

## **Master Services Agreement**

**Between:**

**Customer: [Large U.S.-Based Enterprise Name]**

**Provider: [Fictitious Technology Provider Name]**

**Date: [Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_]**

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### **Section 1: Definitions, Interpretations, and Preliminary Provisions**

**The definitions herein shall apply throughout this Agreement notwithstanding any conflicting provisions set forth elsewhere and include without limitation the following terms which shall be construed in accordance with their respective meanings ascribed herein; "Customer" refers to the U.S.-Based Enterprise identified above and "Provider" refers to the Fictitious Technology Provider, together with their respective successors and permitted assigns; "CPaaS" means Communication Platform as a Service including but not limited to telecommunication services; "Agreement" shall refer collectively to this Master Services Agreement including all exhibits, schedules, and amendments hereto; "Confidential Information" encompasses all non-public information whether oral or written disclosed by either party in connection with this Agreement and may include trade secrets, technical data, and business strategies; "Effective Date" shall be the date specified on the cover page of this Agreement unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties; "Services" includes all activities undertaken by Provider in furtherance of its obligations under this Agreement; "Term" shall mean the period commencing on the Effective Date and continuing until terminated pursuant to the provisions herein. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, provided however that the foregoing definitions shall not be construed to limit the applicability of other terms which may arise in the context of the Services provided, including those terms not explicitly defined herein but subject to common industry usage and interpretation.<sup>1</sup> Subject to residency requirements set forth herein which shall include, without limitation, obligations regarding data localization and export control**

**compliance.**

**Section 2: Scope of Services and Obligations of Provider** The Provider agrees to perform the Services as outlined in Exhibit A in accordance with the specifications and standards set forth therein provided that all such Services shall be subject to Customer's review and approval; Provider shall ensure that all personnel engaged in the provision of Services are adequately trained and qualified and shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations including but not limited to those relating to telecommunications and data privacy; Provider shall (i) maintain all necessary licenses and permits required for the provision of Services, (ii) adhere to all service levels as specified in Exhibit B, and (iii) provide regular reports detailing performance metrics and compliance status. Any deviation from the agreed service levels shall entitle Customer to pursue remedies as set forth in Section 18 notwithstanding the foregoing but subject to Provider's right to cure such deviation within the time frame specified in Exhibit C. As Customer's complete and exclusive remedy under the circumstances described in the preceding three sentences but subject to the limitations set forth in Section 19, Provider shall provide credits or refunds as applicable. Provider's obligations shall not be limited to the provisions explicitly stated herein but shall extend to any ancillary services reasonably necessary to ensure the successful completion of the Services.

**Section 3: Fees, Payment Terms, and Financial Obligations** The fees for the Services shall be calculated in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit D, provided however that such fees may be subject to adjustment based on the volume of Services rendered during any given billing cycle; Customer shall remit payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of a valid invoice from Provider, notwithstanding any disputes which may arise regarding the invoiced amounts but subject to Customer's right to withhold payment in the event of non-compliance by Provider; Provider shall

not impose any late fees or penalties unless expressly authorized by Customer in writing; all payments shall be made in U.S. dollars and shall be exclusive of any taxes, duties, or levies which may be imposed by any governmental authority except that Provider shall be responsible for the payment of all income and employment taxes related to its personnel.<sup>2</sup>Subject to Section 4.3 which provides for additional fees in the event of Service expansion or enhancement requested by Customer.

**Section 4: Indemnification and Limitation of Liability** Provider shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Customer from and against any and all claims, liabilities, damages, and expenses arising from or relating to the Services provided hereunder to the extent caused by Provider's negligence or willful misconduct, except as otherwise limited by Section 5.2; Customer shall indemnify Provider only to the extent that any claims are attributable solely to Customer's misuse of the Services provided that such indemnification shall not extend to any claims arising from Provider's breach of its obligations hereunder; notwithstanding the foregoing but subject to the limitations set forth in Section 5.5, neither party shall be liable for any indirect, consequential, or punitive damages arising from this Agreement.<sup>3</sup>Liability shall be capped at an amount equivalent to the fees paid by Customer during the preceding twelve (12) months subject to the exceptions outlined in Section 6.

