notice of meeting date, time, and location. Face-to-face meetings are desired. However, at CONTRACTOR'S option and expense, a conference call meeting may be substituted. Consistent failure to participate in problem resolution meetings, two consecutive missed or rescheduled meetings, or to make a good faith effort to resolve problems, may result in termination.

17. CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

During the term of this Contract, DEPARTMENT may evaluate CONTRACTOR'S performance. Prior to completion of the evaluation, CONTRACTOR will be given an opportunity to review the evaluation and provide additional information and/or clarification. CONTRACTOR will also be asked to sign the evaluation document to acknowledge receipt of the document and an opportunity to respond. This Contract may be terminated by DEPARTMENT as a result of said evaluation and documented non-performance. CONTRACTOR Performance Evaluations may be considered in future solicitations and contracts.

18. TERMINATION AND DEFAULT

A. DEPARTMENT may, by written notice to CONTRACTOR, terminate this Contract in whole or in part at any time CONTRACTOR fails to perform as required in this Contract.

B. Either party may terminate this Contract without cause by providing written notice to the other as described in this paragraph. The party desiring to terminate the Contract shall provide written notice to the other, which notice will establish a termination date not less than 30 days from the date of such notice. The termination of this Contract shall not limit any party's pursuit of remedies provided in this Contract or otherwise available under the laws of the State of Montana.

C. DEPARTMENT, at its sole discretion, may, without 30 days notice, terminate or reduce the scope of this Contract if available funding is reduced for any reason. If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period, the contract must be canceled. (Ref. 18-4-313(4), MCA.

D. Failure on the part of either party to perform the provisions of this Contract constitutes default. Default may result in pursuit of a remedy for breach of Contract including, but not limited to, monetary damages or specific performance.

19. CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE

The laws of Montana govern this Contract. The parties agree that any mediation, arbitration or litigation concerning this Contract must be brought in the First Judicial District in and for the County of Lewis and Clark, State of Montana, and each party shall pay its own costs and attorney fees (Ref. 18-1-401, MCA).

20. LICENSURE

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide copies of current licenses and certifications that register CONTRACTOR and any associates performing under this Contract.