courts of the Texas county where the Customer is primarily situated, unless the specific venue is otherwise identified in a statute which directly names or otherwise identifies its applicability to the contracting Agency. Regardless of any provision anywhere in the Contract, no state agency or other Customer in any manner waives any defense or immunity whatsoever.

## 4.7 Limitation of Authority

Successful Respondent shall have no authority to act for or on behalf of the Texas Department of Information Resources or the State except as expressly provided for in the Contract; no other authority,