Brake & Turn Companion 04 — Procurement Rider

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A standardized attachment for ethical AI procurement, contracting, and vendor evaluation.

Preamble

This Procurement Rider attaches to any Request for Proposal (RFP), Master Services Agreement (MSA), or other vendor contract involving artificial intelligence (AI) or automated decision systems. It ensures that intelligence serves life by aligning procurement with the Brake & Turn Compact's principles of transparency, accountability, and energy stewardship.

Definitions

AI System — any model or service performing inference, prediction, or generation.
Contractor — vendor providing or operating the AI System.
Purchaser — public or private entity procuring the AI System.
Living Checklist — companion audit tool under /companions/living-checklist.
Compact Principles — six-step symbiosis framework of the Brake & Turn Compact.

Ethical Obligations of the Contractor

1. **Human Intent & Approval** — Humans define system purpose; AI supports, never replaces, human decision-making.
2. **Transparency Map** — Provide architecture, model lineage, and data flows for review.
3. **Data Dignity** — Respect consent, minimize collection, and honor deletion requests.
4. **Energy Stewardship** — Publish energy mix and efficiency metrics; prefer renewables.
5. **Open Interoperability & Exit** — Provide open exports and support vendor transition without lock-in.

Alignment & Audit

• Complete the Living Checklist before award and renewal.
• Participate in alignment stress-tests (bias, safety, resilience).
• Publish a public Alignment Report (summarized if confidential).
• Permit independent audits at reasonable intervals.

Compliance & Lawfulness

All deliverables must:
• Comply with applicable law and Compact Principles.
• Avoid deceptive automation and surveillance misuse.
• Remain subject to ethical review by the Purchaser.

Community & Workforce Benefit

• Contracts over defined thresholds commit ≥ 1 % net profit or savings to community energy access, education, or reskilling.
• Identify potential workforce displacement and propose mitigation plans.

Incident Reporting & Remedy

• Notify the Purchaser within 24 h of any breach or safety incident.
• Publish a summary and mitigation plan within 72 h where law permits.
• Purchaser may pause use or payment until remedial actions verified.
• Uncured breaches (> 30 days) constitute Symbiotic Default.

Verification & Evaluation

• Checklist Score may serve as eligibility or scoring criterion.
• Purchaser may publish verified vendor scores in a public registry.
• Procurement preference for vendors demonstrating strong alignment and renewable energy use.

Relationship to Other Documents

This Rider forms part of the Brake & Turn Addendum Set: Living Checklist, Underwriting Addendum, Parallel Path Strategy.
In case of conflict, the stricter or more life-affirming standard applies.

Termination & Survival

• Either party may terminate for uncured material breach (after 30 days).
• Data dignity, transparency, and audit obligations survive termination.
• Upon termination, Contractor assists in safe shutdown or transfer.

Signature Block

Purchaser: _____   **Date:** _____
Contractor: _____   **Date:** _____

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