Article 1 Definitions

1.1 “Affiliate” of a party means any legal entity in which a party, directly or indirectly, holds more than fifty percent (50%) of the shares or voting rights or controls or is under common control with that legal entity. “Control” means the direct or indirect possession of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of an entity, whether through ownership, by contract or otherwise. Any such company shall be considered an Affiliate for only such time as such interest or control is maintained.

1.2 “Agreement” means these General Terms and Conditions and any Order Form referencing these General Terms and Conditions, and any other schedules, supplements, statements of work, exhibits or appendices thereto, whether attached or incorporated by reference.

1.3 “Cloud Materials” mean any materials produced by or with SAP pursuant to this Agreement, including in the course of providing any support or Consulting Services to Customer. Cloud Materials include materials created for or in cooperation with Customer, but do not include any Customer Data, Customer Confidential Information or the Service. For clarity, some services may be performed under a statement of work, which statement of work will be governed by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

1.4 “Confidential Information” means, with respect to the Customer, the Customer Data, marketing and business plans and/or Customer financial information, and with respect to SAP: (a) the Service, including, without limitation, all (i) computer software (both object and source codes) and related Service documentation or specifications; (ii) techniques, concepts, methods, processes and designs embodied in or relating to the Service; and (iii) all application program interfaces, system security and system architecture design relating to the Service; and (b) SAP research and development, product offerings, and availability. In addition to the foregoing, Confidential Information of either SAP or Customer (the party disclosing such information being the “Disclosing Party”) may also include information which the Disclosing Party protects against unrestricted disclosure to others that (i) the Disclosing Party or its representatives designates as confidential at the time of disclosure; or (ii) should reasonably be considered to be secret or confidential under the circumstances in which it was disclosed; and (iii) is material to the Services or Customer’s business, the nature of which makes it likely to be kept secret or confidential by a reasonable person, taking into account the circumstances surrounding the disclosure; including, without limitation, information about or concerning any third party that is disclosed to Receiving Party under this Agreement.

1.5 “Consulting Services” means implementation, configuration, training, and other similar services related to the Service.

1.6 “Customer” means the entity or individual that has consented to this Agreement by execution of an agreement with SAP Reseller that references these General Terms and Conditions or by any other legally binding method of acceptance of this Agreement.

1.7 “Customer Data” means any content, materials, data and information that Customer or its Named Users enter into the Service.

1.8 “Documentation” means SAP’s then-current technical and functional documentation for the Service which is made available to Customer with the Service, including, but not limited to, configuration workbooks or release notes, as applicable.

1.9 “Named User” means Customer’s and its Affiliates’ employees, agents, contractors, consultants, suppliers or other individuals who are authorized by Customer to use the Service.

1.10 “Order Form” means all written order forms or other ordering documentation (including, if Customer is ordering the Service online, a registration Webpage or Website) entered into by SAP and SAP Reseller containing the pricing, subscription term and other specific terms and conditions applicable to the Service.

1.11 “SAP” means the entity identified by the Order Form as providing the Service to Customer.

1.12 “SAP Reseller” means CearaSoft Technology Corporation.

1.13 “Service” means the hosted, on demand service described in the Order Form, including upgrades and updates thereto made generally available by SAP to its customers.

1.14 “System Availability” means the average percentage of total time during which the production version of the Service is available to Customer during a calendar month, excluding (i) any maintenance windows (including any maintenance windows defined in a supplement to this Agreement); (ii) delays due to conditions beyond the reasonable control of SAP; (iii) delays caused by systems outside of the Service, including, but not limited to, Customer’s network, equipment and systems; (iv) micro outages (meaning an inaccessibility that lasts less than fifteen (15) minutes, provided that there are no more than three (3) micro outages within a calendar month); and (v) inaccessibility due to Customer’s requests or where Customer approved the same in advance.

Article 2 Usage Rights

2.1 SAP shall make the Service available to Customer in accordance with and during the term stated in the Order Form to permit Named Users to remotely access and use the Service solely for Customer’s own internal business purposes as permitted by and subject to the terms of this Agreement (including usage metrics stated in the Order Form) and the Documentation.

2.2 Customer shall not sublicense, license, sell, lease, rent or otherwise make the Service available to third parties (other than Named Users who are using the Service in accordance with the terms of this Agreement), but is authorized under the terms of this Agreement to use the Cloud Materials in connection with its use of the Service and subject to the terms of this Agreement. Except for the limited rights expressly granted herein, this Agreement does not transfer from SAP any proprietary right or interest in the Service or the Cloud Materials. All rights not expressly granted to Customer in this Agreement are reserved by SAP and its licensors.

2.3 When using the Service, Customer shall not, and shall ensure that its Named Users do not: (a) copy, translate, disassemble, decompile, reverse-engineer or otherwise modify any parts of the Service; (b) transmit any content, data or information that is unlawful, abusive, malicious, harassing, torrentious, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, libelous invasive of another’s privacy right or right of publicity, or racially or ethnically objectionable; (c) infringe the intellectual property rights of any entity or person; (d) interfere with or disrupt the SAP software or SAP systems used to host the Service, or other equipment or networks connected to the Service; (e) use the Service in the operation of a service bureau, outsourcing or time-sharing service; (f) circumvent or disclose the user authentication or security of the Service or any host, network, or account related thereto; (g) access the Service for the purpose of building a competitive product or service or copying its features or user interface; (h) permit access to the Service by a direct competitor of SAP; or (i) make any use of the Service that violates any applicable local, state, national, international or foreign law or regulation.

2.4 The Service may contain links to external Web sites (including embedded widgets or other means of access) and information provided on such external websites by SAP partners and third-party service providers. SAP shall not be responsible for the contents of any linked Web site.
2.6 SAP shall be entitled to monitor Customer’s number of Named Users (or other applicable usage metric stated in the Order Form) regarding usage of the Service to ensure Customer’s compliance with this Agreement and, subject to Article 11 of this Agreement, SAP may utilize the information concerning Customer’s use of the Service to improve SAP products and services and to provide Customer with reports on its use of the Service.

2.7 SAP may change or modify the Service at any time. SAP shall not materially diminish the functionality of the Service during the term of the Order Form.

2.8 If Customer is granted access under this Agreement to a free (no fee) version of the Service, to the extent permitted by applicable law, Customer agrees that (i) SAP has no obligation to provide any particular service level or support services; and (ii) SAP may cease providing the Service at any time without notice. This Article 2.8 supersedes any conflicting term of this Agreement.

2.9 SAP may offer and Customer may choose to accept access to functionality that is not generally available and not validated and quality assured in accordance with SAP’s standard processes ("Beta Functionality"). Beta Functionality is described as such in the Documentation. SAP may require Customer to accept additional terms to use Beta Functionality. Any production use of the Beta Functionality is at Customer’s sole risk. SAP does not warrant the correctness and completeness of the Beta Functionality, and SAP shall not be liable for errors or damages caused by the use of the Beta Functionality.

2.10 Customer agrees that its purchase of subscription(s) for the Service is neither contingent upon the delivery of any future functionality or features nor dependent upon any oral or written public comments made by SAP, including any roadmaps, with respect to future functionality or features.

Article 3 Support, Set up and Security

3.1 A description of the support SAP will provide for the Service will be set forth in the applicable Order Form.

3.2 SAP will use commercially reasonable security technologies (such as encryption, password protection and firewall protection) in providing the Service.

3.3 SAP warrants at least ninety-nine percent (99%) System Availability over any calendar month. Should SAP fail to achieve ninety-nine percent (99%) System Availability over a calendar month, Customer shall have the right to receive from SAP Reseller a credit equal to two percent (2%) of its subscription fees for the Service for that month, for each one percent (1%) (or portion thereof) by which SAP fails to achieve such level, up to one hundred percent (100%) of the fees for such month based on the undiscounted SAP applicable list price for the Service. This is Customer’s sole and exclusive remedy for any breach of this Service level warranty. Where Customer is entitled to receive credits under this Article 3.3, SAP will issue such credits to SAP Reseller who will forward to Customer. Claims under this service level warranty must be made in good faith and by submitting a support case within ten (10) business days after the end of the relevant period.

Article 4 Customer Responsibilities and Obligations

4.1 Subject to Article 11 below, Customer grants to SAP the nonexclusive right to use Customer Data for the sole purpose of and only to the extent necessary for SAP to provide the Service, unless otherwise set forth in a product supplement or Order Form.

4.2 Customer shall be responsible for entering its Customer Data into the Service and Customer shall be responsible for the content of the Customer Data supplied by it. Customer agrees that it has collected and shall maintain and handle all Customer Data in compliance with all applicable data privacy and protection laws, rules and regulations. Further, Customer is solely responsible for determining the suitability of the Service for Customer’s business and complying with any regulations, laws, or conventions applicable to the Customer Data and Customer’s use of the Service(s).

4.3 Customer shall maintain commercially reasonable security standards for its and its Named Users use of the Service.

Article 5 Reserved.

Article 6 Reseller Relationship, Prices and Payment

6.1 Customer shall pay to the SAP Reseller on behalf of SAP the fees for the Service provided hereunder, in the amount as set forth in the agreement between SAP Reseller and Customer, in accordance with the terms of the Order Form. Provision of the Services is contingent upon SAP’s receipt of payment for the Service from the SAP Reseller. Customer acknowledges and agrees that the SAP Reseller through which Customer has arranged for the procurement of the Services not an agent of SAP.

6.2 The fees set forth in the Order Form will be fixed for the committed subscription term. Following the subscription term of an Order Form, the subscription shall automatically renew for one (1) year subscription terms (each, as applicable, a “Renewal Term”) subject to funding and only for the amount and fees as then set forth in the Order Form, which shall be invoiced annually in advance approximately sixty (60) days prior to the start of each subscription year, unless otherwise set forth in the Order Form. Pricing is established based upon the GSA Schedule Price List in effect at the time the Renewal Term is entered into. Either party may give the other party written notice (email acceptable) of non-renewal at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the relevant subscription term.

6.3 Customer may add additional Named Users or other applicable usage metrics during the term of the Order Form by executing an addendum or additional schedule with SAP Reseller, as applicable, which shall then become an integral part of the amended Order Form. The term of each addendum or schedule shall be coterminous with the then-current term of the Order Form irrespective of the effective date of such addendum and all fees shall be prorated accordingly. Upon renewal of the Order Form, the term for all Named Users or other fee-based metric added to the Order Form prior to renewal shall be the same as specified in the Order Form.

6.4 Customer shall require the use of its Service. Customer shall promptly report to SAP any actual use in excess of the number of Named Users (or other applicable usage metric authorized in the Order Form). Should such use occur Customer shall be responsible for the fees payable under the Order Form. Customer shall promptly report to SAP actual use in excess of the number of Named Users (or other applicable usage metric authorized in the Order Form) for which Customer has purchased a license, with such fees to be prorated accordingly. Customer shall be responsible for any fees payable under the Order Form or reduce the Named Users (or other applicable usage metric) during the term of an Order Form or renewal. Such fees shall accrue from the date the excess use began. For the avoidance of doubt, Customer shall not be entitled to claim any reduction of the fees payable under the Order Form or reduce the Named Users (or other applicable usage metric) during the term of an Order Form or renewal.

6.5 Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, FAR 52.212-4(i), or the Order Form, all purchases of subscriptions hereunder are non-cancelable and all fees are non-refundable.

6.6 Reserved.

6.7 Reserved.

6.8 Reserved.

Article 7 Term, Termination and Termination Support

7.1 The term of this Agreement begins on the Effective Date set forth in the applicable Order Form and shall continue in effect as described in the Order Form. Termination of individual Order Forms shall leave other Order Forms unaffected.
7.2 Recourse against the United States for any alleged breach of this agreement must be made under the terms of the Federal Tort Claims Act or as a dispute under the contract disputes clause (Contract Disputes Act) as applicable. The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any request for relief, claim, appeal, or action arising under the contract, and comply with any decision of the Contracting Officer. The Agreement shall terminate immediately upon a final judgment obtained under the Contracts Disputes Act (41 USC chapter 71) terminating the Agreement for Customer's material breach of any provision of the Agreement.

7.3 SAP may, in its reasonable determination, deactivate Customer's user name(s) and password(s) and/or temporarily suspend access to the Service or a portion thereof, if and to the extent SAP can substantiate that the continued use of the Service may result in harm to the Service (including the virtual security of the systems used to provide the Service) or other SAP customers, or the rights of third parties, upon prior written notice to Customer as the circumstances permit.

7.4 Upon the effective date of termination, Customer's access to the Service will be terminated. Customer shall have the ability to access its Customer Data at any time during the subscription term set forth in the applicable Order Form, unless earlier terminated pursuant to this Article 7. Customer may export and retrieve its Customer Data during a subscription term, which will be subject to technical limitations caused by factors such as (i) the availability of self-service extraction tools compatible with the Service, (ii) the size of Customer's instance of the Service; and (iii) the frequency and/or timing of the export and retrieval.

7.5 Articles 6 (other than 6.2), 9, 10, 11, and 12 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Article 8 Warranties by SAP

8.1 SAP warrants that the Service will substantially conform to the specifications stated in the Documentation. The foregoing warranty shall not apply to the extent: (i) the Service is not being used in accordance with this Agreement and/or any Documentation; or (ii) any non-conformity is caused by third party products, content or service being accessed through the Service that are identified as third party products, content or service; or (iii) the Service being used was provided for no fee or is a trial license of the Service. Subject to Article 8.3, Customer's sole and exclusive remedy, and SAP's entire liability for breach of the limited warranty in this Article 8.1, shall be correction of the warranted non-conformity or, if SAP fails to correct the warranted non-conformity after using reasonable commercial efforts, SAP may terminate access to the non-conforming Service and refund the subscription fees paid by Customer for such Service (as identified in the applicable Order Form) for the remainder of the subscription term (starting on the date Customer reported the non-conformity).

8.2 SAP warrants that (i) it will perform any Consulting Services in a workmanlike and professional manner consistent with generally accepted industry practices, and (ii) the Consulting Services and Cloud Materials will conform in all material respects with the descriptions set forth in the applicable Order Form, statement of work or deployment descriptions, as applicable. Subject to Article 8.3, Customer's sole and exclusive remedy, and SAP's entire liability for breach of the limited warranty in this Article 8.2, shall be the re-performance of such Consulting Services; and if SAP fails to re-perform such Consulting Services as warranted, Customer shall be entitled to recover the fees paid to SAP for such deficient Consulting Services.

8.3 Customer shall provide SAP with prompt written notice of any non-conformity described in this Article 8 as follows: (i) for any non-conformity of the Service, within ninety (90) days of Customer's discovery of such non-conformity, and (ii) for any non-conformity of any Consulting Service, within ninety (90) days of completion of the applicable Consulting Service.

8.4 EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT, NEITHER SAP NOR ITS VENDORS MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE REGARDING ANY MATTER, INCLUDING THE MERCHANTABILITY, SUITABILITY, ORIGINALITY, OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT OR RESULTS TO BE DERIVED FROM THE USE OF OR INTEGRATION WITH THE SERVICE, OR ANY CONSULTING SERVICES, SOFTWARE, HARDWARE OR OTHER MATERIALS PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, OR THAT THE OPERATION OF ANY SUCH SERVICE, SOFTWARE, HARDWARE OR OTHER MATERIAL WILL BE SECURE, UNINTERRUPTED OR ERROR FREE.

Article 9 Third Party Claims

9.1 SAP shall defend (at its sole expense) Customer and its Affiliates against claims brought against Customer by any third party alleging that Customer's use of the Service, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, constitutes a direct infringement or misappropriation of a patent claim(s), copyright, or trade secret rights. SAP will pay damages finally awarded against Customer (or the amount of any settlement SAP enters into) with respect to such claims, and will pay reasonable attorney's fees in connection with such defense. This obligation of SAP shall not apply if the alleged infringement or misappropriation results from use of the Service in conjunction with any other software or service or to free (no fee) or trial licenses of the Service. Nothing contained herein shall be construed in derogation of the U.S. Department of Justice's right to defend any claim or action brought against the U.S., pursuant to its jurisdictional statute 28 U.S.C. § 516.

9.2 In the event SAP is sued under Article 9.1 and SAP reasonably believes there is a reasonable likelihood SAP will be liable, SAP may, at its sole option and expense: (i) procure for Customer the right to continue using the Service under the terms of this Agreement; or (ii) replace or modify the Software or service so that it will substantially conform to the specifications stated in the Documentation.

9.3 Customer shall be responsible for (i) any use of the Service in violation of any applicable law or regulation; or (ii) an allegation that the Customer Data or Customer's use of the Service in violation of this Agreement violates, infringes or misappropriates the rights of a third party. The foregoing shall apply regardless of whether such damage is caused by the conduct of Customer and/or its Named Users or by the conduct of a third party using Customer's access credentials.

9.4 The obligations under this Article 9 are conditioned on (a) the GSA Customer timely notifying SAP in writing of any such claim, provided however that a party's failure to provide or delay in providing such notice shall not relieve a party of its obligations under this Article 9 except to the extent such failure or delay prejudices the defense (b) the party who is obligated hereunder to defend a claim having the right to control the defense of such claim to the extent permitted by 28 U.S.C. § 516; and (c) the party against whom a third party claim is brought reasonably cooperating in the defense of such claim. Any settlement of any claim shall not include a financial or specific performance obligation on or admission of liability by the party against whom the claim is brought, provided however that SAP may settle any claim on a basis requiring SAP to substitute for the Service any alternative substantially equivalent non-infringing services. SAP will have the opportunity to intervene in the in any suit or claim filed against the GSA customer, at its own expense, through counsel of its own choosing. Neither party shall undertake any action in response to any infringement or misappropriation, alleged infringement or misappropriation that is prejudicial to the other party's rights. Nothing contained herein shall be construed in derogation of the U.S. Department of Justice's right to defend any claim or action brought against the U.S., pursuant to its jurisdictional statute 28 U.S.C. § 516.

9.5 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 9 STATE THE SOLE, EXCLUSIVE, AND ENTIRE LIABILITY OF THE PARTIES, THEIR AFFILIATES AND THEIR LICENSORS TO THE OTHER PARTY, AND IS THE OTHER PARTY'S SOLE REMEDY, WITH RESPECT TO THIRD PARTY CLAIMS COVERED HEREUNDER AND TO THE INFRINGEMENT OR MISAPPROPRIATION OF THIRD-PARTY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.
NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HERETO TO THE CONTRARY, EXCEPT FOR THE PARTIES’ OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 9, DAMAGES RESULTING FROM UNAUTHORIZED USE OR DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, AND SAP’S RIGHT TO COLLECT UNPAID FEES DUE HEREBUNDER, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES AND REGARDLESS OF THE NATURE OF ANY CLAIM SHALL EITHER PARTY (OR THEIR RESPECTIVE AFFILIATES OR SAP’S LICENSORS) BE LIABLE TO EACH OTHER OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT (I) FOR AN AMOUNT OF DAMAGES IN EXCESS OF THE FEES FOR THE APPLICABLE SERVICE PAID TO SAP RESELLER BY CUSTOMER IN THE TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE INCIDENT GIVING RISE TO A CLAIM; AND (II) FOR ANY SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR INDIRECT DAMAGES, LOSS OF GOOD WILL OR BUSINESS PROFITS, WORK STOPPAGE OR FOR EXEMPLARY OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES. THE FOREGOING EXCLUSION/LIMITATION OF LIABILITY SHALL NOT APPLY TO (1) PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH RESULTING FROM SAP’S NEGLIGENCE; (2) FOR FRAUD; OR (3) FOR ANY OTHER MATTER FOR WHICH LIABILITY CANNOT BE LIMITED BY LAW.

The provisions of this Agreement allocate the risks between SAP and Customer. The Service fees reflect this allocation of risk and limitations of liability herein. The aforementioned liability limitations shall include any claims against employees of, subcontractors of, or any other persons authorized by, either party.

Article 11 Confidentiality

11.1 Confidential Information shall not be used or reproduced in any form except as required to accomplish the intent of this Agreement. Any reproduction of any Confidential Information of the other party shall remain the property of the Disclosing Party and shall contain any and all confidential or proprietary notices or legends which appear on the original. With respect to the Confidential Information of the other, each party (a) shall take all Reasonable Steps (defined below) to keep all Confidential Information strictly confidential; and (b) shall not disclose any Confidential Information of the other to any person other than individuals whose access is necessary to enable it to exercise its rights and/or perform its obligations hereunder and who are under obligations of confidentiality substantially similar to those set forth herein. As used herein “Reasonable Steps” means those steps the receiving party takes to protect its own similar proprietary and confidential information, which shall not be less than a reasonable standard of care. Confidential Information of either party disclosed prior to execution of this Agreement shall be subject to the protections afforded hereunder. If the receiving party is compelled by law or legal process to disclose Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party, it shall provide the Disclosing Party with prompt prior notice of such compelled disclosure (to the extent legally permitted) and reasonable assistance, at the Disclosing Party’s expense, if the Disclosing Party wishes to contest the disclosure. Federal agencies are subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, which requires that information that does not fall under certain exceptions must be released when requested and, therefore, some information may be released despite being characterized as “confidential” by the vendor.

11.2 The provisions on the use of Confidential Information shall not apply to any Confidential Information that: (a) is independently developed by the receiving party without reference to the disclosing party’s Confidential Information, or is lawfully received free of restriction from a third party having the right to furnish such Confidential Information; (b) has become generally available to the public without breach of this Agreement by the receiving party; (c) at the time of disclosure, was known to the receiving party free of restriction; or (d) the Disclosure Party agrees in writing is free of such restrictions.

11.3 Reserved.

11.4 Customer may provide, or SAP may solicit, input regarding the Service, including, without limitation, comments or suggestions regarding the possible creation, modification, correction, improvement or enhancement of the Service or any other SAP site, service or product, or input as to whether Customer believes SAP’s development direction is consistent with Customer’s business and IT needs, the technology marketplace in general, and the like (collectively “Feedback”). Customer acknowledges and agrees that any information disclosed by SAP during discussions related to Feedback shall be considered SAP Confidential Information and shall be protected from disclosure in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. In order for SAP to utilize such Feedback, Customer hereby grants to SAP a non-exclusive, perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free license, with the right to sublicense to SAP’s licensees and customers, under Customer’s relevant intellectual property rights, to use, publish, and disclose such Feedback in any manner SAP chooses and to display, perform, copy, make, have made, use, sell, and otherwise dispose of SAP’s and its sublicensee’s products or services embodying Feedback in any manner and via any media SAP chooses, without reference to the source. SAP shall be entitled to use Feedback for any purpose without restriction or remuneration of any kind with respect to Customer and/or Customer’s representatives. Customer acknowledges that the information related to the Service disclosed by SAP under this Agreement is only intended as possible strategies, developments, and functionalities of the Service and is not intended to be binding upon SAP to any particular course of business, product strategy, and/or development.

Article 12 Miscellaneous

12.1 It is the intent of the parties that in case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the other provisions of this Agreement, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

12.2 If either party should waive any breach of any provision of this Agreement, it shall not thereby be deemed to have waived any succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.

12.3 The Order Form may be signed in two counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and which shall together constitute one Order Form. Signatures sent by electronic means (facsimile or scanned and sent via e-mail, or signed by electronic signature service where legally permitted) shall be deemed original signatures.

12.4 The Service, Documentation and other SAP materials are subject to the export control laws of various countries, including without limitation the laws of the United States and Germany. Customer agrees that it will not submit the Service, Documentation or other SAP materials to any government for licensing consideration or other regulatory approval without the prior written consent of SAP, and will not export the Service, Documentation and SAP materials to countries, persons or entities prohibited by such laws. Customer shall also be responsible for complying with all applicable governmental regulations of the country where Customer is registered, and any foreign countries with respect to the use of the Service, Documentation or other SAP materials by Customer and its Named Users.

12.5 This Agreement and any claims arising out of or relating to this Agreement and its subject matter shall be governed by and construed under United States Federal law and the internal laws of the state where the Service is provided, without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision (whether of the State or any other jurisdiction). If a claim is brought by or against Customer for breach of this Agreement, or if either party initiates a cause of action for any claim(s) arising out of or relating to this Agreement and its subject matter within one (1) year from the date when such party knew, or should have known after reasonable investigation, of the facts giving rise to the claim(s), then the laws of the state where the Service is provided shall apply.

12.6 All notices pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given when delivered (certified or registered mail or by an overnight courier service with delivery receipt) to the respective executive offices of SAP or Customer at the address first set forth in any Order Form executed to the General Counsel, or in the case of notices by SAP relating to the operation of the Service, such notices, may, at SAP’s option, be in the form of an electronic notice delivered by SAP to the authorized administrator identified by Customer in the applicable Order Form or as otherwise agreed by the parties. Where in this Article 12.6 or elsewhere in this Agreement, a written form is required, except for notification of any notice of termination or notice of a material breach, that requirement can be met by facsimile transmission, exchange of letters or other written form, including email.
12.7 Any delay or nonperformance of any provision of this Agreement (other than for the payment of amounts due hereunder) caused by conditions beyond the reasonable control of the performing party shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement, and the time for performance of such provision, if any, shall be deemed to be extended for a period equal to the duration of the conditions preventing performance.

12.8 This Agreement, constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between SAP and Customer in connection with the parties’ business relationship related to the subject matter hereof, and all previous representations, discussions, and writings (including any confidentiality agreements) are merged in, and superseded by this Agreement and the parties disclaim any reliance on any such representations, discussions and writings. This Agreement may be modified only by a writing signed by both parties. This Agreement, however, shall not take precedence over any specific, negotiated terms contained in a GSA Customer Order Form. This Agreement shall prevail over any additional, conflicting, or inconsistent terms and conditions which may appear on any purchase order furnished by one party to the other, and any additional terms and conditions in any such purchase order shall have no force and effect, notwithstanding the non-furnishing party’s acceptance or execution of such purchase order.

12.9 Customer may not, without SAP’s prior written consent, assign, delegate, pledge or otherwise transfer this Agreement, or any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement, or any SAP materials or SAP Confidential Information, to any party, whether voluntarily or by operation of law, including by way of sale of assets, merger or consolidation. Assignment by SAP is subject to FAR 52.232-23 “Assignment of Claims” (May 2014) and FAR subpart 42.12 “Novation and Change-of-Name Agreements.” SAP may in its sole discretion sub-contract parts of the Service to third-parties.

12.10 The following order of precedence shall be applied in the event of conflict or inconsistency between the components of the Agreement between the parties (i) the Order Form; (ii) the schedules, product supplements, exhibits and appendices included with or referenced by the Order Form; (iii) and these General Terms and Conditions.

12.11 The parties are independent contractors, and no partnership, franchise, joint venture, agency, fiduciary or employment relationship between the parties is created hereby. There are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement.