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VeriSign, the leading provider of security and infrastructure services headquartered in Mountain View, California, conducted an assessment for Bidx.com, Inc., an Info Tech, Inc. company and is pleased to verify that the components of the Bid Express Platform specifically named herein, its supporting infrastructure, and the governing policies, processes, and procedures have been certified under the VeriSign® Security Certification Program.

The scope of our assessment included components of the Bid Express On-line Bidding Exchange Platform and Service Infrastructure, which additionally included the facilities, policies, procedures, and processes used to operate and manage the enterprise security program. Our assessment included a detailed review of:

- The network and application architecture
- The application source code and vulnerability tests against the following targets:
  - Plan Server
  - Bid Express Data Servers
  - Bid Express.Com Source Code & Libraries
  - BERC & Expedite Packages
  - <http://plans.bidx.com>
  - <http://www.bidx.com>
  - <http://www.st.bidx.com> (This application represents all state-specific applications where “st” in the URL is a placeholder for the state abbreviation. VeriSign tested only the representative application and not every state specific application.)
- The policies and processes used to manage the infrastructure and personnel
- The results of recurring vulnerability testing of the critical systems

Our assessment was conducted in accordance with VeriSign’s Security Certification Methodology, which incorporates openly available requirements from regulations and industry standards. For the assessment, VeriSign focused on the security components of the following standards:

- The ISO 27002 (formerly 17799:2005)/27001:2005 Information Security Standards
- Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) Guide to Building Secure Web Applications and Web Services.
- Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standards (Requirements 3 & 6)

It is important to note that VeriSign’s certification focuses solely on the application as tested in a controlled environment. An application such as Bid Express is part of an overall secure infrastructure. Vulnerabilities and weaknesses in networks, operating systems, and security policies and processes could lead to compromise and companies need to make sure they are providing security controls at all layers.

In our opinion, as of the Certification Date above, Bidx.com, Inc., an Info Tech, Inc. company has met the requirements of the VeriSign Security Certification Program with respect to the specified components of the Bid Express Application, Infrastructure and supporting security





policies and procedures. As such, Bidx.com, Inc., an Info Tech, Inc. company has demonstrated that, as of the Certification Date, it has taken reasonable and appropriate steps to (i) identify and manage information security risks relating to the applications and supporting infrastructure, and (ii) utilize information security best practices in the area(s) assessed.

Respectfully submitted,

VeriSign Enterprise Consulting Services

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