

CONTRACTOR:

Contract Number

Reference Number

Business Address:

Supervisory District: _____

Mental Health Service Area(s): _____

PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

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STANDARD EXHIBITS

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- B CONTRACTOR INFORMATION SECURITY REQUIREMENTS
- C CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT
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- F CONTRACTOR'S EEO CERTIFICATION
- G ATTESTATION REGARDING FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS
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- K COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION
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UNIQUE EXHIBITS

(See Exhibits for explanation on the applicability of the forms below)

PROP A - LIVING WAGE PROGRAM EXHIBITS

- O LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE
- P MONTHLY CERTIFICATION FOR APPLICABLE HEALTH BENEFIT PAYMENTS
- Q PAYROLL STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

This Contract and Exhibits made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 20__ by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as County and _____, hereinafter referred to as Contractor. _____ is located at _____.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of section 5600 et seq., the COUNTY, through its Department of Mental Health (DMH), has established a Community Mental Health Program; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY, through its Community Mental Health Program and to the extent resources are available, provides mental health services to individuals who are eligible for and in need of such services; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY provides these mental health services through mental health clinics operated directly by DMH and through contracts established with mental health agencies in the community; and

WHEREAS, individuals receiving mental health services from mental health clinics operated directly by DMH or by a DMH-contracted mental health agency in the community may be prescribed medications by licensed physicians; and

WHEREAS, many of these individuals that may be prescribed such medications are not Medi-Cal beneficiaries or otherwise covered by private or public insurance, and COUNTY desires, to the extent resources are available, to ensure that such individuals, referred to as "Covered Clients," receive needed medications by providing payment for such medications;

WHEREAS, COUNTY desires that Covered Clients be provided medications by neighborhood pharmacies that are conveniently located and easily accessible; that pharmacies that provide these prescription medications be reimbursed for the costs of medications prescribed to Covered Clients and there is reimbursement of prescription medication for individuals who have third-party payor sources, including, but not limited to, the Medi-Cal program or a program of private or public health insurance; and

WHEREAS, DMH provides and/or intends to provide a number of specialized programs, including an Indigent Medication Program (IMP) whereby free IMP Products are provided to DMH Responsible Clients who have been approved by foundations to receive IMP Products; a Prior Authorization Program whereby a pharmacy is allowed to dispense certain drugs only after Covered Clients have tried alternative, less expensive, therapeutically similar or equivalent drugs, based on protocols established by the DMH; a Step Therapy Program whereby a pharmacy is allowed to dispense certain drugs only after Covered Clients have tried alternative, less expensive, therapeutically similar or equivalent drugs, based on protocols established by the DMH; a Mandatory Generic Program whereby Covered Clients are

required to use specified Generic Drugs; and a Fund One Program whereby Covered Clients may only receive a single highly expensive antipsychotic medication within a three (3) week period, rather than receiving multiple such medications, preventing polypharmacologic expensive prescribing regimens; and a Retail 90 Program through which Covered Clients may obtain prescriptions of greater than eighty-four (84) days, but no more than ninety-one (91) days, from certain Participating Pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY desires to engage CONTRACTOR to administer DMH's prescription drug program; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR provides pharmacy and prescription benefit management services whose principal employees possess the necessary licenses or certifications, and the competence, expertise, and capability required to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has determined that the services to be provided hereunder cannot be performed by County employees or through the recruit of County employees because they are of a complex professional and technical nature for which DMH lacks the requisite infrastructure and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is licensed or otherwise permitted under State law, equipped, staffed, and prepared to provide Pharmacy Benefit Management services; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY desires to engage CONTRACTOR for Pharmacy Benefit Management services upon the terms provided in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY is authorized, among others, by Government Code Section 31000 to contract for Pharmacy Benefit Management services, including those contemplated herein; and

WHEREAS, this Contract is therefore authorized under Section 44.7 of the Los Angeles County Charter and Los Angeles County Codes Section 2.121.250; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, conditions, representations and warranties contained herein, it is agreed by and between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR as follows:

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

The Director of Mental Health (Director) shall have the authority to administer this Agreement on behalf of County. All references to the actions or decisions to be made by the County in this Agreement shall be made by the Director unless otherwise expressly provided.

1.1 The Director may designate one of more persons to act as his/her designee for the purposes of administering this Agreement. Therefore "Director" shall mean "Director and/or his/her designee."

1.2 Contractor shall designate in writing a Contract Manager who shall function as liaison with County regarding Contractor's performance hereunder.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

The headings herein contained are for convenience and reference only and are not intended to define the scope of any provision thereof. The following words are used herein shall be construed

to have the following meaning, unless otherwise apparent from the context in which they are used.

- 2.1** Contract or Agreement: Agreement executed between County and Contractor. It sets forth the items and conditions for the issuance and performance of the Statement of Work, Appendix B.
- 2.2** Contractor or PBM: The sole proprietor, partnership, or corporation that has entered into a contract with the County to perform or execute the work covered by the Statement of Work.
- 2.3** Contractor Project Manager: The individual designated by the Contractor to administer the Contract operations after the Contract award.
- 2.4** County Contract Project Monitor: Person with responsibility to oversee the day to day activities of this Contract. Responsibility for inspections of any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services and other work provided by the Contractor.
- 2.5** County Project Director: Person designated by County with authority for County on contractual or administrative matters relating to this Contract that cannot be resolved by the County's Project Manager.
- 2.6** County Project Manager: Person designated by County's Project Director to manage the operations under this Contract.
- 2.7** Director: The Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, or his/her designee.
- 2.8** Day(s): Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.
- 2.9** Fiscal Year: The twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.
- 2.10** Holiday: State and nationally recognized holidays, including, but not necessarily limited to, New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, President's Birthday (combined Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays), Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving weekend, and Christmas Day.

3.0 SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

Contractor shall provide services to County as set forth in **Appendix B** (Statement of Work) which is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

4.0 TERM OF CONTRACT

- 4.1** Initial Period: The Initial Period of this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2015, and shall continue in full force and effect through June 30, 2016.

4.2 Four Optional One-Year Renewal Periods: After the Initial Period, this Agreement shall have four (4) optional one (1) year renewal periods, at the sole discretion of the Director of Mental Health or his designee, without further action by the parties unless either party desires to terminate this Agreement at the end of the Initial Period and gives written notice to the other party not less than 30 calendar days prior to the end of Initial Period, as applicable.

1. First Optional One-Year Renewal Period: If this Agreement is renewed, the First Optional One-Year Renewal Period shall commence on July 1, 2016, and shall continue in full force and effect through June 30, 2017.
2. Second Optional One-Year Renewal Period: If this Agreement is renewed, the Second Optional One-Year Renewal Period shall commence on July 1, 2017, and shall continue in full force and effect through June 30, 2018.
3. Third Optional One-Year Renewal Period: If this Agreement is renewed, the Third Optional One-Year Renewal Period shall commence on July 1, 2018, and shall continue in full force and effect through June 30, 2019.
4. Fourth Optional One-Year Renewal Period: If this Agreement is renewed, the Fourth Optional One-Year Renewal Period shall commence on July 1, 2019, and shall continue in full force and effect through June 30, 2020.

4.3 Six Months Notification of Agreement Expiration: Contractor shall notify County when this Agreement is within six (6) months of expiration. Contractor shall send such notice to those persons and addresses which are set forth in Paragraph 12.0 (NOTICES).

5.0 COMPENSATION

5.1 Contractor agrees to satisfactorily complete all work specified in Appendix B SOW. In consideration of the performance by Contractor in a manner satisfactory to County of the services described in Appendix B SOW, Contractor shall submit invoices monthly invoices to LACDMH Accounts Payable Division located at 550 South Vermont Avenue, 8th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90020. Invoices must include the Claims Data Utilization Fields identified in Appendix C, SOW Exhibits, Exhibit 9. LACDMH shall pay Contractor for services in arrears within 30 days of receipt of complete, verified, and correct invoices/billings.

5.2 The Contractor shall not be entitled to payment or reimbursement for any tasks or services performed, nor for any incidental or administrative expenses whatsoever incurred in or incidental to performance hereunder, except as specified herein. Assumption or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, or obligations,

or performance of same by any entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever, shall occur only with the County's express prior written approval.

5.3 The Contractor shall maintain a system of record keeping that will allow the Contractor to determine when it has incurred an amount TBD of the total contract amount under this Contract. Upon occurrence of this event, the Contractor shall send written notification to County's Contract Project Monitor.

5.4 No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/ Termination of Contract

The Contractor shall have no claim against County for payment of any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by the Contractor after the expiration or other termination of this Contract. Should the Contractor receive any such payment it shall immediately notify County and shall immediately repay all such funds to County. Payment by County for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such payment from the Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Contract.

5.5 Invoices and Payments

A. The Contractor shall invoice the County only for providing the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work specified in Appendix B - Statement of Work and elsewhere hereunder. The Contractor shall prepare invoices, which shall include the charges owed to the Contractor by the County under the terms of this Contract. The Contractor's payments shall be provided in a Payment Schedule upon execution of the Contract, and the Contractor shall be paid only for the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work approved in writing by the County. If the County does not approve work in writing no payment shall be due to the Contractor for that work.

B. The Contractor's invoices shall be priced in accordance with – the Payment Schedule.

C. The Contractor's invoices shall contain the information set forth in Appendix B - Statement of Work describing the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, work hours, and facility and/or other work for which payment is claimed.

D. The Contractor shall submit the monthly invoices to the County by the 15th calendar day of the month following the month of service.

- E. Contractor shall calculate its Administrative Fee each month, at the end of the month, based on the number of Covered Clients that month, and the calculation shall include any Covered Client who was eligible for at least one (1) day that month.
- F. As long as this Contract remains in effect, County shall have the right, at least annually, to renegotiate Contractor's above-referenced Administrative Fee. Should County choose to exercise said right, County's newly negotiated Administrative Fee shall be at least as favorable as the Administrative Fee stated above, unless forces outside the control of Contractor preclude Contractor from providing such an Administrative Fee. The newly negotiated Administrative Fee shall be memorialized in writing by the parties as an amendment to this Contract.

5.6 County Approval of Invoices

All invoices submitted by the Contractor for payment must have the written approval of the County's Pharmacy Chief or his/her designated representative prior to any payment thereof. In no event shall the County be liable or responsible for any payment prior to such written approval. Approval for payment will not be unreasonably withheld

5.7 Suspension of Payments

Payments to Contractor under this Agreement shall be suspended if Director, for good cause, determines that Contractor is in default under any of the provisions of this Agreement. Except in cases of alleged fraud or similar intentional wrongdoing, at least thirty (30) calendar days notice of such suspension shall be provided to Contractor, including a statement of the reason(s) for such suspension. Thereafter, Contractor may, within fifteen (15) calendar days, request reconsideration of the Director's decision. Payments shall not be withheld pending the results of the reconsideration process.

5.8 Budget Reductions

In the event that the County's Board of Supervisors adopts, in any fiscal year, a County Budget which provides for reductions in County contracts, the County reserves the right to reduce its payment obligation under this Agreement to implement such Board reductions for that fiscal year and any subsequent fiscal year during the term of this Agreement (including any extensions), and the services to be provided by the Contractor under this Agreement shall also be reduced correspondingly. The County's notice to the Contractor regarding said reduction in payment obligation shall be provided within thirty (30) calendar days of the Board's approval of such action. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, the Contractor shall continue to provide all of the services set forth in this Agreement.

6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT – COUNTY

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

The County shall notify the Contractor in writing of any change in the names or addresses shown.

6.1 County's Project Director

- A. Responsibilities of the County's Project Director include:
 - i. Meeting with the Contractor's Project Manager on a regular basis; and
 - ii. Inspecting any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work provided by or on behalf of the Contractor.
- B. The County's Project Manager is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Contract and is not authorized to further obligate County in any respect whatsoever.

6.2 County's Project Manager

- A. The responsibilities of the County's Project Manager include:
 - i. Meeting with the Contractor's Project Manager on a regular basis; and
 - ii. Inspecting any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work provided by or on behalf of the Contractor.
- B. The County's Project Manager is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Contract and is not authorized to further obligate County in any respect whatsoever.

6.3 County's Contract Project Monitor

- A. The County's Project Monitor is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day administration of this Contract. The Project Monitor reports to the County's Project Manager.
- B. The County's Project Monitor is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Contract and is not authorized to further obligate County in any respect whatsoever.

7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - CONTRACTOR

7.1 Contractor's Project Manager

- A. The Contractor shall notify the County in writing of any change in the name or address of the Contractor's Project Manager.

- B. The Contractor's Project Manager shall be responsible for the Contractor's day-to-day activities as related to this Contract and shall coordinate with County's Project Manager and County's Contract Project Monitor on a regular basis.
- C. The Contractor's Project Manager must have three (3) years of experience as a PBM Account manager.

7.2 Approval of Contractor's Staff

County has the absolute right to approve or disapprove all of the Contractor's staff performing work hereunder and any proposed changes in the Contractor's staff, including, but not limited to, the Contractor's Project Manager.

7.3 Background and Security Investigations

- A. Each of Contractor's staff performing services under this Contract who is in a designated sensitive position, as determined by County in County's sole discretion, shall undergo and pass a background investigation to the satisfaction of County as a condition of beginning and continuing to perform services under this Contract. Such background investigation must be obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California Department of Justice to include State, local, and federal-level review, which may include, but shall not be limited to, criminal conviction information. The fees associated with the background investigation shall be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless if the member of Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation.
- B. If a member of Contractor's staff does not pass the background investigation, County may request that the member of Contractor's staff be immediately removed from performing services under the Contract at any time during the term of the Contract. County will not provide to Contractor or to Contractor's staff any information obtained through the County's background investigation.
- C. County, in its sole discretion, may immediately deny or terminate facility access to any member of Contractor's staff that does not pass such investigation to the satisfaction of the County or whose background or conduct is incompatible with County facility access.
- D. Disqualification of any member of Contractor's staff pursuant to this Paragraph 7.3 shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.

7.4 Confidentiality

- A. Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures relating to confidentiality, including, without limitation, County policies concerning information technology security and the protection of confidential records and information.
- B. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting, or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with this Paragraph 7.5, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 7.5 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.
- C. Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors providing services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Contract.
- D. Contractor shall sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement", Exhibit C. Contractor shall provide to County an executed Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement prior to performing work under this Agreement. Such Agreement shall be delivered to Department of Mental Health, ATTN: Chief, Contracts Development and Administration Division, 550 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020 on or immediately after the effective date of this Agreement but in no event later than the date the Contractor first.

8.0 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8.1 AMENDMENTS

County reserves the right to change any portion of the work required under this Agreement or amend such other terms and conditions which may become necessary. Any such changes or Amendments shall be accomplished in the following manner:

- A. For any change which affects the scope of work, term, Contract Sum, payments, or any term or condition included under this Contract, an Amendment shall be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by Director.
- B. The County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Officer or designee may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Contract during the term of this Contract. The County reserves the right to add and/or change such provisions as required by the County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Officer. To implement such changes, an Amendment to the Contract shall be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by Director.
- C. The Director, may at his/her sole discretion, authorize extensions of time as defined in Paragraph 4.0 - Term of Contract. The Contractor agrees that such extensions of time shall not change any other term or condition of this Contract during the period of such extensions. To implement an extension of time, an Amendment to the Contract shall be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by Director.

8.2 ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION

- A. The Contractor shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Contract, or both, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this sub-paragraph, County consent shall require a written amendment to the Contract, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by the County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Contract shall be deductible, at County's sole discretion, against the claims, which the Contractor may have against the County.
- B. Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of Contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. However, in the event any such sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, or divestment is effected in such a way as to give majority control of Contractor to any person(s), corporation, partnership, or legal entity other than

the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of the Contract, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Contract.

- C. Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever without County's express prior written approval, shall be a material breach of the Contract which may result in the termination of this Contract. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

8.3 AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY

The Contractor represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract for the Contractor is an authorized agent who has actual authority to bind the Contractor to each and every term, condition, and obligation of this Contract and that all requirements of the Contractor have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

8.4 BUDGET REDUCTIONS

In the event that the County's Board of Supervisors adopts, in any fiscal year, a County Budget which provides for reductions in the salaries and benefits paid to the majority of County employees and imposes similar reductions with respect to County Contracts, the County reserves the right to reduce its payment obligation under this Contract correspondingly for that fiscal year and any subsequent fiscal year during the term of this Contract (including any extensions), and the services to be provided by the Contractor under this Contract shall also be reduced correspondingly. The County's notice to the Contractor regarding said reduction in payment obligation shall be provided within thirty (30) calendar days of the Board's approval of such actions. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, the Contractor shall continue to provide all of the services set forth in this Contract.

8.5 COMPLAINTS

The Contractor shall develop, maintain and operate procedures for receiving, investigating and responding to complaints.

- A. Within five (5) business days after Contract effective date, the Contractor shall provide the County with the Contractor's policy for receiving, investigating and responding to user complaints.

