**CONTRACT RIDER:**

**HARVARD DIGITAL  
ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Effective as of [RIDER DATE], this Contract Rider (“Rider”) is added to and incorporated as part of the [AGREEMENT NAME] (in this Rider, the “Agreement”), dated [AGREEMENT DATE], between President & Fellows of Harvard College, acting through [HARVARD CLIENT] (in this Rider, “Harvard”) and [SERVICE PROVIDER] (in this Rider, “Service Provider[[1]](#footnote-1)”).

1. **STANDARDS.** For purposes of this Rider, “Standards” means the most recent version of, or successor standards to, the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 Level AA, as published by the Web Accessibility Initiative of the World Wide Web Consortium.
2. **DELIVERABLES.** For Purposes of this Rider, “Deliverables” means any services, equipment, hardware, software, systems, platforms, technologies, documentation, and content, including all components, features, functionalities, upgrades, versions, and releases thereof, to be provided by Service Provider under the Agreement.
3. **CONFORMANCE WITH STANDARDS.** Service Provider hereby represents and warrants that the Deliverables, whether or not web-based, will conform to the Standards. To the extent a Deliverable permits Harvard or third parties to post content for access by others, Service Provider will ensure that the Deliverable enables and does not interfere with the ability of content providers to post such content in a format that conforms to the Standards.
4. **TESTING/ AUDITS.** Prior to delivery to Harvard, Service Provider shall conduct internal and field testing of the Deliverables, including testing of the Deliverables with applicable assistive technologies covered within the Standards (“Testing”), to ensure the Deliverables’ conformance to the Standards. Service Provider shall provide accurate and complete written reports of all Testing results to Harvard upon request. In addition, Service Provider shall be responsible to conduct annual accessibility evaluations (“Audits”) of all user systems developed, hosted, or otherwise managed by Service Provider as part of the Deliverables, including any third-party technology or content contained therein, to ensure conformance of such systems to the Standards.
5. **NOTIFICATION OF NONCONFORMANCE.** Service Provider shall notify Harvard if, at any time during performance of the Agreement, whether or not as a result of Testing, Audit, or user complaint, Service Provider determines reasonably and in good faith that any element of the Deliverables may not fully conform to the Standards (“Non-Conformance”).
6. **USER FEEDBACK.** Upon Harvard’s request, Service Provider shall notify Harvard of accessibility complaints from users of the Deliverables. Upon Harvard’s request, Service Provider shall incorporate into the Deliverables a method by which users may contact knowledgeable persons to report difficulties accessing or using the Deliverables and to direct comments, questions, and complaints regarding accessibility. Service Provider shall resolve all accessibility complaints that describe Non-Conformance with the same level of priority as remedying any equivalent loss of function for individuals without disabilities.
7. **REMEDY.** In the event Service Provider reports Non-Conformance as provided in Section 5, fails to resolve Non-Conformance as provided in Section 6, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of this Rider, Harvard shall work with Service Provider reasonably and in good faith to develop an agreed action plan and timeline for curing such breach (“Cure Plan”). Harvard shall not pursue any remedies available at law or in equity under the Agreement, including termination of the Agreement, unless or until the Parties are unable to reach agreement on a Cure Plan or Harvard determines in its discretion that Service Provider has not followed or cannot complete the Cure Plan.
8. **CONFLICT.** In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Rider and the Agreement, the terms of this Rider shall govern.

**For Service Provider For Harvard**

By: By:

Name: Name:

Title: Title:

1. Users of this form may substitute for “Service Provider” the words “Vendor,” “Supplier,” “Consultant,” or other terminology applicable to the counterparty. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)