

**APPENDIX IV**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
CONFIDENTIALITY, PARTICIPATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS CONTRACT  
SAMPLE ONLY; NOT AN OFFER**

THIS CONTRACT, and amendments and supplements thereto, is between State of Minnesota, acting through its State Court Administrator's Office (hereinafter "STATE") and \_\_\_\_\_ [insert subcontractor full legal name and address]\_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter "SUBCONTRACTOR").

**Recitals**

The STATE has entered in to STATE contract with \_\_\_\_\_ [enter general contractor full legal name]\_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_ [insert general description of services]\_\_\_\_\_ services ("the Project"), to be provided by [SUBCONTRACTOR]/[SUBCONTRACTOR's employee \_\_\_\_\_ [insert employee's full legal name]\_\_\_\_\_. SUBCONTRACTOR'S participation in the Project requires, among other things, disclosure to CONTRACTOR of confidential STATE information and authorship by SUBCONTRACTOR of copyrightable subject matter which the STATE and SUBCONTRACTOR intend to be owned by the STATE. The STATE is willing to permit SUBCONTRACTOR to participate in the Project as an independent contractor under contract with \_\_\_\_\_ [enter general contractor full legal name]\_\_\_\_\_ pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in this contract.

**Contract**

In consideration of the foregoing, of being permitted to participate in the Project under contract with \_\_\_\_\_ [enter general contractor full legal name]\_\_\_\_\_, SUBCONTRACTOR agrees as follows:

- I. **SCOPE OF, AND PAYMENT FOR, PARTICIPATION.** \_\_\_\_\_ [enter general contractor full legal name]\_\_\_\_\_ and SUBCONTRACTOR will determine the scope of SUBCONTRACTOR's engagement and the terms of their relationship with one another, and SUBCONTRACTOR will look solely to \_\_\_\_\_ [enter general contractor full legal name]\_\_\_\_\_ for payment under its contract with \_\_\_\_\_ [enter general contractor full legal name]\_\_\_\_\_.
  
- I. **TERM AND TERMINATION.** This contract shall not be effective until approved as to form and execution by the STATE's Legal Counsel Division, and upon such approval the effective date shall be deemed to be [\_\_\_\_ insert start date here \_\_\_\_]. This contract shall continue in force and effect according to its terms. The STATE may terminate this contract at any time without penalty by giving five (5) working days written notice of termination to SUBCONTRACTOR. Unless otherwise terminated as herein provided, this contract shall terminate as of midnight, [\_\_\_\_ insert termination date here \_\_\_\_].
  
- II. **INDEPENDENT OBLIGATIONS.** The obligations of SUBCONTRACTOR under this contract are unconditional and do not depend upon the performance of any agreements, duties, obligations or terms outside this contract.
  
- III. **ASSIGNMENT AND BINDING EFFECT.** Except as expressly authorized in this contract, SUBCONTRACTOR shall neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this contract without the prior written consent of the STATE. This contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns, including any corporation or other legal entity into, by or with which SUBCONTRACTOR may be merged, acquired or consolidated or which may purchase all or substantially all of the business assets of SUBCONTRACTOR.
  
- IV. **AMENDMENTS.** Any amendments to this contract shall be in writing and shall be executed by the same parties who executed the original contract, or their successors in office.