**Section 5: Service Level Agreements and Performance Metrics** The Provider shall comply with the service levels set forth in Exhibit B which shall include without limitation specific uptime targets, response times, and resolution times for any incidents; Provider shall log access to all systems containing Customer Data that (A) involve Personally Identifiable Information (PII), which for purposes hereof means (1) any data that could reasonably be used to identify a natural person, (2) financial account information, or (3) health information, or (B) are subject to regular audits by Customer; in the

event Provider fails to meet any service level, Customer shall be entitled to invoke the remedies specified in Exhibit C; Provider shall provide monthly reports detailing its compliance with the service levels and shall promptly notify Customer of any deviations therefrom, provided that such notice shall not relieve Provider of its obligation to rectify any deficiencies.

**Section 6: Data Privacy, Security, and Compliance Obligations**  
Provider shall implement and maintain appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect Customer Data against unauthorized access, use, disclosure, or destruction; Provider shall comply with all applicable data protection laws including but not limited to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA); Provider shall notify Customer within twenty-four (24) hours of any data breach or security incident involving Customer Data; Provider shall cooperate fully with Customer in the investigation and remediation of any such incident; Provider shall ensure that all data processed on behalf of Customer is stored within the geographic boundaries specified by Customer and shall not transfer any data outside such boundaries without Customer's prior written consent, provided that such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; Provider shall provide Customer with access to all records related to its data processing activities upon request and shall permit Customer to conduct audits of Provider's data protection measures at reasonable intervals.

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**Section 7: Intellectual Property Rights and Ownership** All intellectual property rights arising from the Services shall be the exclusive property of Customer, notwithstanding any prior agreements between the parties; Provider shall assign and hereby assigns to Customer all rights, title, and interest in and to any work product developed in connection with the Services, provided however that

**Provider shall retain a non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use such work product solely for the purpose of fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement; Provider shall not use or disclose any Customer intellectual property for any purpose other than as expressly authorized by Customer; Customer shall indemnify Provider against any claims arising from alleged infringement of third-party intellectual property rights to the extent such claims are attributable to Customer's instructions or specifications, except as otherwise provided in Section 8.**

**Section 8: Acceptable Use Policies and Compliance with Telecommunications Laws** Provider shall comply with all applicable telecommunications laws and regulations including but not limited to the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); Provider shall implement acceptable use policies for its Services which shall be subject to Customer's approval; Provider shall ensure that its Services do not interfere with or degrade the performance of any telecommunications networks; Provider shall notify Customer of any changes to its acceptable use policies and shall indemnify Customer against any claims arising from Provider's violation of applicable telecommunications laws; Provider shall cooperate with any regulatory investigations or audits initiated by governmental authorities and shall provide Customer with all necessary documentation to demonstrate its compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

**Section 9: Termination Rights and Effects** Customer may terminate this Agreement at any time upon thirty (30) days' written notice to Provider, provided that Customer shall remain liable for any fees incurred prior to the effective date of termination; Provider may terminate this Agreement only in the event of a material breach by Customer which is not cured within thirty (30) days of notice thereof; upon termination of this Agreement, Provider shall return all

**Customer Data and any other materials provided by Customer in connection with the Services; Provider shall provide reasonable assistance to Customer in transitioning the Services to an alternative provider, notwithstanding any conflicting terms set forth elsewhere; the termination of this Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of the parties accrued prior to the effective date of termination; any obligations which by their nature are intended to survive termination shall remain in effect notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement.**

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**Section 10: Dispute Resolution Procedures and Governing Law Any disputes arising from or relating to this Agreement shall be resolved through binding arbitration conducted in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA); the arbitration shall take place in the state of [State] and shall be conducted by a single arbitrator mutually agreed upon by the parties; the decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties and may be enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction; notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may seek injunctive relief in a court of competent jurisdiction to prevent a breach of this Agreement; this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of [State] without regard to its conflict of laws principles; any legal proceedings arising from this Agreement shall be brought in the courts located in [City], [State].**

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**Section 11: Audit Rights and Compliance Monitoring** Customer shall have the right to conduct audits of Provider's operations and compliance with the terms of this Agreement at any time upon reasonable notice; Provider shall provide Customer with access to all records, systems, and personnel necessary to conduct such audits; Provider shall cooperate fully with Customer's audit procedures and shall implement any corrective actions required by Customer as a result of such audits; Provider shall indemnify Customer against any claims arising from Provider's failure to comply with the audit requirements set forth herein; Customer's audit rights shall extend to any subcontractors engaged by Provider in connection with the Services provided that Provider shall ensure that all subcontractors agree to comply with the audit requirements set forth herein; Customer shall bear the costs of any audits except where Provider's non-compliance is discovered, in which case Provider shall reimburse Customer for all reasonable audit-related expenses.