- B. The County will review the Contractor's policy and provide the Contractor with approval of said plan or with requested changes.
- C. If the County requests changes in the Contractor's policy, the Contractor shall make such changes and resubmit the plan within fifteen (15) business days for County approval.
- D. If, at any time, the Contractor wishes to change the Contractor's policy, the Contractor shall submit proposed changes to the County for approval before implementation.
- E. The Contractor shall preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the County's Project Manager of the status of the investigation within five (5) business days of receiving the complaint.
- F. When complaints cannot be resolved informally, a system of follow-through shall be instituted which adheres to formal plans for specific actions and strict time deadlines.
- G. Copies of all written responses shall be sent to the County's Project Manager within thirty (30) calendar days of mailing to the complainant.

8.6 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW

- A. In the performance of this Contract, Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures, and all provisions required thereby to be included in this Contract are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- B. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies, or procedures, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 8.6 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be

entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction or other equitable relief, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

8.7 COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS

The Contractor hereby assures that it will comply with Subchapter VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sections 2000 (e) (1) through 2000 (e) (17), to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, religion, ancestry, age, condition of physical handicap, marital status, political affiliation, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract. The Contractor shall comply with Exhibit F - Contractor's EEO Certification.

8.8 COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S JURY SERVICE PROGRAM

A. Jury Service Program

This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service ("Jury Service Program") as codified in Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the Los Angeles County Code, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit J and incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Contract.

B. Written Employee Jury Service Policy

- i. Unless the Contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that the Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of the County Code) or that the Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of the County Code), the Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.
- ii. For purposes of this sub-paragraph, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the

County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of the Contractor. "Full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If the Contractor uses any Subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Contract, the Subcontractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this sub-paragraph. The provisions of this sub-paragraph shall be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the agreement.

- iii. If the Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Contract commences, the Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and the Contractor shall immediately notify the County if the Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if the Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program. In either event, the Contractor shall immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Contract and at its sole discretion, that the Contractor demonstrate, to the County's satisfaction that the Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" and/or that the Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.
- iv. Contractor's violation of this sub-paragraph of the Contract may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract and/or bar the Contractor from the award of future County contracts for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.

8.9 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- A. No County employee whose position with the County enables such employee to influence the award of this Contract or any competing Contract, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by the Contractor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Contract. No officer or employee of the Contractor who may financially benefit from the performance of work hereunder shall in any way participate in the County's approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such work, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence the County's approval or ongoing evaluation of such work.
- B. The Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Contract. The Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts that create a conflict of interest. If the Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts that might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to the County. Full written disclosure shall include, but is not limited to, identification of all persons implicated and a complete description of all relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this sub-paragraph shall be a material breach of this Contract.

8.10 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING COUNTY EMPLOYEES TARGETED FOR LAYOFF/OR RE-EMPLOYMENT LIST

Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract to perform the services set forth herein, the Contractor shall give first consideration for such employment openings to qualified, permanent County employees who are targeted for layoff or qualified, former County employees who are on a re-employment list during the life of this Contract.

8.11 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING GAIN/GROW PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

- A. Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor shall give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program who meet the Contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position. For this purpose, consideration shall mean that the Contractor will interview qualified candidates. The County will refer GAIN/GROW participants by job category to the Contractor.

- B. In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN/GROW participants are available for hiring, County employees shall be given first priority.

8.12 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT

A. Responsible Contractor

A responsible Contractor is a Contractor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible Contractors.

B. Chapter 2.202 of the County Code

The Contractor is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, if the County acquires information concerning the performance of the Contractor on this or other contracts which indicates that the Contractor is not responsible, the County may, in addition to other remedies provided in the Contract, debar the Contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on County contracts for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five years but may exceed five years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and terminate any or all existing Contracts the Contractor may have with the County.

C. Contract Hearing Board

- i. If there is evidence that the Contractor may be subject to debarment, the Department will notify the Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise the Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
- ii. The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Contractor and/or the Contractor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative proposed decision, which shall contain a recommendation regarding whether the Contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Contractor and the Department shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

- iii. After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision, and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
- iv. If a Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years, that Contractor may after the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that the Contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: (1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; (2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; (3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or (4) any other reason that is in the best interests of the County.
- v. The Contractor Hearing Board will consider a request for review of a debarment determination only where (1) the Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years; (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years; and (3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.
- vi. The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt

the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

D. Subcontractors of Contractor

These terms shall also apply to Subcontractors of County Contractors.

8.13 CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

The Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post the County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at the Contractor's place of business. The Contractor will also encourage its Subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the Subcontractor's place of business. The County's Department of Children and Family Services will supply the Contractor with the poster to be used. Information on how to receive the poster can be found on the Internet at www.babysafela.org.

8.14 CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF ADHERENCE OT COUNTY'S CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

- A. The Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from the County through Contract are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon the County and its taxpayers.
- B. As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting the Contractor's duty under this Contract to comply with all applicable provisions of law, the Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this Contract maintain in compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and shall implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding Orders or Child Support Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family or Spousal Support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code Section 5246(b).

8.15 COUNTY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

The County or its agent will evaluate the Contractor's performance under this Contract on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing the Contractor's compliance with all Contract terms and conditions and performance standards. Contractor deficiencies which the County determines are severe or continuing and that may place performance of the Contract in jeopardy if not corrected will be reported to the Board of Supervisors.

The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and the Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, the County may terminate this Contract or impose other penalties as specified in this Contract.

8.16 DAMAGE TO COUNTY FACILITIES, BUILDINGS OR GROUNDS

- A. The Contractor shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, any and all damage to County facilities, buildings, or grounds caused by the Contractor or employees or agents of the Contractor. Such repairs shall be made immediately after the Contractor has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence.
- B. If the Contractor fails to make timely repairs, County may make any necessary repairs. All costs incurred by County, as determined by County, for such repairs shall be repaid by the Contractor by cash payment upon demand.

8.17 EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

- A. The Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing work under this Contract meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in Federal and State statutes and regulations. The Contractor shall obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal and State statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, (P.L. 99-603), or as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. The Contractor shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law.
- B. The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the County, its agents, officers, and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against the Contractor or the County or both in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal or State statutes or

regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing work under this Contract.

8.18 FACSIMILE REPRESENTATIONS

The County and the Contractor hereby agree to regard facsimile representations of original signatures of authorized officers of each party, when appearing in appropriate places on the Amendments prepared pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.1, and received via communications facilities, as legally sufficient evidence that such original signatures have been affixed to Amendments to this Contract, such that the parties need not follow up facsimile transmissions of such documents with subsequent (non-facsimile) transmission of "original" versions of such documents.

8.19 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County and its agents, officers, and employees from any and all liability, including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law, including, but not limited to, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, for work performed by the Contractor's employees for which the County may be found jointly or solely liable.

8.20 FORCE MAJEURE

- A. Neither party shall be liable for such party's failure to perform its obligations under and in accordance with this Contract, if such failure arises out of fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by such party or any of such party's subcontractors), freight embargoes, or other similar events to those described above, but in every such case the failure to perform must be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of such party (such events are referred to in this sub-paragraph as "force majeure events").
- B. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a default by a subcontractor of Contractor shall not constitute a force majeure event, unless such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both Contractor and such subcontractor, and without any fault or negligence of either of them. In such case, Contractor shall not be liable for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this sub-

paragraph, the term "subcontractor" and "subcontractors" mean subcontractors at any tier.

- C. In the event Contractor's failure to perform arises out of a force majeure event, Contractor agrees to use commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain goods or services from other sources, if applicable, and to otherwise mitigate the damages and reduce the delay caused by such force majeure event.

8.21 GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

This Contract shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California. The Contractor agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this Contract and further agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

8.22 INDEPENDENT STATUS OF CONTRACTOR

- A. This Contract is by and between the County and the Contractor and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between the County and the Contractor. The employees and agents of one party shall not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.
- B. The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract all compensation and benefits. The County shall have no liability or responsibility for the payment of any salaries, wages, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, Federal, State, or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any personnel provided by or on behalf of the Contractor.
- C. The Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, solely employees of the Contractor and not employees of the County. The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for furnishing any and all Workers' Compensation benefits to any person as a result of any injuries arising from or connected with any work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor pursuant to this Contract.
- D. The Contractor shall adhere to the provisions stated in sub-paragraph 7.5 - Confidentiality.

8.23 INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, agents and volunteers (“County Indemnitees”) from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from and/or relating to this Contract, except for such loss or damage arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County Indemnitees.

8.24 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ALL INSURANCE COVERAGE

Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Contract and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Contract have been met, Contractor shall provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in Sections 8.23 and 8.24 of this Contract. These minimum insurance coverage terms, types and limits (the “Required Insurance”) also are in addition to and separate from any other contractual obligation imposed upon Contractor pursuant to this Contract. The County in no way warrants that the Required Insurance is sufficient to protect the Contractor for liabilities which may arise from or relate to this Contract.

A. Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County

- i. Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to County, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement confirming County and its Agents (defined below) has been given Insured status under the Contractor’s General Liability policy, shall be delivered to County at the address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under this Contract.
- ii. Renewal Certificates shall be provided to County not less than ten (10) days prior to Contractor’s policy expiration dates. The County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required Contractor and/or Sub-Contractor insurance policies at any time.
- iii. Certificates shall identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Contract by name or number, and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s). The Insured party named on the Certificate shall match the name of the Contractor identified as the contracting party in this Contract. Certificates shall provide the full name of each insurer providing coverage, its NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) identification

number, its financial rating, the amounts of any policy deductibles or self-insured retentions exceeding fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars, and list any County required endorsement forms.

- iv. Neither the County's failure to obtain, nor the County's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), shall be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.

Certificates and copies of any required endorsements shall be sent to:

Los Angeles County – Department of Mental Health
Contracts Development and Administration Division
550 S. Vermont Avenue, 6th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Contractor also shall promptly report to County any injury or property damage accident or incident, including any injury to a Contractor employee occurring on County property, and any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of County property, monies or securities entrusted to Contractor. Contractor also shall promptly notify County of any third party claim or suit filed against Contractor or any of its Sub-Contractors which arises from or relates to this Contract, and could result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against Contractor and/or County.

B. Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage

The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers (collectively County and its Agents) shall be provided additional insured status under Contractor's General Liability policy with respect to liability arising out of Contractor's ongoing and completed operations performed on behalf of the County. County and its Agents additional insured status shall apply with respect to liability and defense of suits arising out of the Contractor's acts or omissions, whether such liability is attributable to the Contractor or to the County. The full policy limits and scope of protection also shall apply to the County and its Agents as an additional insured, even if they exceed the County's minimum Required Insurance specifications herein. Use of an automatic additional insured endorsement form is acceptable providing it satisfies the Required Insurance provisions herein.

C. **Cancellation of or Changes in Insurance**

Contractor shall provide County with, or Contractor's insurance policies shall contain a provision that County shall receive, written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance, including insurer, limits of coverage, term of coverage or policy period. The written notice shall be provided to County at least ten (10) days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and thirty (30) days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance may constitute a material breach of the Contract, in the sole discretion of the County, upon which the County may suspend or terminate this Contract.

D. **Failure to Maintain Insurance**

Contractor's failure to maintain or to provide acceptable evidence that it maintains the Required Insurance shall constitute a material breach of the Contract, upon which County immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Contract. County, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach. Alternatively, the County may purchase the Required Insurance, and without further notice to Contractor, deduct the premium cost from sums due to Contractor or pursue Contractor reimbursement.

E. **Insurer Financial Ratings**

Coverage shall be placed with insurers acceptable to the County with A.M. Best ratings of not less than A:VII unless otherwise approved by County.

F. **Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary**

Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Contract, shall be primary with respect to all other sources of coverage available to Contractor. Any County maintained insurance or self-insurance coverage shall be in excess of and not contribute to any Contractor coverage.

G. **Waivers of Subrogation**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor hereby waives its rights and its insurer(s)' rights of recovery against County under all the Required Insurance for any loss arising from or relating to this Contract. The Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements which may be necessary to effect such waiver.

H. **Sub-Contractor Insurance Coverage Requirements**

Contractor shall include all Sub-Contractors as insureds under Contractor's own policies, or shall provide County with each Sub-Contractor's separate evidence of insurance coverage. Contractor shall be responsible for verifying each Sub-Contractor complies with the Required Insurance provisions herein, and shall require that each Sub-Contractor name the County and Contractor as additional insureds on the Sub-Contractor's General Liability policy. Contractor shall obtain County's prior review and approval of any Sub-Contractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.

I. **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)**

Contractor's policies shall not obligate the County to pay any portion of any Contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the County, or to provide a bond guaranteeing Contractor's payment of all deductibles and SIRs, including all related claims investigation, administration and defense expenses. Such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.

J. **Claims Made Coverage**

If any part of the Required Insurance is written on a claims made basis, any policy retroactive date shall precede the effective date of this Contract. Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following Contract expiration, termination or cancellation.

K. **Application of Excess Liability Coverage**

Contractors may use a combination of primary and excess insurance policies which provide coverage as broad as the underlying primary policies, to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions.

L. **Seperation of Insureds**

All liability policies shall provide cross-liability coverage as would be afforded by the standard ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) separation of insureds provision with no insured versus insured exclusions or limitations.

M. **Alternative Risk Financing Programs**

The County reserves the right to review, and then approve, Contractor use of self-insurance, risk retention groups, risk purchasing groups, pooling

arrangements and captive insurance to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions. The County and its Agents shall be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.

N. **County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements**

The County reserves the right to review and adjust the Required Insurance provisions, conditioned upon County's determination of changes in risk exposures.

8.25 INSURANCE COVERAGE

A. **Commercial General Liability** insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CG 00 01), naming County and its Agents as an additional insured, with limits of not less than:

General Aggregate:	\$2 million
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate:	\$1 million
Personal and Advertising Injury:	\$1 million
Each Occurrence:	\$1 million

B. **Automobile Liability** insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CA 00 01) with limits of not less than \$1 million for bodily injury and property damage, in combined or equivalent split limits, for each single accident. Insurance shall cover liability arising out of Contractor's use of autos pursuant to this Contract, including owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos, as each may be applicable.

C. **Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability** insurance or qualified self-insurance satisfying statutory requirements, which includes Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$1 million per accident. If Contractor will provide leased employees, or, is an employee leasing or temporary staffing firm or a professional employer organization (PEO), coverage also shall include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 A) naming the County as the Alternate Employer, and the endorsement form shall be modified to provide that County will receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation of this coverage provision. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also shall be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.

D. Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions

Insurance covering Contractor's liability arising from or related to this Contract, with limits of not less than \$1 million per claim and \$2 million aggregate. Further, Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than one (1) years following this Agreement's expiration, termination or cancellation.

E. Technology Errors and Omissions Coverage

Technology Errors & Omissions insurance, including cover for liabilities arising from errors, omissions, or negligent acts in rendering or failing to render computer or information technology services and technology products. Coverage for violation of software copyright should be included. Technology services should at a minimum include (1) systems analysis (2) systems programming (3) data processing (4) systems integration (5) outsourcing including outsourcing development and design (6) systems design, consulting, development and modification (7) training services relating to computer software or hardware (8) management, repair and maintenance of computer products, networks and systems (9) marketing, selling, servicing, distributing, installing and maintaining computer hardware or software (10) data entry, modification, verification, maintenance, storage, retrieval or preparation of data output, and any other services provided by the vendor with limits not less than \$10 million.

F. Privacy/Network Security (Cyber) Coverage

Privacy/Network Security (Cyber) liability coverage providing protection against liability for (1) privacy breaches [liability arising from the loss or disclosure of confidential information no matter how it occurs] (2) system breach (3) denial or loss of service (4) introduction, implantation, or spread of malicious software code (5) unauthorized access to or use of computer systems with limits not less than \$20 million. No exclusion/restriction for unencrypted portable devices/media may be on the policy."

8.26 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

A. If, in the judgment of the Department Head, or his/her designee, the Contractor is deemed to be non-compliant with the terms and obligations assumed hereby, the Department Head, or his/her designee, at his/her option, in addition to, or in lieu of, other remedies provided herein, may withhold the entire monthly payment or deduct pro rata from the Contractor's invoice for work not performed. A

description of the work not performed and the amount to be withheld or deducted from payments to the Contractor from the County, will be forwarded to the Contractor by the Department Head, or his/her designee, in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.

- B. If the Department Head, or his/her designee, determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Contract that the Department Head, or his/her designee, deems are correctable by the Contractor over a certain time span, the Department Head, or his/her designee, will provide a written notice to the Contractor to correct the deficiency within specified time frames. Should the Contractor fail to correct deficiencies within said time frame, the Department Head, or his/her designee, may: (a) Deduct from the Contractor's payment, pro rata, those applicable portions of the Monthly Contract Sum; and/or (b) Deduct liquidated damages. The parties agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure of the Contractor to correct a deficiency within the specified time frame. The parties hereby agree that under the current circumstances a reasonable estimate of such damages is One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per day per infraction, or as specified in the Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) Chart, as defined in Appendix C, SOW Exhibits, Exhibit 10, hereunder, and that the Contractor shall be liable to the County for liquidated damages in said amount. Said amount shall be deducted from the County's payment to the Contractor; and/or (c) Upon giving five (5) days' notice to the Contractor for failure to correct the deficiencies, the County may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by the County for completion of the work by an alternate source, whether it be County forces or separate private contractor, will be deducted and forfeited from the payment to the Contractor from the County, as determined by the County.
- C. The action noted in sub-paragraph 8.26.2 shall not be construed as a penalty, but as adjustment of payment to the Contractor to recover the County cost due to the failure of the Contractor to complete or comply with the provisions of this Contract.
- D. This sub-paragraph shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to damages for any breach of this Contract provided by law or as specified in the PRS or sub-paragraph 8.26.2, and shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to terminate this Contract as agreed to herein

8.27 MOST FAVORED PUBLIC ENTITY

If the Contractor's prices decline, or should the Contractor at any time during the term of this Contract provide the same goods or services under similar quantity and delivery conditions to the State of California or any county, municipality, or district of the State at prices below those set forth in this Contract, then such lower prices shall be immediately extended to the County.

8.28 NONDISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

- A. The Contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and shall be treated equally without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations.
- B. The Contractor shall certify to, and comply with, the provisions of Exhibit F - Contractor's EEO Certification.
- C. The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations. Such action shall include, but is not limited to: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- D. The Contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation.
- E. The Contractor certifies and agrees that it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract.

F. The Contractor shall allow County representatives access to the Contractor's employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.28 when so requested by the County.

G. If the County finds that any provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.28 have been violated, such violation shall constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract.

While the County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the Contractor has violated Federal or State anti-discrimination laws or regulations shall constitute a finding by the County that the Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract.

H. The parties agree that in the event the Contractor violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract, the County shall, at its sole option, be entitled to the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for each such violation pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Contract.

8.29 NON EXCLUSIVITY

Nothing herein is intended nor shall be construed as creating any exclusive arrangement with the Contractor. This Contract shall not restrict (Department) from acquiring similar, equal or like goods and/or services from other entities or sources.

8.30 NOTICE OF DELAYS

Except as otherwise provided under this Contract, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this Contract, that party shall, within one (1) business day, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.

8.31 NOTICE OF DISPUTES

The Contractor shall bring to the attention of the County's Project Manager and/or County's Project Director any dispute between the County and the Contractor regarding the performance of services as stated in this Contract. If the County's Project Manager or County's Project Director is not able to resolve the dispute, the Director, or designee shall resolve it.

8.32 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME CREDIT

The Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each Subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice No. 1015.

8.33 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

The Contractor shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each Subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The fact sheet is set forth in Exhibit H of this Contract and is also available on the Internet at www.babysafela.org for printing purposes.

8.34 PROHIBITION AGAINST INDUCEMENT OR PERSUASION

Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor and the County agree that, during the term of this Contract and for a period of one year thereafter, neither party shall in any way intentionally induce or persuade any employee of one party to become an employee or agent of the other party. No bar exists against any hiring action initiated through a public announcement.

8.35 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

- A. Any documents submitted by the Contractor; all information obtained in connection with the County's right to audit and inspect the Contractor's documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.38 - Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement of this Contract; as well as those documents which were required to be submitted in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) used in the solicitation process for this Contract, become the exclusive property of the County. All such documents become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the California Government Code Section 6250 et seq. (Public Records Act) and which are marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary". The County shall not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- B. In the event the County is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a proposal marked "trade secret", "confidential", or

“proprietary”, the Contractor agrees to defend and indemnify the County from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees, in action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

8.36 PUBLICITY

- A. The Contractor shall not disclose any details in connection with this Contract to any person or entity except as may be otherwise provided hereunder or required by law. However, in recognizing the Contractor’s need to identify its services and related clients to sustain itself, the County shall not inhibit the Contractor from publishing its role under this Contract within the following conditions:
 - i. The Contractor shall develop all publicity material in a professional manner; and
 - ii. During the term of this Contract, the Contractor shall not, and shall not authorize another to, publish or disseminate any commercial advertisements, press releases, feature articles, or other materials using the name of the County without the prior written consent of the County’s Project Director. The County shall not unreasonably withhold written consent.
- B. The Contractor may, without the prior written consent of County, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this Contract with the County of Los Angeles, provided that the requirements of this sub-paragraph 8.37 shall apply.

8.37 RECORD RETENTION AND INSPECTION/AUDIT SETTLEMENT

The Contractor shall maintain accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Contractor shall also maintain accurate and complete employment and other records relating to its performance of this Contract. The Contractor agrees that the County, or its authorized representatives, shall have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe any pertinent transaction, activity, or record relating to this Contract as further described in Appendix C – SOW Exhibits, Exhibit 11. All such material, including, but not limited to, all financial records, bank statements, cancelled checks or other proof of payment, timecards, sign-in/sign-out sheets and other time and employment records, and proprietary data and information, shall be kept and maintained by the Contractor and shall be made available to the County during the term of this Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter unless the County’s written permission is given to dispose of any such material prior to such time. All such material

shall be maintained by the Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County, provided that if any such material is located outside Los Angeles County, then, at the County's option, the Contractor shall pay the County for travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by the County to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe such material at such other location.

- A. In the event that an audit of the Contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Contract by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by the Contractor or otherwise, then the Contractor shall file a copy of such audit report with the County's Auditor-Controller within thirty (30) days of the Contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable Federal or State law or under this Contract. Subject to applicable law, the County shall make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s).
- B. Failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.38 shall constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract.
- C. If, at any time during the term of this Contract or within five (5) years after the expiration or termination of this Contract, representatives of the County conduct an audit of the Contractor regarding the work performed under this Contract, and if such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for any such work is less than payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference shall be either: a) repaid by the Contractor to the County by cash payment upon demand or b) at the sole option of the County's Auditor-Controller, deducted from any amounts due to the Contractor from the County, whether under this Contract or otherwise. If such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for such work is more than the payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference shall be paid to the Contractor by the County by cash payment, provided that in no event shall the County's maximum obligation for this Contract exceed the funds appropriated by the County for the purpose of this Contract.

8.38 RECYCLED BOND PAPER

Consistent with the Board of Supervisors' policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited at the County landfills, the Contractor agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on this Contract.

8.39 SUBCONTRACTING

- A. The requirements of this Contract may not be subcontracted by the Contractor **without the advance approval of the County**. Any attempt by the Contractor

to subcontract without the prior consent of the County may be deemed a material breach of this Contract.

- B. If the Contractor desires to subcontract, the Contractor shall provide the following information promptly at the County's request:
 - i. A description of the work to be performed by the Subcontractor;
 - ii. A draft copy of the proposed subcontract; and
 - iii. Other pertinent information and/or certifications requested by the County.
- C. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the County harmless with respect to the activities of each and every Subcontractor in the same manner and to the same degree as if such Subcontractor(s) were the Contractor employees.
- D. The Contractor shall remain fully responsible for all performances required of it under this Contract, including those that the Contractor has determined to subcontract, notwithstanding the County's approval of the Contractor's proposed subcontract.
- E. The County's consent to subcontract shall not waive the County's right to prior and continuing approval of any and all personnel, including Subcontractor employees, providing services under this Contract. The Contractor is responsible to notify its Subcontractors of this County right.
- F. The County's Project Director is authorized to act for and on behalf of the County with respect to approval of any subcontract and Subcontractor employees. After approval of the subcontract by the County, Contractor shall forward a fully executed subcontract to the County for their files.
- G. The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for all payments or other compensation to all Subcontractors and their officers, employees, agents, and successors in interest arising through services performed hereunder, notwithstanding the County's consent to subcontract.
- H. The Contractor shall obtain certificates of insurance, which establish that the Subcontractor maintains all the programs of insurance required by the County from each approved Subcontractor. The Contractor shall ensure delivery of all such documents to:

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8.40 TERMINATION FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

Failure of the Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in sub-paragraph 8.14 - Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program, shall constitute default under this Contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to the County under any other provision of this Contract, failure of the Contractor to cure such default within ninety (90) calendar days of written notice shall be grounds upon which the County may terminate this Contract pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.43 - Termination for Default and pursue debarment of the Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.

8.41 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

- A. This Contract may be terminated, in whole or in part, from time to time, when such action is deemed by the County, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Termination of work hereunder shall be effected by notice of termination to the Contractor specifying the extent to which performance of work is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The date upon which such termination becomes effective shall be no less than ten (10) days after the notice is sent.
- B. After receipt of a notice of termination and except as otherwise directed by the County, the Contractor shall:
 - i. Stop work under this Contract on the date and to the extent specified in such notice, and
 - ii. Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by such notice
- C. All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the Contractor under this Contract shall be maintained by the Contractor in accordance with sub-paragraph 8.38, Record Retention AND Inspection/Audit Settlement.

8.42 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

- A. The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Contract, if, in the judgment of County's Project Director:

- i. Contractor has materially breached this Contract; or
 - ii. Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required either under this Contract; or
 - iii. Contractor fails to demonstrate a high probability of timely fulfillment of performance requirements under this Contract, or of any obligations of this Contract and in either case, fails to demonstrate convincing progress toward a cure within five (5) working days (or such longer period as the County may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the County specifying such failure.
- B. In the event that the County terminates this Contract in whole or in part as provided in sub-paragraph 8.43.1, the County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the County may deem appropriate, goods and services similar to those so terminated. The Contractor shall be liable to the County for any and all excess costs incurred by the County, as determined by the County, for such similar goods and services. The Contractor shall continue the performance of this Contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this sub-paragraph.
- C. Except with respect to defaults of any Subcontractor, the Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs of the type identified in sub-paragraph 8.43.2 if its failure to perform this Contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Such causes may include, but are not limited to: acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the County in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of Federal or State governments in their sovereign capacities, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a Subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the Contractor and Subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the Subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this sub-paragraph, the term "Subcontractor(s)" means Subcontractor(s) at any tier.
- D. If, after the County has given notice of termination under the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.43, it is determined by the County that the Contractor was not in

default under the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.43, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of sub-paragraph 8.43.3, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.42 - Termination for Convenience.

- E. The rights and remedies of the County provided in this sub-paragraph 8.43 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

8.43 TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION

- A. The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Contract if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by the Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee, or agent with the intent of securing this Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of this Contract or the making of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to this Contract. In the event of such termination, the County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.
- B. The Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861.
- C. Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

8.44 TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY

- A. The County may terminate this Contract forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:
 - i. Insolvency of the Contractor. The Contractor shall be deemed to be insolvent if it has ceased to pay its debts for at least sixty (60) days in the ordinary course of business or cannot pay its debts as they become due, whether or not a petition has been filed under the Federal Bankruptcy Code and whether or not the Contractor is insolvent within the meaning of the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
 - ii. The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition regarding the Contractor

under the Federal Bankruptcy Code;

- iii. The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for the Contractor; or
- iv. The execution by the Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors

B. The rights and remedies of the County provided in this sub-paragraph 8.45 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

8.45 TERMINATION FOR NON-ADHERENCE OF COUNTY LOBBYIST ORDINANCE

A. The Contractor, and each County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm as defined in County Code Section 2.160.010 retained by the Contractor, shall fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance, County Code Chapter 2.160. Failure on the part of the Contractor or any County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm retained by the Contractor to fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, upon which the County may in its sole discretion, immediately terminate or suspend this Contract.

8.46 TERMINATION FOR NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the County shall not be obligated for the Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Contract during any of the County's future fiscal years unless and until the County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for this Contract in the County's Budget for each such future fiscal year. In the event that funds are not appropriated for this Contract, then this Contract shall terminate as of June 30 of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. The County shall notify the Contractor in writing of any such non-allocation of funds at the earliest possible date.

8.47 VALIDITY

If any provision of this Contract or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Contract and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

8.48 WAIVER

No waiver by the County of any breach of any provision of this Contract shall constitute a waiver of any other breach or of such provision. Failure of the County to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this sub-paragraph 8.49 shall not be

exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

8.49 WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

- A. The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract upon any Contract or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business.
- B. For breach of this warranty, the County shall have the right to terminate this Contract and, at its sole discretion, deduct from the Contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

8.50 WARRANTY OF COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals and businesses that benefit financially from County through contract are current in paying their property tax obligations (secured and unsecured roll) in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers.

Unless Contractor qualifies for an exemption or exclusion, Contractor warrants and certifies that to the best of its knowledge it is now in compliance, and during the term of this contract will maintain compliance, with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.206.

8.51 TERMINATION FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 8.51 "Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program" shall constitute default under this contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this contract, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 10 days of notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this contract and/or pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.206.

8.52 TIME OFF FOR VOTING

The Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the time off for voting law (Elections Code Section 14000). Not less than 10 days before every statewide election, every

Contractor and subcontractors shall keep posted conspicuously at the place of work, if practicable, or elsewhere where it can be seen as employees come or go to their place of work, a notice setting forth the provisions of Section 14000.

9.0 UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

9.1 COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S LIVING WAGE PROGRAM

A. Living Wage Program

This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Living Wage Program as codified in Sections 2.201.010 through 2.201.100 of the Los Angeles County Code, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit O and incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Contract.

B. Payment of Living Wage Rates

- i. Unless the Contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that the Contractor is not an "Employer" as defined under the Program (Section 2.201.020 of the County Code) or that the Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Living Wage Program (Section 2.201.090 of the County Code), the Contractor shall pay its Employees no less than the applicable hourly living wage rate, as set forth immediately below, for the Employees' services provided to the County, including, without limitation, "Travel Time" as defined below at subsection 5 of this Subparagraph 9.1.2 under the Contract:
 - a. Not less than \$11.84 per hour if, in addition to the per-hour wage, the Contractor contributes less than \$2.20 per hour towards the provision of bona fide health care benefits for its Employees and any dependents; or
 - b. Not less than \$9.64 per hour if, in addition to the per-hour wage, the Contractor contributes at least \$2.20 per hour towards the provision of bona fide health care benefits for its Employees and any dependents. The Contractor will be deemed to have contributed \$2.20 per hour towards the provision of bona fide health care benefits if the benefits are provided through the County Department of Health Services Community Health Plan. If, at any time during the Contract, the Contractor contributes less than \$2.20 per hour towards the provision of bona fide health care benefits, the Contractor shall be required to pay its Employees the higher hourly living wage rate

- ii. For purposes of this sub-paragraph, "Contractor" includes any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor to perform services for the County under the Contract. If the Contractor uses any subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Contract, the subcontractor shall be subject to the provisions of this sub-paragraph. The provisions of this sub-paragraph shall be inserted into any such subcontract and a copy of the Living Wage Program shall be attached to the subcontract. "Employee" means any individual who is an employee of the Contractor under the laws of California, and who is providing full-time services to the Contractor, some or all of which are provided to the County under the Contract. "Full-time" means a minimum of 40 hours worked per week, or a lesser number of hours, if the lesser number is a recognized industry standard and is approved as such by the County; however, fewer than 35 hours worked per week will not, in any event, be considered full-time.
- iii. If the Contractor is required to pay a living wage when the Contract commences, the Contractor shall continue to pay a living wage for the entire term of the Contract, including any option period.
- iv. If the Contractor is not required to pay a living wage when the Contract commences, the Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exemption status" from the living wage requirement. The Contractor shall immediately notify the County if the Contractor at any time either comes within the Living Wage Program's definition of "Employer" or if the Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Living Wage Program. In either event, the Contractor shall immediately be required to commence paying the living wage and shall be obligated to pay the living wage for the remaining term of the Contract, including any option period. The County may also require, at any time during the Contract and at its sole discretion, that the Contractor demonstrate to the County's satisfaction that the Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Living Wage Program's definition of "Employer" and/or that the Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Living Wage Program. Unless the Contractor satisfies this requirement within the time frame permitted by the County, the Contractor shall immediately be required to pay the living wage for the remaining term of the Contract, including any option period.

- v. For purposes of the Contractor's obligation to pay its Employees the applicable hourly living wage rate under this Contract, "Travel Time" shall have the following two meanings, as applicable: 1) With respect to travel by an Employee that is undertaken in connection with this Contract, Travel Time shall mean any period during which an Employee physically travels to or from a County facility if the Contractor pays the Employee any amount for that time or if California law requires the Contractor to pay the Employee any amount for that time; and 2) With respect to travel by an Employee between County facilities that are subject to two different contracts between the Contractor and the County (of which both contracts are subject to the Living Wage Program), Travel Time shall mean any period during which an Employee physically travels to or from, or between such County facilities if the Contractor pays the Employee any amount for that time or if California law requires the Contractor to pay the Employee any amount for that time.

C. Contractor's Submittal of Certified Monitoring Reports

The Contractor shall submit to the County certified monitoring reports at a frequency instructed by the County. The certified monitoring reports shall list all of the Contractor's Employees during the reporting period. The certified monitoring reports shall also verify the number of hours worked, the hourly wage rate paid, and the amount paid by the Contractor for health benefits, if any, for each of its Employees. The certified monitoring reports shall also state the name and identification number of the Contractor's current health care benefits plan, and the Contractor's portion of the premiums paid as well as the portion paid by each Employee. All certified monitoring reports shall be submitted on forms provided by the County (Exhibit P and Exhibit Q), or other form approved by the County which contains the above information. The County reserves the right to request any additional information it may deem necessary. If the County requests additional information, the Contractor shall promptly provide such information. The Contractor, through one of its officers, shall certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in each certified monitoring report is true and accurate.

D. Contractor's Ongoing Obligation to Report Labor Law/Payroll Violations and Claims

During the term of the Contract, if the Contractor becomes aware of any labor law/payroll violation or any complaint, investigation or proceeding ("claim")

concerning any alleged labor law/payroll violation (including but not limited to any violation or claim pertaining to wages, hours and working conditions such as minimum wage, prevailing wage, living wage, the Fair Labor Standards Act, employment of minors, or unlawful employment discrimination), the Contractor shall immediately inform the County of any pertinent facts known by the Contractor regarding same. This disclosure obligation is not limited to any labor law/payroll violation or claim arising out of the Contractor's contract with the County, but instead applies to any labor law/payroll violation or claim arising out of any of the Contractor's operations in California.

E. County Auditing of Contractor Records

Upon a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours' written notice, the County may audit, at the Contractor's place of business, any of the Contractor's records pertaining to the Contract, including all documents and information relating to the certified monitoring reports. The Contractor is required to maintain all such records in California until the expiration of four (4) years from the date of final payment under the Contract. Authorized agents of the County shall have access to all such records during normal business hours for the entire period that records are to be maintained.

F. Notifications to Employees

The Contractor shall place County-provided living wage posters at each of the Contractor's places of business and locations where the Contractor's Employees are working. The Contractor shall also distribute County-provided notices to each of its Employees at least once per year. The Contractor shall translate posters and handouts into Spanish and any other language spoken by a significant number of Employees.

G. Enforcement and Remedies

If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of this sub-paragraph, the County shall have the rights and remedies described in this sub-paragraph in addition to any rights and remedies provided by law or equity.

- i. Remedies For Submission of Late or Incomplete Certified Monitoring Reports. If the Contractor submits a certified monitoring report to the County after the date it is due or if the report submitted does not contain all of the required information or is inaccurate or is not properly certified, any such deficiency shall constitute a breach of the Contract. In the

event of any such breach, the County may, in its sole discretion, exercise any or all of the following rights/remedies:

- a. Withholding of Payment. If the Contractor fails to submit accurate, complete, timely and properly certified monitoring reports, the County may withhold from payment to the Contractor up to the full amount of any invoice that would otherwise be due, until the Contractor has satisfied the concerns of the County, which may include required submittal of revised certified monitoring reports or additional supporting documentation.
 - b. Liquidated Damages. It is mutually understood and agreed that the Contractor's failure to submit an accurate, complete, timely and properly certified monitoring report will result in damages being sustained by the County. It is also understood and agreed that the nature and amount of the damages will be extremely difficult and impractical to fix; that the liquidated damages set forth herein are the nearest and most exact measure of damages for such breach that can be fixed at this time; and that the liquidated damages are not intended as a penalty or forfeiture for the Contractor's breach. Therefore, in the event that a certified monitoring report is deficient, including but not limited to being late, inaccurate, incomplete or uncertified, it is agreed that the County may, in its sole discretion, assess against the Contractor liquidated damages in the amount of \$100 per monitoring report for each day until the County has been provided with a properly prepared, complete and certified monitoring report. The County may deduct any assessed liquidated damages from any payments otherwise due the Contractor.
 - c. Termination. The Contractor's continued failure to submit accurate, complete, timely and properly certified monitoring reports may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, the County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract.
- ii. Remedies for Payment of Less Than the Required Living Wage. If the Contractor fails to pay any Employee at least the applicable hourly living wage rate, such deficiency shall constitute a breach of the Contract. In

the event of any such breach, the County may, in its sole discretion, exercise any or all of the following rights/remedies:

- a. Withholding Payment. If the Contractor fails to pay one or more of its Employees at least the applicable hourly living wage rate, the County may withhold from any payment otherwise due the Contractor the aggregate difference between the living wage amounts the Contractor was required to pay its Employees for a given pay period and the amount actually paid to the employees for that pay period. The County may withhold said amount until the Contractor has satisfied the County that any underpayment has been cured, which may include required submittal of revised certified monitoring reports or additional supporting documentation.
 - b. Liquidated Damages. It is mutually understood and agreed that the Contractor's failure to pay any of its Employees at least the applicable hourly living wage rate will result in damages being sustained by the County. It is also understood and agreed that the nature and amount of the damages will be extremely difficult and impractical to fix; that the liquidated damages set forth herein are the nearest and most exact measure of damages for such breach that can be fixed at this time; and that the liquidated damages are not intended as a penalty or forfeiture for the Contractor's breach. Therefore, it is agreed that the County may, in its sole discretion, assess against the Contractor liquidated damages of \$50 per Employee per day for each and every instance of an underpayment to an Employee. The County may deduct any assessed liquidated damages from any payments otherwise due the Contractor.
 - c. Termination. The Contractor's continued failure to pay any of its Employees the applicable hourly living wage rate may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, the County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract
- iii. Debarment. In the event the Contractor breaches a requirement of this sub-paragraph, the County may, in its sole discretion, bar the Contractor from the award of future County contracts for a period of time consistent

with the seriousness of the breach, in accordance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202, Determinations of Contractor Non-Responsibility and Contractor Debarment.

H. **Use of Full-Time Employees**

The Contractor shall assign and use full-time Employees of the Contractor to provide services under the Contract unless the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the County that it is necessary to use non-full-time Employees based on staffing efficiency or County requirements for the work to be performed under the Contract. It is understood and agreed that the Contractor shall not, under any circumstance, use non-full-time Employees for services provided under the Contract unless and until the County has provided written authorization for the use of same. The Contractor submitted with its proposal a full-time Employee staffing plan. If the Contractor changes its full-time Employee staffing plan, the Contractor shall immediately provide a copy of the new staffing plan to the County.

I. **Contractor Retaliation Prohibited**

The Contractor and/or its Employees shall not take any adverse action which would result in the loss of any benefit of employment, any contract benefit, or any statutory benefit for any Employee, person or entity who has reported a violation of the Living Wage Program to the County or to any other public or private agency, entity or person. A violation of the provisions of this sub-paragraph may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, the County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract.

J. **Contractor Standards**

During the term of the Contract, the Contractor shall maintain business stability, integrity in employee relations and the financial ability to pay a living wage to its employees. If requested to do so by the County, the Contractor shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the County that the Contractor is complying with this requirement.

K. **Neutrality in Labor Relations**

The Contractor shall not use any consideration received under the Contract to hinder, or to further, organization of, or collective bargaining activities by or on behalf of the Contractor's employees, except that this restriction shall not apply to any expenditure made in the course of good faith collective bargaining, or to any expenditure pursuant to obligations incurred under a bona fide collective

bargaining Contract, or which would otherwise be permitted under the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act.

9.2 HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

The County is subject to the Administrative Simplification requirements and prohibitions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 (HIPAA), and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164 (collectively, the "HIPAA Rules"). Under this Agreement, the Contractor provides services to the County and the Contractor creates, has access to, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information as defined in Exhibit A in order to provide those services. The County and the Contractor therefore agree to the terms of Exhibit A, "Business Associate Under Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA").

9.3 LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PREFERENCE PROGRAM

- A. This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.204 of the Los Angeles County Code.
- B. The Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a Local Small Business Enterprise.
- C. The Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a Local Small Business Enterprise.
- D. If the Contractor has obtained certification as a Local Small Business Enterprise by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:
 - i. Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;

- ii. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent of the amount of the contract; and
- iii. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

The above penalties shall also apply to any business that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the state and Internal Services Department of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

9.4 OWNERSHIP OF MATERIALS, SOFTWARE AND COPYRIGHT

- A. County shall be the sole owner of all right, title and interest, including copyright, in and to all software, plans, diagrams, facilities, and tools (hereafter "materials") which are originated or created through the Contractor's work pursuant to this Contract. The Contractor, for valuable consideration herein provided, shall execute all documents necessary to assign and transfer to, and vest in the County all of the Contractor's right, title and interest in and to such original materials, including any copyright, patent and trade secret rights which arise pursuant to the Contractor's work under this Contract.
- B. During the term of this Contract and for five (5) years thereafter, the Contractor shall maintain and provide security for all of the Contractor's working papers prepared under this Contract. County shall have the right to inspect, copy and use at any time during and subsequent to the term of this Contract, any and all such working papers and all information contained therein.
- C. Any and all materials, software and tools which are developed or were originally acquired by the Contractor outside the scope of this Contract, which the Contractor desires to use hereunder, and which the Contractor considers to be proprietary or confidential, must be specifically identified by the Contractor to the County's Project Manager as proprietary or confidential, and shall be plainly and prominently marked by the Contractor as "Proprietary" or "Confidential" on each appropriate page of any document containing such material.
- D. The County will use reasonable means to ensure that the Contractor's proprietary and/or confidential items are safeguarded and held in confidence. The County agrees not to reproduce, distribute or disclose to non-County entities

any such proprietary and/or confidential items without the prior written consent of the Contractor.

- E. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the County will not be obligated to the Contractor in any way under sub-paragraph 9.4.4 for any of the Contractor's proprietary and/or confidential items which are not plainly and prominently marked with restrictive legends as required by sub-paragraph 9.4.3 or for any disclosure which the County is required to make under any state or federal law or order of court.
- F. All the rights and obligations of this sub-paragraph 9.4 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract.

9.5 PATENT, COPYRIGHT AND TRADE SECRET INDEMNIFICATION

- A. The Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend County from and against any and all liability, damages, costs, and expenses, including, but not limited to, defense costs and attorneys' fees, for or by reason of any actual or alleged infringement of any third party's patent or copyright, or any actual or alleged unauthorized trade secret disclosure, arising from or related to the operation and utilization of the Contractor's work under this Contract. County shall inform the Contractor as soon as practicable of any claim or action alleging such infringement or unauthorized disclosure, and shall support the Contractor's defense and settlement thereof.
- B. In the event any equipment, part thereof, or software product becomes the subject of any complaint, claim, or proceeding alleging infringement or unauthorized disclosure, such that County's continued use of such item is formally restrained, enjoined, or subjected to a risk of damages, the Contractor, at its sole expense, and providing that County's continued use of the system is not materially impeded, shall either:
 - i. Procure for County all rights to continued use of the questioned equipment, part, or software product; or
 - ii. Replace the questioned equipment, part, or software product with a non-questioned item; or
 - iii. Modify the questioned equipment, part, or software so that it is free of claims.
- C. The Contractor shall have no liability if the alleged infringement or unauthorized disclosure is based upon a use of the questioned product, either alone or in

combination with other items not supplied by the Contractor, in a manner for which the questioned product was not designed nor intended.

9.6 CONTRACTOR'S CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COMPLIANCE

The Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act regulates entities receiving or raising charitable contributions. The "Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004" (SB 1262, Chapter 919) increased Charitable Purposes Act requirements. By requiring Contractors to complete the Charitable Contributions Certification, Exhibit I, the County seeks to ensure that all County contractors which receive or raise charitable contributions comply with California law in order to protect the County and its taxpayers. A Contractor which receives or raises charitable contributions without complying with its obligations under California law commits a material breach subjecting it to either contract termination or debarment proceedings or both. (County Code Chapter 2.202).

9.7 TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES PREFERENCE PROGRAM

- A. This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitles Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code.
- B. Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a Transitional Job Opportunity vendor.
- C. Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a Transitional Job Opportunity vendor.
- D. If Contractor has obtained County certification as a Transitional Job Opportunity vendor by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:
 - i. Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;

- ii. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent (10%) of the amount of the contract; and
- iii. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

The above penalties shall also apply to any entity that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the certifying department of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

9.8 DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM

- A. This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.211 of the Los Angeles County Code.
- B. Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise.
- C. Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise.
- D. If Contractor has obtained certification as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:
 - 1. Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;

2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent of the amount of the contract; and
3. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

The above penalties shall also apply to any business that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the state and ISD of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

10.0 DATA DESTRUCTION

Contractor(s) and Vendor(s) that have maintained, processed, or stored the County of Los Angeles' ("County") data and/or information, implied or expressed, have the sole responsibility to certify that the data and information have been appropriately destroyed consistent with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication SP 800-88 titled *Guidelines for Media Sanitization*. Available at:

<http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/PubsDrafts.html#SP-800-88 Rev.%201>

The data and/or information may be stored on purchased, leased, or rented electronic storage equipment (e.g., printers, hard drives) and electronic devices (e.g., servers, workstations) that are geographically located within the County, or external to the County's boundaries. The County must receive within ten (10) business days, a signed document from Contractor(s) and Vendor(s) that certifies and validates the data and information were placed in one or more of the following stored states: unusable, unreadable, and indecipherable.

Vendor shall certify that any County data stored on purchased, leased, or rented electronic storage equipment and electronic devices, including, but not limited to printers, hard drives, servers, and/or workstations are destroyed consistent with the current National Institute of Standard and Technology (NIST) Special Publication SP-800-88, *Guidelines for Media Sanitization*. Vendor shall provide County with written certification, within ten (10) business days of removal of any electronic storage equipment and devices that validates that any and all County data was destroyed and is unusable, unreadable, and/or undecipherable.

11.0 CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATING IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM

Contractor hereby warrants that neither it nor any of its staff members is restricted, excluded or suspended from providing services under any health care program funded by the federal government, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, and that Contractor will notify Director within

30 calendar days in writing of: (1) any event that would require Contractor or a staff member's mandatory exclusion or suspension from participation in a federally funded health care program; and (2) any exclusionary or suspension action taken by any agency of the federal or State governments against Contractor or one or more staff members barring it or the staff members from participation in a federally funded health care program, whether such bar is direct or indirect, or whether such bar is in whole or in part. This warranty and notice requirements apply equally to suspensions from the Medi-Cal program as well as any other federally funded health care programs including but not limited to Medicare and Healthy Families.

There are a variety of different reasons why an individual or entity may be excluded from participating in a federally funded health care program. Sometimes, the exclusion is mandatory and in other cases the Office of Inspector General (OIG), and State officials have the discretion not to exclude.

The mandatory bases for federal exclusion include: (1) felony convictions for program related crimes, including fraud or false claims, or for offenses related to the dispensing or use of controlled substances, or (2) convictions related to patient abuse.

Permissive exclusions may be based on: (1) conviction of a misdemeanor related to fraud or financial misconduct involving a government program; (2) obstructing an investigation; (3) failing to provide access to documents or premises as required by federal health care program officials; (4) conviction of a misdemeanor related to controlled substances; (5) failing to disclose information about the entity itself, its subcontractors or its significant business transactions; (6) loss of a State license to practice a health care profession; (7) default on a student loan given in connection with education in a health profession; (8) charging excessive amounts to a federally funded health care program or furnishing services of poor quality or which are substantially in excess of the needs of the patients; (9) paying a kickback or submitting a false or fraudulent claim. Persons controlling or managing excluded entities who knew of the conduct leading to the exclusion can themselves be excluded, and entities which are owned and controlled by excluded individuals can also be excluded. Mandatory exclusions under State law from Medi-Cal are similar but also include convictions of a misdemeanor for fraud or abuse involving the Medi-Cal program or a Medi-Cal beneficiary.

Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless against any and all loss or damage County may suffer arising from any federal or State exclusion or suspension of Contractor or its staff members from such participation in a federally funded health care program. Contractor shall provide the certification set forth in Attachment **VI (Attestation Regarding Federally Funded Program)** as part of its obligation under this Paragraph 11.

Contractor shall also comply with DMH Policy "Contractors Eligibility to Provide Goods and Services to Federally Funded Health Care Programs and to Secure Federally Funded Contracts" which includes the following topics: 1) Contractor's responsibility for any and all Civil Monetary Penalties associated with repayments for claims submitted for excluded or suspended agencies or individuals and 2) Contractor's responsibility to provide employee identification information within three (3) business days should DMH or its representatives request it related to sanction list screening compliance.

Failure by Contractor to meet the requirements of this Paragraph 11 shall constitute a material breach of Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

12.0 NOTICES

All notices or demands required or permitted to be given or made under this Contract shall be in writing and shall be hand delivered with signed receipt or mailed by first-class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties as identified in Exhibits K - County's Administration and L - Contractor's Administration. Addresses may be changed by either party giving ten (10) days' prior written notice thereof to the other party. The Director or his/her designee shall have the authority to issue all notices or demands required or permitted by the County under this Contract.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Contractor has executed this Contract, or caused it to be duly executed and the County of Los Angeles, by order of its Board of Supervisors has caused this Contract to be executed on its behalf by the Chair of said Board and attested by the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors thereof, the day and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

CONTRACTOR

By _____
Name _____
Title _____
(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT

ADMINISTRATION:

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

By _____
Chief, Contracts Development
and Administration Division