- V. **LIABILITY.** SUBCONTRACTOR shall indemnify, save, and hold the STATE, its representatives and employees harmless from any and all claims or causes of action, including all attorney's fees incurred by the STATE, arising from the participation in the Project by SUBCONTRACTOR or SUBCONTRACTOR'S agents or employees. If SUBCONTRACTOR is an entity, SUBCONTRACTOR covenants and agrees that it shall obtain and maintain liability insurance with minimum limits of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per claim, accident or occurrence, whichever is greater, covering injuries or damages caused by the acts or omissions of its employees. This clause shall not be construed to bar any legal remedies SUBCONTRACTOR may have for the STATE'S failure to fulfill its obligations pursuant to this contract.
- VI. **STATE AUDITS.** The books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the SUBCONTRACTOR relevant to this contract shall be subject to examination by the contracting department and the Legislative Auditor for a minimum period of six (6) years from the termination of this contract. Records shall be sufficient to reflect all costs incurred in performance of this Contract.
- VII. **CONFIDENTIALITY; DISCLOSURE AND USE.**
- A. **General.** SUBCONTRACTOR shall not disclose to any third party any information that is both: (1) made available by the STATE to SUBCONTRACTOR in order to permit SUBCONTRACTOR to participate in the Project or is created, gathered, generated or acquired in accordance with the Project; and (2) inaccessible to the public pursuant to the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court, as the same may be amended from time to time. If SUBCONTRACTOR receives a request to release the information referred to in this Clause, SUBCONTRACTOR must immediately notify the STATE. The STATE will give SUBCONTRACTOR instructions concerning the release of the information to the requesting party before the information is released. CONTRACTOR shall not use any information that is made available by the STATE to CONTRACTOR in order to permit CONTRACTOR to perform hereunder, or is created, gathered, generated or acquired in accordance with this contract, for any purpose other than performance of this contract.
- B. **State Programs, Databases, Marks.** Without limiting paragraph A, above, SUBCONTRACTOR agrees to the following:
1. **State Programs.** The computer application programs made available by the STATE to SUBCONTRACTOR in order to permit SUBCONTRACTOR to participate in the Project are referred to herein as "State Programs." The STATE is the copyright owner of the State Programs. The combination of ideas, procedures, processes, systems, logic, coherence and methods of operation embodied within the State Programs, and all analysis and design specifications, programming specifications, source code, algorithms, and information contained in technical reference manuals pertaining to the State Programs, are trade secret information of the STATE. The computer operating systems software programs and other third party software licensed by the STATE, and related documentation, made available by the STATE to SUBCONTRACTOR in order to permit CONTRACTOR to participate in the Project, are subject to claims of trade secret and copyright ownership by the respective licensors and will be treated by SUBCONTRACTOR in the same manner as trade secret information of the STATE. In addition, SUBCONTRACTOR will familiarize itself with and abide by the terms and conditions of the license agreements applicable to such third party software. Without limiting the foregoing, SUBCONTRACTOR may also be required to sign an appropriate confidentiality agreement with the STATE's software vendor if access to

proprietary segments of the MNCIS application are necessary for SUBCONTRACTOR's work hereunder.

2. **State Databases.** The computer databases made available by the STATE to SUBCONTRACTOR in order to permit SUBCONTRACTOR to participate in the Project are referred to herein as "State Databases." The STATE is the copyright owner of the State Databases and of all copyrightable aspects and components thereof. All specifications and information pertaining to the State Databases and to their structure, sequence and organization are trade secret information of the STATE. All information contained within the State Databases is sensitive, confidential information and will be treated by SUBCONTRACTOR in the same manner as trade secret information of the STATE. Without limiting any of the foregoing, SUBCONTRACTOR understands and agrees that to the extent that any records made available by the STATE or CONTRACTOR to SUBCONTRACTOR hereunder are publicly-accessible, the STATE retains all rights it possesses in and to such records and SUBCONTRACTOR has no title or ownership rights, including any right to sell, resell, disclose, redisclose, recombine, reconfigure or retain such records except: (i) as expressly required for SUBCONTRACTOR's compliance with this contract; or (ii) to the extent that it has purchased or obtained the same from the STATE on the same terms and via the same means and to the same extent as other members of the public.
  
3. **Marks.** The STATE claims that the marks "MNCIS," "CrimNet," "SJIS," and "MARS" are trademarks and service marks of the STATE or of other agencies of the state of Minnesota. SUBCONTRACTOR shall neither have nor claim any right, title, or interest in or use of any trademark, service mark, or tradename owned or used by the STATE or other agencies of the state of Minnesota.
  