**Section 12: Emergency Call Disclaimers and Technical Specifications** Provider shall ensure that its Services comply with all applicable laws and regulations relating to emergency call services including but not limited to the Enhanced 911 (E911) standards; Provider shall implement technical specifications to ensure the accurate routing and delivery of emergency calls to the appropriate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP); Provider shall notify Customer of any changes to its emergency call capabilities and shall indemnify Customer against any claims arising from Provider's failure to comply with applicable emergency call regulations; Provider shall provide Customer with detailed documentation of its emergency call capabilities upon request and shall permit Customer to conduct audits of Provider's compliance with emergency call standards at reasonable intervals.



**Section 13: Remedies and Limitations of Liability** In the event of Provider's breach of its obligations under this Agreement, Customer shall be entitled to the remedies specified in Section 19 including but not limited to credits, refunds, and termination of this Agreement; Provider's liability for any claims arising from this Agreement shall be capped at an amount equivalent to the fees paid by Customer during the preceding twelve (12) months; notwithstanding the foregoing but subject to the limitations set forth in Section 5.5, neither party shall be liable for any indirect, consequential, or punitive damages arising from this Agreement; Customer shall indemnify Provider against any claims arising from Customer's misuse of the Services provided that such indemnification shall not extend to any claims arising from Provider's breach of its obligations hereunder; Provider shall indemnify Customer against any claims arising from Provider's negligence or willful misconduct to the extent such claims are attributable solely to Provider's actions.

**Section 14: Signature Blocks and Miscellaneous Provisions** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement; the parties shall execute any additional documents necessary to give effect to the terms of this Agreement including but not limited to assignments and amendments; Provider shall not assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement without Customer's prior written consent; any notices required under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when delivered personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested; this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter hereof; if any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force

**and effect.**

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**Section 15: Exhibit-Specific Signature Blocks Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C shall each contain separate signature blocks for the parties to acknowledge their agreement to the terms set forth therein; the signature blocks shall include spaces for the printed name, title, and date of execution for each signatory; the parties shall execute the signature blocks in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 14 notwithstanding any conflicting terms set forth elsewhere in this Agreement; the execution of the signature blocks shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions of this Agreement.**

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**Section 16: Cross-Page References and Structural Anomalies** The parties acknowledge that certain sections of this Agreement may contain cross-page references to non-existent sections; any such references shall be deemed to refer to the applicable sections as identified by context and shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the provisions herein; the parties agree to resolve any ambiguities arising from cross-page references through mutual consultation and amendment of this Agreement as necessary; the parties shall bear their own costs in connection with any such amendments.

**Section 17: Nested Provisos and Clause-With-In-Clause Structures** The parties agree that certain sections of this Agreement may contain nested provisos which create clause-with-in-clause structures; any such structures shall be deemed to be part of the relevant section and shall be interpreted in accordance with the context and intent of the parties; the parties acknowledge that the structure of this Agreement may create ambiguities which shall be resolved through mutual consultation and amendment of this Agreement as necessary.

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**Section 18: Remedies and Limitation of Liability Continued** In addition to the remedies specified in Section 13, Customer shall be entitled to pursue any other remedies available at law or equity in the event of Provider's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; Provider's liability for any claims arising from this Agreement shall be capped at an amount equivalent to the fees paid by Customer during the preceding twelve (12) months notwithstanding any conflicting terms set forth elsewhere in this Agreement; the parties acknowledge that the limitations of liability

**set forth herein are an essential part of the consideration for the Services provided by Provider.**

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**Section 19: Conclusion and Execution of Agreement** The parties hereby execute this Master Services Agreement as of the Effective Date specified on the cover page; the execution of this Agreement shall constitute the parties' acknowledgement of and agreement to the terms set forth herein; the parties agree to execute any additional documents necessary to give effect to the terms of this Agreement notwithstanding any conflicting terms set forth elsewhere; the parties agree that the provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and permitted assigns; the execution of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions herein.

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