

EXHIBIT "A"
GENERAL CONDITIONS

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GC-A1 COMMERCIAL ITEMS (Mar 2012)

- (a) *Inspection/Acceptance.* SUBCONTRACTOR shall only tender for acceptance those items that conform to the requirements of this subcontract. CONTRACTOR reserves the right to inspect or test any supplies or services that have been tendered for acceptance. CONTRACTOR may require repair or replacement of nonconforming supplies or reperformance of nonconforming services at no increase in the subcontract price. If repair/replacement or reperformance will not correct the defects or is not possible, CONTRACTOR may seek an equitable price reduction or adequate consideration for acceptance of nonconforming supplies or services. CONTRACTOR must exercise its post-acceptance rights:
- 1) within a reasonable time after the defect was discovered or should have been discovered; and
 - 2) before any substantial change occurs in the condition of the item, unless the change is due to the defect in the item.
- (b) *Changes.* Changes in the terms and conditions of this subcontract may be made only by written agreement of the parties.
- (c) *Excusable delays.* SUBCONTRACTOR shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of SUBCONTRACTOR and without its fault or negligence such as, acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. SUBCONTRACTOR shall notify CONTRACTOR'S Subcontract Administrator in writing as soon as it is reasonably possible after the commencement of any excusable delay, setting forth the full particulars in connection therewith, shall remedy such occurrence with all reasonable dispatch, and shall promptly give written notice to the Subcontract Administrator of the cessation of such occurrence.
- (d) *Invoice.* SUBCONTRACTOR shall submit all invoices, in form and format directed by CONTRACTOR, electronically to invoices@lanl.gov or through the U.S. Postal Service to:

Los Alamos National Security, LLC
Los Alamos National Laboratory
Accounting Department, MS P240
P.O. Box 1663
Los Alamos, NM 87545-1663

An invoice must include, if applicable:

- 1 Name and address of SUBCONTRACTOR;
 - 2 Invoice date and number;
 - 3 Subcontract number, subcontract line item number and, if applicable, the order number;
 - 4 Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price and extended price of the items delivered and services performed;
 - 5 Shipping number and date of shipment, including the bill of lading number and weight of shipment if shipped on Government bill of lading;
 - 6 Terms of any discount for prompt payment offered; and
 - 7 Name, title, and phone number of person to notify in event of defective invoice
- (e) *Payment.* Payment shall be made for products accepted by CONTRACTOR that have been delivered to the delivery destinations set forth in this subcontract. In connection with any discount offered for early payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date which appears on the payment check or the specified payment date if an electronic funds transfer payment is made.

- (f) *Risk of loss.* SUBCONTRACTOR shall be responsible for and shall bear any and all risk of loss or damage to the products furnished under this subcontract until delivery thereof in accordance with the delivery provisions of this subcontract. Upon such delivery, SUBCONTRACTOR shall cease to bear the risk of loss or damage; provided however, that any loss or damage, whenever occurring, which results from SUBCONTRACTOR'S nonconforming packaging or crating shall be borne by SUBCONTRACTOR.
- (g) *Taxes.* The subcontract price includes all applicable Federal, State, and local taxes and duties.
- (h) *Title.* Except as otherwise provided herein, title to products furnished under this subcontract shall pass to the Government, as applicable, upon payment therefor or upon delivery, whichever occurs earlier.
- (i) *Termination for convenience.* CONTRACTOR reserves the right to terminate this subcontract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, SUBCONTRACTOR shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and lower tier subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this subcontract, SUBCONTRACTOR shall be paid a percentage of the subcontract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges SUBCONTRACTOR can demonstrate to CONTRACTOR'S satisfaction using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. SUBCONTRACTOR shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. SUBCONTRACTOR shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.
- (j) *Termination for cause.* CONTRACTOR may terminate this subcontract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by SUBCONTRACTOR, or if SUBCONTRACTOR fails to comply with any subcontract terms and conditions, or fails to provide CONTRACTOR, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, CONTRACTOR shall not be liable to SUBCONTRACTOR for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and SUBCONTRACTOR shall be liable to CONTRACTOR for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that CONTRACTOR improperly terminated this subcontract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.
- (k) *Warranty.* SUBCONTRACTOR warrants that the Products and Services furnished under this subcontract shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranties SUBCONTRACTOR gives to any customer for the same or substantially similar products and services. The rights and remedies provided by such warranties are in addition to and do not limit any right afforded to CONTRACTOR by any other clause of this subcontract. Such warranties will be effective notwithstanding prior inspection and/or acceptance of the Products and Services by CONTRACTOR.

Indemnification language or limitation of liability language contained in SUBCONTRACTOR'S warranties shall not apply to CONTRACTOR, notwithstanding anything contained in the warranties to the contrary.

SUBCONTRACTOR shall include a copy of the warranty applicable to a Product with the Product. SUBCONTRACTOR shall also furnish a copy of the warranty/warranties applicable to a Product or Service to CONTRACTOR'S Subcontract Administrator within ten (10) working days of the effective date of this subcontract.

- (l) *Other compliances.* SUBCONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, executive orders, rules and regulations applicable to its performance under this subcontract.

GC-1B DEFINITIONS (Mar 2012)

'CONTRACTOR' means Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS), a limited liability company, which manages and operates Los Alamos National Laboratory pursuant to Contract No. DE-AC52-06NA25396 between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) / National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and LANS.

'CONTRACTOR'S Subcontract Administrator' means CONTRACTOR'S duly authorized representative who will administer the terms and conditions of this Subcontract. The Subcontract Administrator is the only individual authorized to direct SUBCONTRACTOR to deviate from the express, written terms of the subcontract.

'GOVERNMENT' means the United States of America and includes the DOE/NNSA and its authorized representatives and successors in interest.

"Laboratory" or "LANL" means the geographical location of Los Alamos National Laboratory, a federally funded research and development center owned by the DOE / NNSA

'Owner' means the United States Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration and its authorized representatives and successors in interest.

'Products' or 'Items' means the goods, materials, articles, equipment, supplies, drawings, data, processes and all other property ordered hereunder, which are required in the performance of CONTRACTOR'S Prime Contract with Owner.

'Services' or 'Work' means all the stated or implied activities to be performed by SUBCONTRACTOR as required by the Subcontract Documents, including the furnishing and supervision of all technical personnel and labor, and the supply of equipment, materials, and supplies necessary to perform this Subcontract.

'Subcontract' means this agreement, including all attachments, appendices, sections, exhibits, schedules, and revisions hereto, as issued from time to time.

'SUBCONTRACTOR' means the company, corporation, partnership, individual, or other entity to which this Subcontract is issued, its authorized representatives, successors, and permitted assigns.

GC-2B CORRESPONDENCE AND SUBCONTRACT INTERPRETATION (Jan 2010)

SUBCONTRACTOR shall send all correspondence directed to CONTRACTOR to the attention of CONTRACTOR'S Subcontract Administrator named on the first page of this Subcontract at the address(s) shown. This Subcontract number must be referenced on all correspondence.

All questions concerning interpretation or clarification of this Subcontract or applicable standards and codes, (including the discovery of conflicts, discrepancies, errors or omissions) or the acceptable performance thereof by SUBCONTRACTOR shall be immediately submitted in writing to CONTRACTOR for resolution. Subject to the provisions of the clause titled 'CHANGES,' all determinations, instructions and clarifications of CONTRACTOR shall be final and conclusive unless determined to have been fraudulent or capricious, or arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous as necessarily to imply bad faith, or not subject to substantial evidence.

GC-6A ORDER OF PRECEDENCE (Jan 2010)

In resolving conflicts, discrepancies, errors or omissions, the following order of precedence, from highest to lowest, shall be used:

- (1) General Condition titled 'FAR and DEAR Clauses Incorporated by Reference'
- (2) Remainder of General Conditions
- (3) Special Conditions

- (4) Line Items
- (5) Other terms and conditions

GC-11 NEW MEXICO GROSS RECEIPTS TAX (Jun 2009)

SUBCONTRACTOR is required to pay such New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax (NMGRT) as may be required by law. CONTRACTOR will issue a New Mexico Nontaxable Transaction Certificate (NTTC) to all Subcontractors who provide goods or services to CONTRACTOR, on the condition that SUBCONTRACTOR only uses the NTTC as permitted by New Mexico law. In no event will the payment of NMGRT by SUBCONTRACTOR or its immediate and lower-tier subcontractors be considered an allowable cost under this subcontract if SUBCONTRACTOR or its immediate and lower-tier subcontractors are eligible for applicable deductions or exemptions from NMGRT under New Mexico law.

GC-36 DISPUTES (Jan 2010)

- (a) Definitions. For purposes of this clause:

“Board” means the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals or such successor Board as may be established by law.

“Arbitration decision” means a decision of the Board in an arbitration pursuant to this clause.

“Claim” means a written demand or written assertion by either contracting party seeking as a matter of right, the payment of money in a sum certain, the adjustment or interpretation of a subcontract term, or other relief arising under, or relating to, this subcontract. A voucher, invoice, or other request for payment or equitable adjustment under the terms of the subcontract that is not in dispute when submitted is not a claim. The SUBCONTRACTOR may convert such submission into a claim if it is disputed either as to liability or amount, or is not acted upon in a reasonable time, by demanding a decision by the Subcontract Administrator.

“Counterclaim” means a claim asserted in a pleading filed with the Board in an arbitration proceeding pursuant to this clause which arises from the same occurrence or transaction that is the subject matter of the opposing party’s claim. Counterclaims do not need to be submitted to the Subcontract Administrator for decision.

- (b) Nature of the Subcontract. This subcontract is not a Government contract and, therefore, is not subject to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. §§601-613). SUBCONTRACTOR acknowledges that GOVERNMENT is not a party to the subcontract, and, for purposes of the subcontract CONTRACTOR is not an agent of GOVERNMENT. Consequently, the provision for arbitration by the Board, as provided for in this clause, does not create or imply the existence of privity of contract between SUBCONTRACTOR and GOVERNMENT.
- (c) Scope of Clause. The rights and procedures set forth in this clause are the exclusive rights and procedures for resolution of all claims and disputes arising under, or relating to, this subcontract, and no action based upon any claim or dispute arising under, or relating to, this subcontract shall be brought in any court except as provided in this clause. The parties shall be bound by any arbitration decision rendered pursuant to this clause, which shall be vacated, modified, or corrected only as provided in the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §§1-16). An arbitration decision may only be enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction in the State of New Mexico.
- (d) Filing a Claim/Subcontract Administrator's Decision.
- (1) Unless otherwise provided in this subcontract, SUBCONTRACTOR must file any claim against CONTRACTOR within sixty (60) Days after SUBCONTRACTOR knew or should have known the facts giving rise to the claim. Failure to file a claim within the period prescribed by this paragraph shall constitute a waiver of SUBCONTRACTOR’S right, if any, to an equitable adjustment under the subcontract.

- (2) SUBCONTRACTOR shall submit any claim in writing to the Subcontract Administrator who shall issue a decision on the matter within sixty (60) Days of receipt of the claim. If the Subcontract Administrator fails to issue a decision within sixty (60) Days, SUBCONTRACTOR may request mediation or demand for arbitration as provided in paragraphs (e) and (f) of this clause.
 - (3) CONTRACTOR may, at any time prior to final payment under the subcontract or expiration of any warranty period, whichever is later, file a claim against SUBCONTRACTOR by issuing a written decision by the Subcontract Administrator asserting such a claim.
 - (4) The decision of the Subcontract Administrator shall be final and conclusive unless SUBCONTRACTOR requests mediation or demands arbitration in accordance with the terms of this clause.
- (e) Request for Mediation.
- (1) If the decision of the Subcontract Administrator is not satisfactory to SUBCONTRACTOR, or the Subcontract Administrator has failed to timely issue a decision in accordance with subparagraph (d) 2) of this provision, and SUBCONTRACTOR desires to pursue further action, SUBCONTRACTOR may request that the matter be scheduled for mediation. The request for mediation must be made within forty-five (45) Days after receipt of the Subcontract Administrator's decision.
 - (2) If the Subcontract Administrator believes that mediation of the dispute is likely to lead to a satisfactory resolution, he or she will so inform SUBCONTRACTOR and the matter will be scheduled for mediation. The parties will agree on the format of the mediation and will jointly select the mediator. The cost of the mediator and related expenses shall be divided evenly between the parties.
 - (3) If the Subcontract Administrator decides that mediation is not likely to lead to a satisfactory resolution of the claim, or that a mediation undertaken pursuant to this clause has been unsuccessful, he or she will so inform SUBCONTRACTOR in writing.
- (f) Demand for Arbitration. If the decision of the Subcontract Administrator is not satisfactory to SUBCONTRACTOR, or if SUBCONTRACTOR'S request for mediation has been denied, or a mediation undertaken pursuant to paragraph (e) of this clause has been unsuccessful, or the Subcontract Administrator has failed to timely issue a decision in accordance with subparagraph (d) (2) of this clause, and SUBCONTRACTOR desires to pursue further action, SUBCONTRACTOR must submit to the Board a written demand for arbitration of the claim within forty-five (45) Days after receipt of the Subcontract Administrator's decision, or within forty-five (45) Days after the Subcontract Administrator notifies SUBCONTRACTOR that its request for mediation has been denied or that the mediation undertaken pursuant to paragraph (e) has been unsuccessful, whichever is later.
- (g) Arbitration Procedures/Costs. The Board shall arbitrate the claim and any counterclaims in accordance with the Rules of the Board. All claims for \$100,000 or less shall be arbitrated under the Board's Small Claims (Expedited) Procedure. All other claims, regardless of dollar amount, shall be arbitrated under the Board's Accelerated Procedure. Both parties shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence in accordance with the Rules of the Board. Unless the Board orders otherwise, each party shall pay its own costs of prosecuting or defending an arbitration before the Board.

- (h) Review of Arbitration Decision. An arbitration decision shall be final and conclusive unless a party files a timely action to vacate, modify, or correct the decision pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act.
- (i) Subcontractor Performance Pending Claim Resolution. SUBCONTRACTOR shall proceed diligently with performance of the subcontract and shall comply with any decision of the Subcontract Administrator pending final resolution of any claim or dispute arising under, or relating to, the subcontract.
- (j) Choice of Law. The subcontract shall be governed by federal law as provided in this paragraph. Irrespective of the place of award, execution, or performance, the subcontract shall be construed and interpreted, and its validity determined, according to the federal common law of government contracts as enunciated and applied to prime government contracts by the federal boards of contract appeals and federal courts having appellate jurisdiction over their decisions rendered pursuant to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978. The Federal Arbitration Act, other federal statutes, and federal rules shall govern as applicable. To the extent that federal common law of government contracts is not dispositive, the laws of the State of New Mexico shall apply.
- (k) Interest. Interest on amounts adjudicated due and unpaid by a party shall be paid from the date the complaining party files a demand for arbitration with the Board. Interest on claims shall be paid at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States pursuant to Public Law 92-41 (85 Stat. 97).

GC-37 BANKRUPTCY (Jun 2009)

In the event SUBCONTRACTOR enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, SUBCONTRACTOR agrees to furnish CONTRACTOR written notification of the bankruptcy within five (5) days of the proceedings.

GC-43 ASSIGNMENTS (Jun 2009)

- (a) Any assignment of this subcontract or rights hereunder, in whole or part, without the prior written consent of CONTRACTOR shall be void, except that upon ten (10) calendar days written notice to CONTRACTOR, SUBCONTRACTOR may assign, with CONTRACTOR'S approval, claims for monies due or to become due hereunder to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution including any federal lending agency. Any such assignment may cover all amounts payable under this subcontract and not already paid, and shall not be made to more than one party, except that any such assignment may be made to one party, as agent or trustee of two or more parties participating in SUBCONTRACTOR'S financing. Payments to an assignee of any monies due, or to become due hereunder, shall be subject to setoff or recoupment for any present or future claim or claims which CONTRACTOR may have against SUBCONTRACTOR arising under this and other subcontracts. Upon such assignment, SUBCONTRACTOR shall provide CONTRACTOR with two copies of any such assignment and shall indicate on each invoice to whom payment is to be made.
- (b) This subcontract may be assigned by CONTRACTOR, in whole or in part, to GOVERNMENT or to others upon written notice to SUBCONTRACTOR.
- (c) No assignment will be approved which would relieve SUBCONTRACTOR or its sureties, if any, of their responsibilities under this subcontract.

GC-51A REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (Mar 2012) (Does not apply in subcontracts below \$2,500)

All Representations and Certifications provided by SUBCONTRACTOR are incorporated by reference and made part of this subcontract.

GC-59 CERTIFICATION REGARDING FORMER UC OR CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES (Jun 2009)

- (a) Effective June 1, 2006, individuals who retire under CONTRACTOR'S Defined Benefit Pension Plan, who wish to begin a retirement benefit, are required to have a true and complete severance from CONTRACTOR with no prior prearrangement for reemployment with CONTRACTOR or any of CONTRACTOR'S affiliated companies or subcontractors to do similar work. This can be documented by completing a form at the time of termination stating that no prearrangement for reemployment existed prior to the termination, and by demonstrating a true and complete severance from CONTRACTOR for at least one year before working for any of CONTRACTOR'S affiliated companies or subcontractors.
- (b) Effective June 1, 2006, individuals who retire under CONTRACTOR'S TCP 2 401(k) Retirement plan, before attaining age 59 ½, are required to have a true and complete severance from CONTRACTOR with no prior prearrangement for reemployment with CONTRACTOR or any of CONTRACTOR'S affiliated companies or subcontractors to do similar work. This can be documented by completing a form at the time of termination stating that no prearrangement for reemployment existed prior to the termination, and by demonstrating a true and complete severance from CONTRACTOR for at least one year before working for any of CONTRACTOR'S affiliated companies or subcontractors. Individuals who retire under CONTRACTOR'S TCP 2 401(k) Retirement plan after age 59 ½ can be immediately reemployed.
- (c) An individual who retired under the University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP) or the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) may be immediately reemployed by any of CONTRACTOR'S affiliated companies or subcontractors, unless that individual also retired under one of CONTRACTOR'S retirement plans in which case such individual must also comply with paragraph (a) or (b) above.
- (d) Any former employee of CONTRACTOR or of the University of California (UC) who was terminated for cause or who resigned in lieu of termination for cause is prohibited from returning to work at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) for a period of seven (7) years, unless there is a compelling reason to allow such individual to return to LANL sooner. SUBCONTRACTOR and its lower tier subcontractors may not employ any former employee of CONTRACTOR or of UC, who was terminated for cause or who resigned in lieu of termination for cause, for any on-site work at LANL or for any work under this subcontract in which such former employee may have any direct or indirect substantive contact with a current CONTRACTOR employee, unless approved by CONTRACTOR in writing prior to commencement of work by SUBCONTRACTOR.
- (e) In order to assure compliance with paragraphs (a) through (d), SUBCONTRACTOR shall, with respect to its employees who are assigned to work under this subcontract and those of its lower tier subcontractors' employees who are assigned to work under this subcontract, certify that all individuals who are assigned to work under this subcontract are in compliance with the requirement of paragraphs (a) through (d) of this clause. Such certification must be provided in writing to CONTRACTOR before the start of work under this subcontract and on a quarterly basis thereafter on a form provided by CONTRACTOR. In making this certification SUBCONTRACTOR and its lower tier subcontractors may rely on information provided by applicants for employment or current employees, so long as SUBCONTRACTOR and its lower tier subcontractors have exercised due diligence and have, at a minimum, obtained the following information from each applicant or employee:
- (1) whether the applicant or employee was a former UC or CONTRACTOR employee, and if so, the date of separation;
 - (2) whether the separation was the result of retirement, termination for cause, or resignation in lieu of termination for cause;
 - (3) whether the applicant or employee is a member of CONTRACTOR'S Defined Benefit Pension Plan or Contractor's TCP 2, 401(k) Plan; and
 - (4) confirmation that, if the applicant or employee retired under one of CONTRACTOR'S retirement plans, to the extent described above, the applicant had no prior

prearrangement for reemployment by SUBCONTRACTOR or one of its lower tier subcontractors prior to termination.

- (f) CONTRACTOR may exclude SUBCONTRACTOR from future subcontracts for a reasonable, specified period, if CONTRACTOR determines that SUBCONTRACTOR breached any of the requirements contained in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this clause.
- (g) SUBCONTRACTOR shall ensure that the substance of this clause is included in all lower-tier subcontracts awarded pursuant to this subcontract.

GC-60 SUBCONTRACTS WITH CONTRACTOR'S TEAM MEMBERS AND TEAM MEMBER AFFILIATES (Jan 2010)

- (a) As used in this provision:
 - (1) Team Members means any of the following entities: Bechtel National, University of California, The Babcock and Wilcox Company, and the Washington Division of URS, Professional project Services, Inc. and DreamTech Solutions, LLC doing business as Ngenuity.
 - (2) Team Member Affiliate means any person or entity which is a wholly owned, majority owned, or otherwise an affiliate of any Team Member. The term 'affiliate' is defined at FAR 2.101.
- (b) Because of restrictions in the contract between NNSA and CONTRACTOR concerning the payment of fee or profit when subcontracting with any Team Member or any Team Member Affiliate, as well as Organizational Conflict of Interest concerns, neither SUBCONTRACTOR nor any tier of its lower tier subcontractors or suppliers shall enter into a subcontract with any Team Member or any Team Member Affiliate to provide goods or services under this subcontract without the advance written approval of the Subcontract Administrator. In the event that written approval is granted to enter into a subcontract with a Team Member or a Team Member Affiliate, no fee or profit shall be paid to such Team Member or Team Member Affiliate under the proposed subcontract. In the event it is later determined that a Team Member or a Team Member Affiliate has been paid a fee or profit, SUBCONTRACTOR shall reimburse CONTRACTOR the amount of this fee or profit.
- (c) SUBCONTRACTOR shall include the substance of this provision in all lower tier subcontracts and purchase orders.

GC-61 ENTIRE AGREEMENT (Jan 2010)

This Subcontract embodies the entire agreement between CONTRACTOR and SUBCONTRACTOR. The parties shall not be bound by or liable for any statement, representation, promise or understanding not set forth herein. Nothing contained in proposals, correspondence, discussions, order acknowledgments or any other of SUBCONTRACTOR'S forms or documents has any effect on this Subcontract unless specifically incorporated herein.

GC-63 DELIVERY (Jan 2010)

Preparation for shipment is the SUBCONTRACTOR'S responsibility. Crating or packaging shall be in accordance with standard industry practices, unless otherwise stated herein, and in a manner to provide a reasonable degree of protection against damage in transit. SUBCONTRACTOR shall include this Subcontract number on each shipping carton and packing slip. Items purchased under this Subcontract shall not be combined with items from other subcontracts / purchase orders.

If CONTRACTOR has designated a carrier and method of shipment, and shipment is made via a carrier other than as specified in the shipping block of this Subcontract, without CONTRACTOR'S prior written

approval, CONTRACTOR shall not be liable for loss or damage in transit and reserves the right to refuse to pay any excess shipping costs resulting from the change in carrier.