4. **Restrictions on Duplication, Disclosure and Use.** SUBCONTRACTOR will not, except as required for SUBCONTRACTOR'S participation in the Project, copy any part of the State Programs or State Databases, prepare any translations thereof or derivative works based thereon, use or disclose any trade secret information of the STATE, or use any trademark, service mark, or tradename of the STATE, in any way or for any purpose not specifically and expressly authorized by this contract. As used herein, "trade secret information of the STATE" means any information or compilation of information possessed by the STATE, or developed by SUBCONTRACTOR in the performance of its obligations hereunder, which derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use. "Trade secret information of the STATE" does not, however, include information which was known to SUBCONTRACTOR prior to SUBCONTRACTOR'S receipt thereof, either directly or indirectly, from the STATE, information which is independently developed by SUBCONTRACTOR without reference to or use of information received from the STATE, or information which would not qualify as trade secret information under Minnesota law. It will not be a violation of this section for SUBCONTRACTOR to disclose any information received from the STATE pursuant to the order of a court or governmental authority of competent jurisdiction if SUBCONTRACTOR notifies the state immediately upon receipt by SUBCONTRACTOR of notice of the issuance of such an order.

5. **Proprietary Notices.** SUBCONTRACTOR will advise its employees and permitted subcontractors who are permitted access to any of the State Programs, State Databases, or trade secret information of the STATE of the restrictions upon duplication, disclosure and use contained in this contract. Without limiting the foregoing, SUBCONTRACTOR shall include in and/or on any copy or translation of, or derivative work based upon, any of the State Programs, the State Databases, or trade secret information of the STATE, or any part thereof, and any documents pertaining thereto, the same copyright and other proprietary notices as appear on the copies made available to SUBCONTRACTOR by the STATE, except that copyright notices shall be updated and other proprietary notices added as may be appropriate.

C. **Inspection and Return of State Property.** All documents, encoded media, and other tangible items made available to CONTRACTOR by the STATE, or prepared, generated or created by SUBCONTRACTOR in SUBCONTRACTOR'S participation in the Project, are and will be exclusively the property of the STATE and will be available for inspection by the STATE upon request. Upon completion of SUBCONTRACTOR'S participation in the Project, SUBCONTRACTOR will, upon the STATE'S request, promptly deliver to the STATE any or all such documents, encoded media and other items in its possession, including all complete or partial copies, recordings, abstracts, notes or reproductions of any kind made from or about such documents, media, items, or information contained therein. SUBCONTRACTOR and the STATE acknowledge that all computer operating systems software programs and other third party software licensed by the STATE, and related documentation, made available by the STATE to SUBCONTRACTOR in order to permit SUBCONTRACTOR to perform its obligations hereunder, or any translations, compilations, or partial copies thereof are and remain the property of the respective licensors.

D. **Injunctive Relief.** SUBCONTRACTOR acknowledges that the STATE will be irreparably harmed if SUBCONTRACTOR'S obligations under sections VIII and IX of this contract are not specifically enforced and that the STATE would not have an adequate remedy at law in the event of an actual or threatened violation by SUBCONTRACTOR of its obligations. Therefore, SUBCONTRACTOR agrees that the STATE shall be entitled to an injunction or any appropriate decree of specific performance for any actual or threatened violation or breach by SUBCONTRACTOR without the necessity of the STATE showing actual damages or that monetary damages would not afford an adequate remedy. SUBCONTRACTOR shall be liable to the State for reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the STATE in obtaining any relief pursuant to this section.

E. **Nondisclosure Indemnity.** Without limiting section VI, SUBCONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the STATE and its agents, officers and employees from and against any and all claims by Third Parties that are determined in a final, non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted directly and proximately from SUBCONTRACTOR'S violation of the non-disclosure provisions hereof. The STATE shall provide SUBCONTRACTOR with prompt notice of any claim for which indemnification may be sought hereunder and shall cooperate in all reasonable respects with SUBCONTRACTOR in connection with any such claim. SUBCONTRACTOR shall be entitled to control the handling of any such claim and to defend or settle any such claim, in its sole discretion, with counsel of its own choosing.

VIII. **RIGHTS IN AND TO INFORMATION, INVENTIONS, AND MATERIALS.** In consideration of the facts that SUBCONTRACTOR'S participation in the Project will involve access to and development of information which shall be trade secret information of the STATE and may involve the development by SUBCONTRACTOR or SUBCONTRACTOR'S participation in the development of copyrightable and/or patentable subject matter which the parties intend be owned by the STATE:

- A. All right, title, and interest in and to any trade secret information of the STATE (as defined in sections VIII(B)(1), (2), and (4) above) developed by SUBCONTRACTOR either individually or jointly with others, and which arises out of SUBCONTRACTOR'S participation in the Project, will be the property of the STATE and are by this contract irrevocably transferred, assigned, and conveyed to the STATE free and clear of any liens, claims, or other encumbrances.
- B. The STATE shall be the copyright owner of all copyrightable material that SUBCONTRACTOR shall conceive or originate, either individually or jointly with others, and which arises out of the performance of this contract, and of all elements and components thereof in which copyright protection can subsist. To the extent that any of the foregoing does not qualify as a "work made for hire" within the meaning and purview of section 101 of the United States Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101, SUBCONTRACTOR hereby transfers, assigns and conveys the exclusive copyright ownership thereof to the STATE, free and clear of any liens, claims or other encumbrances.
- C. All right, title, and interest in and to any invention which SUBCONTRACTOR first conceives or first reduces to practice either individually or jointly, and which arises out of SUBCONTRACTOR'S participation in the Project, will be the property of the STATE and are by this contract irrevocably transferred, assigned, and conveyed to the STATE along with ownership of any and all patents on the inventions anywhere in the world, free and clear of any liens, claims or other encumbrances. SUBCONTRACTOR agrees to disclose promptly any such invention to the STATE. This paragraph shall not apply to any invention for which no equipment, supplies, facility or trade secret information of the STATE (as defined in Sections VIII(B)(1), (2), and (4), above) was used and which was developed entirely on SUBCONTRACTOR'S own time, and (a) which does not relate (i) directly to the business of the STATE or (ii) to the STATE'S actual or demonstrably anticipated research or development, or (b) which does not result from any work performed or materials provided by SUBCONTRACTOR for the STATE.
- D. SUBCONTRACTOR will execute all documents and perform all other acts that the STATE may reasonably request in order to assist the STATE in perfecting its rights in and to the trade secret information of the STATE and the copyrightable and patentable subject matter identified herein, in any and all countries.
- E. Without limiting section VIII or parts A, B, C, and D of section IX of this agreement, the STATE retains all rights it possesses in and to the State Databases and State Programs made available to SUBCONTRACTOR for purposes of permitting SUBCONTRACTOR to perform hereunder. SUBCONTRACTOR has no title or ownership rights, including any right to sell, resell, disclose, redisclose, recombine, reconfigure or retain the State Databases or State Programs except as expressly permitted herein to permit SUBCONTRACTOR to complete its duties hereunder. SUBCONTRACTOR may, however, purchase a copy of publicly-accessible versions of information contained in the State Databases and State Programs from the STATE on the same terms and to the same extent as other members of the public. Except to the extent that SUBCONTRACTOR has purchased such copy, SUBCONTRACTOR shall not sell, resell, disclose, redisclose, recombine, reconfigure or retain the State Databases or State Programs except as otherwise expressly provided herein.

IX. [RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE]

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XI. **ANTITRUST.** SUBCONTRACTOR hereby assigns to the State of Minnesota any and all claims for overcharges as to goods and/or services provided in connection with the Project resulting from antitrust violations that arise under the antitrust laws of the United States and the antitrust laws of the State of Minnesota.

XII. **OTHER PROVISIONS.**

A. **Warranties.**

1. **Original Works.** In participating in the Project, SUBCONTRACTOR will not use or incorporate any trade secret information or copyrighted works of authorship of SUBCONTRACTOR or of any third party, and except for components already in the public domain (without any license restrictions attached thereto), all software, documentation, information and other materials provided or furnished by SUBCONTRACTOR in performing the duties under this contract will be original and will not violate or infringe upon the rights of any third party.
2. **Professional Services; Status; Conflicts of Interest.** SUBCONTRACTOR represents and warrants to the STATE that [SUBCONTRACTOR]/[all services related to the Project will be performed exclusively by SUBCONTRACTOR's employee \_\_\_[insert employee's full legal name]\_\_\_ who is and will be acting as an employee of SUBCONTRACTOR within the meaning and purview of the "works made for hire" provision of the Copyright Laws of the United States of America and who:]:
  - a. Has the proper training, skill and background so as to be able to perform all professional integration services required for the Project in a competent and professional manner, and all such work shall be of quality;
  - b. Has obtained lawful permanent residence in the United States of America with a right to live and work permanently in the United States of America; and
  - c. Has no interest in any pending or threatened litigation or proceedings in any Minnesota state court and has no immediate family members who have any such interests.

If SUBCONTRACTOR becomes aware of any [SUBCONTRACTOR]/[SUBCONTRACTOR employee] interest (or that of [SUBCONTRACTOR's]/[SUBCONTRACTOR's employee's] immediate family members) in any threatened or pending litigation or proceeding in any Minnesota state court, SUBCONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the STATE of such interest, and SUBCONTRACTOR acknowledges that the STATE may immediately disqualify [SUBCONTRACTOR] / [SUBCONTRACTOR's employee] from performing services related to the Project, and [SUBCONTRACTOR]/[SUBCONTRACTOR's employee] shall have no further access to the confidential information of the STATE.

3. **Mutual Representations and Warranties.** SUBCONTRACTOR and the STATE each represent and warrant to the other that: a) it has the full right, power and authority to enter into this contract and to perform fully all of its obligations hereunder; b) it is free of any obligation or restriction that would prevent it from entering into this contract or from performing fully any of its obligations hereunder; and c) it has not entered into and will not

enter into any contract which would impede the full performance of its obligations hereunder or would in any way limit or restrict the rights of the other under this contract.

- B. **Patent and Copyright Indemnity.** Without limiting section VI, SUBCONTRACTOR shall indemnify the STATE and hold it harmless against any claim that the work performed or material provided by SUBCONTRACTOR'S participation in the Project infringes or violates the patent, copyright, or trade secret rights of any third party. SUBCONTRACTOR shall pay any and all resulting costs, expenses (including attorney's fees), damages and/or liabilities associated with or resulting from any such claim.
- C. **Relationship of the Parties.** SUBCONTRACTOR is an independent contractor. SUBCONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR'S employees and agents shall not be deemed for any purpose to be an employee of the STATE. Neither SUBCONTRACTOR nor the STATE shall have the right or the authority to assume, create or incur any liability or obligation of any kind, express or implied, against or in the name of or on behalf of the other.
- D. **Publicity.** Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this contract must identify the STATE as the sponsoring agency and must not be released without the prior written approval from the STATE'S Authorized Representative. For purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for SUBCONTRACTOR individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this contract. Notwithstanding anything in this contract to the contrary, either party may disclose to the public the existence of this contract, the parties to the contract, and the material terms of the contract, including price, projected term, and scope of work.
- E. **Endorsement.** SUBCONTRACTOR must not claim that the STATE endorses its products or services.
- F. **Non-Exclusivity.** This contract shall not preclude SUBCONTRACTOR from developing materials outside this contract that are competitive, irrespective of their similarity to materials delivered to the STATE under SUBCONTRACTOR'S participation in the Project; provided, however, that such materials prepared by SUBCONTRACTOR shall not violate the nondisclosure and intellectual property provisions of this contract. Nothing in this contract shall be construed as precluding or limiting in any way the right of SUBCONTRACTOR to provide computer consulting and programming services or other services of any kind to any person or entity as SUBCONTRACTOR in its sole discretion deems appropriate.
- G. **Notices.** Any written notice hereunder shall be deemed to have been received when: (A) personally delivered; (B) sent by confirmed facsimile transmission or telegram; (C) sent by commercial overnight courier with written verification of receipt; or (D) seventy-two (72) hours after it has been deposited in the United States mail, first class, proper postage prepaid, addressed to the party to whom it is intended at: (1) the address first set forth herein, if to SUBCONTRACTOR; (2) at 145 Minnesota Judicial Center, St. Paul, MN 55155, if to the STATE, with a copy to Legal Counsel Division, 125 Minnesota Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155; or (3) at such other address of which written notice has been given in accordance herewith.
- H. **Facilities and Use Conditions.** Without limiting SUBCONTRACTOR'S responsibilities under any other section of this contract, to the extent that SUBCONTRACTOR utilizes STATE provided on-site facilities (including, but not limited to, computers, desks, Internet connections, etc.) to

perform SUBCONTRACTOR's duties under this contract, SUBCONTRACTOR must comply with all policies of the STATE and the Minnesota Judicial Branch as they relate to the acceptable use or operation of STATE facilities, including, without limitation, the Minnesota State Court System Policies on the Use of the Internet and Other Electronic Communication Tools and Drug Free Workplace as the same may be amended and replaced from time to time.

**I. Miscellaneous.**

1. The provisions of sections III, IV, VI, VII, VIII, IX, XII, and XIII shall survive any cancellation or termination of this contract, as shall any other provisions which by their nature would be intended or expected to survive such cancellation or termination.
2. Captions are for convenient reference and do not constitute a part of this contract.
3. The failure by either Party at any time to enforce any of the provisions of this contract or any right or remedy available hereunder or at law or in equity, or to exercise any option herein provided, shall not constitute a waiver of such provision, right, remedy or option or in any way affect the validity of this contract. The waiver of any default by either Party shall not be deemed a continuing waiver, but shall apply solely to the instance to which such waiver is directed.
4. This contract shall in all respects be governed by and interpreted, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the United States of America and of the State of Minnesota, without regard to Minnesota's choice of law provisions. Any action arising out of or relating to this contract, its performance, enforcement or breach will be venued in a state or federal court situated within the State of Minnesota. SUBCONTRACTOR hereby irrevocably consents and submits itself to the personal jurisdiction of said courts for that purpose.
5. Every provision of this contract shall be construed, to the extent possible, so as to be valid and enforceable. If any provision of this contract so construed is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or otherwise unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed severed from this contract, and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
6. This contract sets forth the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties regarding the subject matter hereof and supersedes any prior representations, statements, proposals, negotiations, discussions, understandings, or agreements regarding the same subject matter; provided that all terms and conditions of all preexisting contracts or agreements between the parties shall continue in full force and effect except as supplemented or modified by this contract. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict between the terms of this contract and any other agreement between the parties, the terms of this contract shall govern.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this contract to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

1. SUBCONTRACTOR:

SUBCONTRACTOR certifies that the appropriate persons have executed the contract on behalf of SUBCONTRACTOR as required by applicable articles, by-laws, resolutions or ordinances. (If a corporation having more than one individual serving as corporate officers, two corporate officers must sign.)

By: SAMPLE ONLY, NOT INTENDED AS OFFER
Title:
Date:

2. STATE:

By:
Title:
Date:

3. Approved as to form and execution by the STATE'S Legal Counsel Division:

By: SAMPLE ONLY, NOT INTENDED AS OFFER
Title:
Date:

By:
Title:
Date:

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

\_\_\_\_\_[enter general contractor full legal name]\_\_\_\_\_ hereby acknowledges and approves the foregoing and agrees that the same shall supersede any inconsistent provisions of any agreement between \_\_\_\_\_[enter general contractor full legal name]\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_[insert subcontractor full legal name]\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_[enter general contractor full legal name]\_\_\_\_\_

By: SAMPLE ONLY, NOT INTENDED AS OFFER
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Date: