

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) FOR AS-NEEDED SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE SERVICES (ZUMA BEACH)



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1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION**1.1 PURPOSE**

The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department) is issuing this Invitation for Bids (IFB) to solicit bids from qualified firms who can provide as-needed, preventative and, if needed, emergency maintenance of the septic tank system located at County Owned, Zuma beach.

The septic system is manufactured by MicroSepTec (Model ES – 12). Qualifying Bidders must be trained and/or authorized by the manufacturer to service the MicroSepTec (Model ES – 12) septic system.

1.2 OVERVIEW OF SOLICITATION DOCUMENT

This Invitation for Bids (IFB) is composed of the following parts:

- **GENERAL INFORMATION:** Specifies the Bidder's minimum requirements, provides information regarding some of the requirements of the Contract and explains the solicitation process.
- **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:** Contains instructions to Bidders in how to prepare and submit their Bid.
- **BID REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS:** Explains how the Bids will be reviewed and selected.
- **APPENDICES:**
 - **A - SAMPLE CONTRACT:** Lists the terms and conditions in the Contract.
 - **B - STATEMENT OF WORK:** Explains in detail the statement of work to be performed in the Contract.
 - **C - REQUIRED FORMS:** Forms that must be completed and included in the bid.
 - **D - TRANSMITTAL FORM TO REQUEST A SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW:** Transmittal sent to Department requesting a Solicitation Requirements Review.
 - **E - COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION:** Listing of County personnel with authority to act on behalf of the County in the administration of the Contract.

- **EXHIBITS:** Exhibits accompanying the Sample Contract.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

Throughout the IFB, references are made to certain persons, groups, or Departments/Agencies. For convenience, a description of specific definitions can be found in Appendix A, Sample Contract, Section 2.0, Definitions.

1.4 BIDDER'S MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Interested and qualified Bidders that can demonstrate their ability to successfully provide the required services outlined in Appendix B, Statement of Work, are invited to submit bid(s), provided they meet the following requirements:

- Bidder(s) must have a minimum of five years' experience providing maintenance service of septic tank systems.
- Bidder(s) must be trained and/or authorized by the manufacturer of the septic system for which a bid is submitted. Verification must be included with the Bid submission.
- Bidder must complete and return Forms P1 – P20.

1.5 COUNTY RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

No oral amendments of the IFB are authorized and only the Director of the Department has the right to amend the IFB by written addendum. The Department is responsible only for that which is expressly stated in the solicitation document and any authorized written addenda thereto.

Such addendum shall be made available to each person or organization which the Department records indicate has received this IFB. Should such addendum require additional information not previously requested, failure to address the requirements of such addendum may result in the Bid not being considered, as determined in the sole discretion of the Department. The County is not responsible for and shall not be bound by any representations otherwise made by any individual acting or purporting to act on its behalf.

1.6 DIRECTOR TO INTERPRET IFB

Should there be any uncertainty, ambiguity, or discrepancy in the terms of the IFB or any dispute about their meaning or applicability, the Director shall be consulted and will interpret them. The Director's interpretation shall be binding upon all parties. Should any Bidder rely on any uncertain or ambiguous provision of the IFB without referring the matter for resolution to the Director, the Bidder does so at his or her own risk.

1.7 CONTRACT TERM

It is anticipated that the contract term shall be for a period of three years with two one-year renewal options. Renewal options shall be exercised at the sole discretion of the Director. The Director may extend the final Contract term on a month-to-month basis for up to six (6) months at his or her sole discretion. The contract shall become effective on the later of July 1, 2015, or approval by the Board of Supervisors.

1.8 CONTRACT RATES

The Contractor's rates shall remain firm and fixed for the term of the Contract. The contractor shall be paid an agreed-upon annual rate per unit serviced. In addition, the contractor will be paid an agreed-upon hourly rate for unexpected services as specified on Form P-1.

1.9 DAYS OF OPERATION

The Contractor shall be required to provide septic tank maintenance services on an as-needed basis, as required by the County.

1.10 CONTACT WITH COUNTY PERSONNEL

All contact regarding this IFB or any matter relating thereto must be in writing and may be mailed, e-mailed or faxed as follows:

Miguelangel Tamayo, Administrative Services Manager I

13483 Fiji Way, Trailer #3

Marina del Rey, CA 90292

MTamayo@bh.lacounty.gov

Facsimile: 310-821-3134

If it is discovered that Bidder contacted and received information from any County personnel, other than the person specified above, regarding this solicitation, County, in its sole determination, may disqualify their bid from further consideration.

1.11 FINAL CONTRACT AWARD BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Notwithstanding a recommendation by the Director of the Department, the Board of Supervisors retains the right to exercise its judgment concerning the selection of a bid and the terms of any resultant agreement, and to determine which bid best serves the interests of the County. The Board is the ultimate decision-making body and makes the final determination necessary to arrive at a decision to award, or not award, a contract.

1.12 MANDATORY REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER ON COUNTY'S WEBVEN

Prior to the contract award, all potential Contractors must register in the County's WebVen. The WebVen contains the Vendor's business profile and identifies the goods/services the business provides. Registration can be accomplished online via the Internet by accessing the County's home page at <http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven/>.

1.13 COUNTY OPTION TO REJECT BIDS

The County may, at its sole discretion, reject any or all Bids submitted in response to this solicitation. The County shall not be liable for any costs incurred by a Bidder in connection with the preparation and submission of any Bid. The County reserves the right to waive inconsequential disparities in a submitted Bid.

1.14 PROTEST PROCESS

1.14.1 Under Board Policy No. 5.055 (Services Contract Solicitation Protest) any prospective Bidder may request a review of the requirements under a solicitation for a Board-approved services contract, as described in Section 1.14.3 below.

Additionally, any actual Bidder may request a review of a disqualification or of a proposed contract award under such a solicitation, as described respectively in the Sections below. Under any such review, it is the responsibility of the Bidder challenging the decision of a County Department to demonstrate that the Department committed a sufficiently material error in the solicitation process to justify invalidation of a solicitation or a proposed contract award, as the case may be.

1.14.2 Throughout the review process, the County has no obligation to delay or otherwise postpone an award of contract based on a Bidder protest. In all cases, the County reserves the right to make an award when it is determined to be in the best interest of the County of Los Angeles to do so.

1.14.3 Grounds for Review

Unless state or federal statutes or regulations otherwise provide, the grounds for review for any solicitation for a Board-approved services contract provided for under Board Policy No. 5.055 (Services Contract Solicitation Protest) are limited to the following:

- Review of Solicitation Requirements (Reference Sub-paragraph 2.5 in the Proposal Submission Requirements Section)
- Review of a Disqualified Proposal (Reference Sub-paragraph 3.6 in the Selection Process and Evaluation Criteria Section)

- Review of Proposed Contractor Selection (Reference Sub-paragraph 3.7 in the Selection Process and Evaluation Criteria Section).

1.15 NOTICE TO BIDDERS REGARDING PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

1.15.1 Responses to this solicitation shall become the exclusive property of the County. Absent extraordinary circumstances, the recommended bidder's bid will become a matter of public record when (1) contract negotiations are complete; (2) the Department of Beaches and Harbors receives a letter from the recommended Bidder's authorized officer that the negotiated contract is the firm offer of the recommended Bidder; and (3) the Department of Beaches and Harbors releases a copy of the recommended Bidder's proposal in response to a Notice of an Intent to Request a Proposed Contractor Selection under Board Policy No. 5.055.

Notwithstanding the above, absent extraordinary circumstances, all bids will become a matter of public record when the Department of Beaches and Harbors' bidder recommendation appears on the Board agenda.

Exceptions to disclosure are those parts or portions of all proposals that are justifiably defined as business or trade secrets, and plainly marked by the Proposer as "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary."

1.15.2 The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such record or any parts thereof, if disclosure is required or permitted under the California Public Records Act or otherwise by law.

A blanket statement of confidentiality or the marking of each page of the Bid as confidential shall not be deemed sufficient notice of exception. The Bidder must specifically label only those provisions of the Bid which are "Trade Secrets," "Confidential," or "Proprietary" in nature.

1.16 INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

Contractor shall be required to comply with the indemnification provisions contained in Appendix A, Sample Contract, Sub-paragraph 8.23. The Contractor shall procure, maintain, and provide to the County proof of insurance coverage for all the programs of insurance along with associated amounts specified in Appendix A, Sample Contract, Sub-paragraphs 8.24 and 8.25.

1.17 SPARTA PROGRAM

A County program, known as 'SPARTA' (Service Providers, Artisan and Tradesman Activities) may be able to assist potential Contractors in obtaining affordable liability insurance. The SPARTA Program is administered by the County's insurance broker, Municipality Insurance Services, Inc. For additional information, Bidders may call Municipality Insurance Services at (800) 420-0555, or can access their website directly at www.2sparta.com.

1.18 INJURY AND ILLNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM (IIPP)

Contractor shall be required to comply with the State of California's Cal OSHA's regulations. Section 3203 of Title 8 in the California Code of Regulations requires all California employers to have a written, effective Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) that addresses hazards pertaining to the particular workplace covered by the program.

1.19 BACKGROUND AND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

Background and security investigations of Contractor's staff may be required at the discretion of the County as a condition of beginning and continuing work under any resulting contract. The cost of background checks is the responsibility of the Bidder.

1.20 CONFIDENTIALITY AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

As appropriate, Contractor shall be required to comply with the Confidentiality provision contained in Sub-paragraph 7.3 and the Independent Contractor Status provision contained in Sub-paragraph 8.22 in Appendix A, Sample Contract.

1.21 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No County employee whose position in the County enables him/her to influence the selection of a Contractor for this IFB, or any competing IFB, nor any spouse or economic dependent of such employees, shall be employed in any capacity by a Bidder or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in the selection of a Contractor. Bidder shall certify that he/she is aware of and has read Section 2.180.010 of the Los Angeles County Code as stated in Form P-8, Certification of No Conflict of Interest.

1.22 DETERMINATION OF BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY

1.22.1 A responsible Bidder is a Bidder 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 Bidders.

1.22.2 Bidders are hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, the County may determine whether the Bidder is responsible based on a review of the Bidder's performance on any contracts, including but not limited to County contracts. Particular attention will be given to violations of labor laws related to employee compensation and benefits, and evidence of false claims made by the Bidder against public entities. Labor law violations which are the fault of the subcontractors and of which the Bidder had no knowledge shall not be the basis of a determination that the Bidder is not responsible.

1.22.3 The County may declare a Bidder to be non-responsible for purposes of this contract if the Board of Supervisors, in its discretion, finds that the Bidder has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Bidder's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; (3) committed an act or omission which indicates a lack of business integrity or business

honesty; or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

- 1.22.4** If there is evidence that the apparent highest ranked Bidder may not be responsible, the Department shall notify the Bidder in writing of the evidence relating to the Bidder's responsibility, and its intention to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Bidder be found not responsible. The Department shall provide the Bidder and/or the Bidder's representative with an opportunity to present evidence as to why the Bidder should be found to be responsible and to rebut evidence which is the basis for the Department's recommendation.
- 1.22.5** If the Bidder presents evidence in rebuttal to the Department, the Department shall evaluate the merits of such evidence, and based on that evaluation, make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The final decision concerning the responsibility of the Bidder shall reside with the Board of Supervisors.
- 1.22.6** These terms shall also apply to proposed subcontractors of Bidders on County contracts.

1.23 BIDDER DEBARMENT

- 1.23.1** The Bidder is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, the County may debar the Bidder from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on other County contracts for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five (5) years but may exceed five (5) years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and the County may terminate any or all of the Bidder's existing contracts with County, if the Board of Supervisors finds, in its discretion, that the Bidder has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Bidder's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on

same; (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

- 1.23.2** If there is evidence that the apparent highest ranked Bidder may be subject to debarment, the Department shall notify the Bidder in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment, and shall advise the Bidder of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
- 1.23.3** The Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Bidder and/or Bidder'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 Bidder should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Bidder and the Department shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.
- 1.23.4** After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are received, 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.
- 1.23.5** If a Bidder has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years, that Bidder 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 Bidder 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.

- 1.23.6** The Contractor Hearing Board will consider requests for review of a debarment determination only where (1) the Bidder 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.
- 1.23.7** 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.
- 1.23.8** These terms shall also apply to proposed subcontractors of Bidders on County contracts.
- 1.23.9** Exhibit E provides a link to the County's website where there is a listing of Contractors that are currently on the Debarment List for Los Angeles County.

1.24 BIDDER'S ADHERENCE TO COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

Bidders shall 1) fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees; and 2) comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance during the term of any contract that may be awarded pursuant to this solicitation. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of a contract or initiation of debarment proceedings against the non-compliant Contractor (County Code Chapter 2.202).

1.25 GRATUITIES**1.25.1 Attempt to Secure Favorable Treatment**

It is improper for any County officer, employee or agent to solicit consideration, in any form, from a Bidder with the implication, suggestion or statement that the Bidder's provision of the consideration may secure more favorable treatment for the Bidder in the award of a Contract or that the Bidder's failure to provide such consideration may negatively affect the County's consideration of the Bidder's submission. A Bidder shall not offer or give either directly or through an intermediary, consideration, in any form, to a County officer, employee or agent for the purpose of securing favorable treatment with respect to the award of a Contract.

1.25.2 Bidder Notification to County

A Bidder shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee or agent 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. Failure to report such a solicitation may result in the Bidder's submission being eliminated from consideration.

1.25.3 Form of Improper Consideration

Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

1.26 NOTICE TO BIDDERS REGARDING THE COUNTY LOBBYIST ORDINANCE

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has enacted an ordinance regulating the activities of persons who lobby County officials. This ordinance, referred to as the "Lobbyist Ordinance", defines a County Lobbyist and imposes certain registration requirements upon individuals meeting the definition. The complete text of the ordinance can be found in County Code Chapter 2.160. In effect, each person, corporation or other entity that seeks a County permit, license, franchise or contract must certify compliance with the ordinance. As part of this solicitation process, it will be the responsibility of each Bidder to review the ordinance independently as the text of said ordinance is not contained within this IFB. Thereafter, each person, corporation or other entity submitting a response to this solicitation, must certify that each County Lobbyist, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the Bidder is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code by completing and submitting Familiarity of the County Lobbyist Ordinance Certification, as set forth in Form P-10, as part of their Bid.

1.27 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 the Internal Revenue Service Notice No. 1015, Exhibit C.

1.28 CONSIDERATION OF GAIN/GROW PARTICIPANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT

As a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Bidders shall demonstrate a proven record of hiring participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Programs or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment openings if the participants meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Bidders shall attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to the Bidder's

employee mentoring program, if available, to assist these individuals in obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities. Bidders who are unable to meet this requirement shall not be considered for contract award. Bidders shall complete and return the form, Attestation of Willingness to Consider GAIN/GROW Participants, as set forth in Form P-9, along with their Bid.

1.29 COUNTY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

After contract award, the County or its agent will evaluate the Contractor's performance under the contract on a periodic basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Contractor's compliance with all terms in the Contract and performance standards identified in the Statement of Work. Contractor's deficiencies which the County determines are severe or continuing and that may jeopardize performance of the Contract will be reported to the County's Board of Supervisors. The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, the County may terminate the Contract in whole or in part, or impose other penalties as specified in the Contract.

1.30 RECYCLED BOND PAPER

Bidder shall be required to comply with the County's policy on recycled bond paper as specified in Appendix A, Sample Contract, Sub-paragraph 8.39.

1.31 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 D of this solicitation document and is also available on the Internet at www.babysafela.org for printing purposes.

1.32 COUNTY POLICY ON DOING BUSINESS WITH SMALL BUSINESS

- 1.32.1** The County has multiple programs that address small businesses. The Board of Supervisors encourages small business participation in the County's contracting process by constantly streamlining and simplifying our selection process and expanding opportunities for small businesses to compete for our business.
- 1.32.2** The Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program requires the Company to complete a certification process. This program and how to obtain certification are further explained in Sub-paragraph 1.34 of this Section.
- 1.32.3** The Jury Service Program provides exceptions to the Program if a company qualifies as a Small Business. It is important to note that each Program has a different definition for Small Business. You may qualify as a Small Business in one Program but not the other. Further explanation of the Jury Service Program is provided in Sub-paragraph 1.33 of this Section.
- 1.32.4** The County also has a Policy on Doing Business with Small Business that is stated in Exhibit A.

1.33 JURY SERVICE PROGRAM

The prospective contract is subject to the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance ("Jury Service Program") (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203). Prospective Contractors should carefully read the Jury Service Ordinance, Exhibit B, and the pertinent jury service provisions of the Sample Contract, Appendix A, Sub-paragraph 8.8, both of which are incorporated by reference into and made a part of this IFB. The Jury Service Program applies to both Contractors and their Subcontractors. Bids that fail to comply with the requirements of the Jury Service Program will be considered non-responsive and excluded from further consideration.

- 1.33.1** The Jury Service Program requires Contractors and their Subcontractors to 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. For purposes of the Jury Service Program, "employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a Contractor and "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) the Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Therefore, the Jury Service Program applies to all of a Contractor's full-time California employees, even those not working specifically on the County project. 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.

- 1.33.2** There are two ways in which a Contractor might not be subject to the Jury Service Program. The first is if the Contractor does not fall within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor". The Jury Service Program defines "Contractor" to mean 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. The second is if the Contractor meets one of the two exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The first exception concerns small businesses and applies to Contractors that have 1) ten or fewer employees; and, 2) annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of this Contract is less than \$500,000, and, 3) is not an "affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation". The second exception applies to Contractors that possess a collective bargaining agreement that expressly supersedes the provisions of the Jury Service Program. The Contractor is subject to any provision of the Jury Service Program not expressly superseded by the collective bargaining agreement.

1.33.3 If a Contractor does not fall within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if it meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program, then the Contractor must so indicate in the Certification Form and Application for Exception, Form P-7, and include with its submission all necessary documentation to support the claim such as tax returns or a collective bargaining agreement, if applicable. Upon reviewing the Contractor's application, the County will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Contractor falls within the definition of Contractor or meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The County's decision will be final.

1.34 LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM

1.34.1 The County will give Local SBE preference during the solicitation process to businesses that meet the definition of a Local Small Business Enterprise (Local SBE), consistent with Chapter 2.204.030C.1 of the Los Angeles County Code. A Local SBE is defined as: 1) A business certified by the State of California as a small business and 2) has had its principal office located in Los Angeles County for at least one year. The business must be certified by the Internal Services Department as meeting the requirements set forth in 1 and 2 above prior to requesting the Local SBE Preference in a solicitation.

1.34.2 To apply for certification as a Local SBE, businesses may register at the Internal Services Department's web-site at:

<http://laosb.org>

1.34.3 Certified Local SBEs must request the SBE Preference in their solicitation responses and may not request the preference unless the certification process has been completed and certification affirmed. Businesses must attach the Local SBE Certification Letter to the Required Form - Request for Local SBE Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form – Form P-12 with their bid. Sanctions and financial penalties may apply to a business that knowingly, and with intent to defraud, seeks to obtain or maintain certification as a certified Local SBE.

1.34.4 Information about the State's small business enterprise certification regulations is in the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Subchapter 8, Section 1896 et seq., and is also available on the California Department of General Services Office of Small Business Certification and Resources Web site at <http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/default>.

1.35 LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PROMPT PAYMENT PROGRAM

It is the intent of the County that Certified Local SBEs receive prompt payment for services they provide to County Departments. Prompt payment is defined as 15 calendar days after receipt of an undisputed invoice.

1.36 NOTIFICATION TO COUNTY OF PENDING ACQUISITIONS/MERGERS BY PROPOSING COMPANY

The Bidder shall notify the County of any pending acquisitions/mergers of their company. This information shall be provided by the Bidder on Form P-2. Failure of the Bidder to provide this information may eliminate its bid from any further consideration.

1.37 TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES PREFERENCE PROGRAM

1.37.1 In reviewing bids, the County will give preference to businesses that are certified by the County as Transitional Job Opportunity vendors, consistent with Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code. A Certified Transitional Job Opportunity vendor is, and has been such for three (3) years, an entity: 1) that is a non-profit organization recognized as tax exempt pursuant to section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code; set forth, under penalty of perjury, such information as requested by the County on either electronic or hard copy forms, along with their application form and three most recent annual tax returns to the Department with their bid response to the contracting solicitation for which they are competing; 2) has been in operation for at least one year providing transitional job and the related supportive services to program participants; and 3) provide a

profile of their program with a description of their program components designed to assist program participants, number of past program participants, and any other information requested by a contracting Department.

1.37.2 Transitional Job Opportunities vendors must request the preference in their solicitation response and may not receive the preference until their certification has been affirmed by the applicable Department. County must verify the Transitional Job Opportunity vendor certification prior to applying the preference. Sanctions and financial penalties may apply to a Bidder that knowingly and with intent to defraud seeks to obtain or maintain certification as a Transitional Job Opportunities vendor.

1.37.3 To request the Transitional Job Opportunities Preference, Bidder must complete the Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Application – Form P-13 and submit it along with all supporting documentation with their bid.

1.38 COUNTY’S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

The prospective contract is subject to the requirements of the County’s Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program (“Defaulted Tax Program”) (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206). Prospective Bidders should carefully read the Defaulted Tax Program Ordinance, Exhibit F, and the pertinent provisions of Appendix A, Sample Contract, Sub-Paragraphs 8.50 and 8.51, both of which are incorporated by reference into and made a part of this solicitation. The Defaulted Tax Program applies to both Bidders and their Subcontractors. Bidders shall be required to certify that they are in full compliance with the provisions of the Defaulted Tax Program and shall maintain compliance during the term of any contract that may be awarded pursuant to this solicitation or shall certify that they are exempt from the Defaulted Tax Program by completing Certification of Compliance with County’s Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Form P-16. Failure to maintain compliance, or to timely cure defects, may be cause for termination of a contract or initiation of debarment proceedings

against the non-compliant contractor (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202.).

Proposals that fail to comply with the certification requirements of the Defaulted Tax Program will be considered non-responsive and excluded from further consideration.

1.39 DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

1.39.1 The County will give preference during the solicitation process to businesses that meet the definition of a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise, consistent with Chapter 2.211 of the Los Angeles County Code. A Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise vendor is identified as:

- 1) A business which is certified by the state of California as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise; or
- 2) A business which is certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs as a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB).

1.39.2 Certified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise vendors must request the preference in their solicitation responses and may not request the preference unless the certification process has been completed and certification is affirmed.

1.39.3 In no case shall the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference Program price or scoring preference be combined with any other county preference program to exceed eight percent (8%) in response to any county solicitation.

1.39.4 Sanctions and financial penalties may apply to a business that knowingly, and with intent to defraud, seeks to obtain or maintain certification as a certified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise.

1.39.5 To request the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference, Proposer must complete and submit the Request for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Consideration form in Appendix D, Required Forms, P-17, with supporting documentation with their proposal.

Information about the State's DVBE certification regulations is found in the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Subchapter 8, Section 1896 et seq., and is also available on the California Department of General Services Office of Disabled Veteran Business Certification and Resources Website at <http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/>

Information on the Department of Veteran Affairs SDVOSB certification regulations is found in the Code of Federal Regulations, 38CFR 74 and is also available on the Department of Veterans Affairs Website at: <http://www.vetbiz.gov/>

1.40 TIME OFF FOR VOTING

The Contractor shall notify its employees, and 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.

2.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

This Section contains key project dates and activities as well as instructions to Bidders in how to prepare and submit their Bid.

2.1 COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY

The County is not responsible for representations made by any of its officers or employees prior to the execution of the Contract unless such understanding or representation is included in the Contract.

2.2 TRUTH AND ACCURACY OF REPRESENTATIONS

False, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with a Bid shall be sufficient cause for rejection of the Bid. The evaluation and determination in this area shall be at the Director's sole judgment and his/her judgment shall be final.

2.3 IFB TIMETABLE**The timetable for this IFB is as follows:**

- Release of IFB.....**February 19, 2015**
- Request for a Solicitation Requirements Review Due.....**March 2, 2015**
- Written Questions Due.....**March 2, 2015**
- Questions and Answers Released.....**March 3, 2015**
- **Bids due by March 5, 2015, 2:00 p.m., Pacific Standard Time**

2.4 BIDS IRREVOCABLE FOR 180 DAYS

All Bids shall be firm and may not be revoked for a period of 180 days following the final date for submission. The Bid price must accurately reflect the cost of performing the Contract work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract. However, the Director may, upon written request, permit withdrawal of a Bid at his discretion.

2.5 SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

A person or entity may seek a Solicitation Requirements Review by submitting Appendix D - Transmittal Form to Request a Solicitation Requirements Review along with supporting documentation. A Solicitation Requirements Review shall only be granted under the following circumstances:

- The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review is made within ten (10) business days of the issuance of the solicitation document;
- The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review includes documentation, which demonstrates the underlying ability of the person or entity to submit a bid;
- The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review itemizes in appropriate detail, each matter contested and factual reasons for the requested review; and
- The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review asserts either that:
 - application of the minimum requirements, review criteria and/or business requirements unfairly disadvantage the Bidder; or,
 - due to unclear instructions, the process may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses from prospective Bidders.

The Solicitation Requirements Review shall be completed and the Department's determination shall be provided to the Bidder, in writing, within a reasonable time prior to the bid due date.

2.6 BIDDERS' QUESTIONS

Bidders may submit written questions regarding this IFB by mail, fax or e-mail to the individual identified below. All questions must be received by **March 2, 2015**. All questions, without identifying the submitting company, will be compiled with the appropriate answers and issued as an addendum to the IFB. When submitting questions, please specify the IFB section number, paragraph number and page number, and quote the language that prompted the question. This will ensure that the question can be quickly found in the IFB. County reserves the right to group similar questions when providing answers.

Questions may address concerns that the application of minimum requirements, evaluation criteria and/or business requirements would unfairly disadvantage Bidders or, due to unclear instructions, may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses from Bidder.

Questions should be addressed to:

Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors
Administrative Services Division – Attention: Miguelangel Tamayo
13483 Fiji Way, Trailer #3
Marina del Rey, CA 90292
Fax: (310) 306-0495
Email: MTamayo@bh.lacounty.gov

2.7 BID DUE DATE

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS IS March 5, 2015, 2:00 P.M., PST.

Bids must be received at the Department's Administrative Headquarters listed below by the deadline date and time. In addition, Bidders shall provide a copy of its bid on a Rewritable Compact Disc. Postmarks will be disregarded. Bids are mailed at the Bidder's risk. One original and two copies, each securely bound or stapled, must be delivered to the attention of:

Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors
Contracts Unit, Miguelangel Tamayo
Septic Tank Maintenance Services IFB
13837 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

It is the sole responsibility of the submitting Bidder to ensure that its Bid is received before the submission deadline. Submitting Bidders shall bear all risks associated with delays in delivery by any person or entity, including the U.S. Mail. Any Bids received after the scheduled closing date and time for receipt of Bids, as listed in Sub-paragraph 2.3, IFB Timetable, will not be accepted and will be returned to the sender unopened. No facsimile (fax) or electronic mail (e-mail) copies will be accepted.

2.8 REQUIRED FORMAT AND CONTENT OF BIDS

Bids shall be developed according to the guidelines set forth in this Section. The Bids must be specific and complete in every detail. Failure of a Bid to conform to these requirements may result in its rejection. All Bids and documents shall be written in the English language and prepared using at least a 10 point font. The Bid must include the following, in the following sequence:

2.8.1 Cover Page

Bidder shall identify the Invitation for Bid by title, firm's name and address, and the name, telephone number, fax number and email address of the person authorized to make representations for the Bidder and commit the Bidder to a contract.

2.8.2 Table of Contents

List all material included in the Bid. Include a clear definition of the material, identified by sequential page numbers and by section reference numbers.

2.8.3 Forms**1. Offer to Perform/Bid Price - Form P-1**

Complete and sign the Offer to Perform (Form P-1). Failure to submit the annual rates for service on Form P-1 shall be grounds for rejection of the Bid. The service rate shall remain the same for the length of the contract, including option years if executed by the Director. Bidder's rates must include the cost of providing maintenance services, remote monitoring, as well as overhead, risk items or any other expenses to provide this service. The hourly rate for providing after-hours maintenance services (outside of regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) must also be included on Form P-1. The Offer to Perform must: (1) state whether the Bidder is an individual proprietor, partnership, joint venture, corporation, limited liability company or other form of entity; (2) identify persons authorized to accept service of legal process in California; and (3) identify the name, title, address and telephone number of each person who is authorized to bind the Bidder to performance of the Contract work.

The Offer to Perform shall be signed as follows:

- If an individual or sole proprietor, by the individual owner.
- If a corporation, by two authorized officers. If a partnership, by an authorized general partner.
- If a joint venture, by all joint venturers.
- If a limited liability company, by the managing member or other person(s) specifically authorized by the operating agreement.

2. Bidder's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit - Form P-2

The Bidder shall complete, sign and date the Bidder's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit (Form P-2). **The person signing the form must be authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder and to bind the applicant in a Contract.**

Taking into account the structure of the Bidder's organization, Bidder shall determine which of the below referenced supporting documents the County requires. If the Bidder's organization does not fit into one of these categories, upon receipt of the Bid or at some later time, the County may, in its discretion, request additional documentation regarding the Bidder's business organization and authority of individuals to sign contracts.

If the below referenced documents are not available at the time of the Bidder's submission, Bidders must request the appropriate documents from the California Secretary of State and provide a statement on the status of the request.

Required Support Documents:

Corporations or Limited Liability Company (LLC):

The Bidder must submit the following documentation with the Bid:

- 1) A copy of a "Certificate of Good Standing" with the state of Incorporation/Organization.
- 2) A conformed copy of the most recent "Statement of Information" as filed with the California Secretary of State listing corporate officers or members and managers.

Limited Partnership:

The Bidder must submit a conformed copy of the Certificate of Limited

Partnership or Application for Registration of Foreign Limited Partnership as filed with the California Secretary of State, and any amendments.

Pending Litigation and Judgments:

Identify by name, case and court jurisdiction any pending litigation in which Bidder is involved, or judgments against Bidder in the past five years.

Provide a statement describing the size and scope of any pending or threatening litigation against the Bidder or principals of the Bidder.

3. Staffing and Work Plan - Form P-3

Submit a Staffing and Work Plan (Form P-3) consistent with the contract work describing:

- Resumes of Bidder, Bidder's staff and supervisor(s), including experience of key employees who will be responsible for planning, supervising and inspecting the Contract work;
- Any training Bidder has received to service MicroSepTec septic tank systems (attach relevant documentation);
- What level of staff the Bidder will assign to provide the requested services; and
- How emergencies and unexpected services will be handled.

4. Business and Financial Summary - Form P-4

Submit a completed and signed Business and Financial Summary (Form P-4). Failure to submit a fully completed Form P-4 may be grounds for rejection of the Bid. False statements may be cause for disqualification or debarment. The submission of financial statements and references shall constitute permission by the Bidder for the Department to check, verify and certify all information contained in such statements. The following information must be attached:

- Summary of Bidder's years of experience providing septic tank maintenance services, including experience providing remote system for monitoring of septic tanks;
- Demonstration of at least five years' experience providing maintenance services of septic tank systems. Provide at least five references for

contracts currently being performed or which have been completed in the past five years. It is the Bidder's sole responsibility to ensure that the firm's name and point of contact's name, title and phone number for each reference is accurate. Bidder's references listed on Form P-4 will be evaluated based on the information provided by the telephone contact. Bids may be disqualified if:

- References fail to substantiate Bidder's description of the services provided;
 - References fail to support that Bidder has a continuing pattern of providing capable, productive and skilled services;
 - The Department is unable to reach the point of contact with reasonable effort (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday). It is the Bidder's sole responsibility to inform the point of contact of the working hours when the reference checks will occur.
- Location of office of operation;
 - Number of full-time employees;
 - Copy of verification/certification as an authorized service provider for MicroSepTec septic tank systems;
 - Description of size and organizational structure;
 - Evidence of insurability (a letter of commitment; binder or certificate of current insurance coverage) from an insurance company setting forth coverage meeting the limits and other requirements of Section 8.25 of Attachment A, Sample Contract.

5. Quality Control Plan - Form P-5

Bidder shall complete a comprehensive Quality Control Plan (Form P-5) to be utilized by the Bidder as a self-monitoring tool to ensure the requested services are provided as specified in the Statement of Work and Performance Requirements Summary Chart, Appendix B. Failure to submit or fully complete Form P-5 may be grounds for rejection of the Bid.

6. Bidder's EEO Certification - Form P-6

The Bidder shall complete and sign the Bidder's Certification (Form P-6) and submit it as part of the Bid. Failure to submit Form P-6 may be grounds for disqualification.

7. Contractor Employee Jury Service Program Certification Form and Application for Exception - Form P-7

Bidder shall complete and sign the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program Certification Form and Application for Exception (Form P-7). Failure to submit or fully complete Form P-7 may be grounds for disqualification.

8. Certification of No Conflict of Interest - Form P-8

Bidder shall complete and sign the Certification of No Conflict of Interest Form (Form P-8). Failure to submit or fully complete Form P-8 may be grounds for disqualification.

9. Attestation of Willingness to Consider GAIN/GROW Participants - Form P-9

Bidder shall complete and sign the Attestation of Willingness to Consider GAIN/GROW Participants Form (Form P-9). Failure to submit or fully complete Form P-9 may be grounds for disqualification.

10. Familiarity with the County Lobbyist Ordinance Certification - Form P-10

Bidder shall complete and sign the Familiarity with the County Lobbyist Ordinance Certification (Form P-10). Failure to submit or fully complete Form P-10 may be grounds for disqualification.

11. Certification of Independent Price Determination & Acknowledgment of IFB Restrictions - Form P-11

Bidder shall complete and sign Certification of Independent Price Determination & Acknowledgment of IFB Restrictions (Form P-11). Failure to submit or fully complete Form P-11 may be grounds for disqualification.

12. Request for Local SBE Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form - Form P-12

The Bidder shall complete and sign Request for Local SBE Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form (Form P-12). Failure to fully complete or submit Form P-12 may be grounds for disqualification.

13. Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Application (If applicable) - Form P-13

Complete the Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Application (Form P-13) and provide all supporting documents.

14. Contractor's Administration – Form P-14

The Bidder shall complete Contractor's Administration, Form P-14 and designate the Contract Representative, who shall be responsible for overall management and coordination of Contract work and any authorized officials of the contractor.

15. Bidder's Green Initiatives – Form P-15

Using Form P-15, present a description of Bidder's proposed plan for complying with the green requirements as described in Section 9.0 of the Statement of Work. Describe your company's current environmental policies and practices and those proposed to be implemented.

16. Certification of Compliance with the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program – Form P-16

Bidder shall complete and return the Certification of Compliance with the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program. Failure to complete and submit Form P-16 may be grounds for disqualification.

17. Request for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Consideration- Form P-17

Bidder shall complete and return the Request for Disabled Veteran Enterprise Consideration form demonstrating it meets the requirements of this preference as defined in Section 1.40.

18. Prospective Contractor List of Contracts – Form P-18

Complete the Prospective Contractor List of Contracts (Form P-18). The listing must include all contracts with public entities for the last three years. Use additional sheets if necessary.

19. Prospective Contractor List of Terminated Contracts – Form P-19

Complete the Prospective Contractor List of Terminated Contracts (Form P-19). The listing must include contracts terminated within the past three years with a reason for the termination.

20. IFB Exception Form – Form P-20

Using Form P-20, the Bidder may provide for any exceptions to the stated terms, conditions and requirements. The County reserves the right to determine if Bidder's exceptions are material enough to deem the bid non-responsive and not subject to further evaluation. The County reserves the right to make changes to the IFB, its Appendices, Exhibits and Forms at its sole discretion.

2.9 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be requested by the County to clarify information already submitted to help evaluate the Bidder's qualifications to perform the Contract work.

2.10 BIDS MUST FOLLOW REQUIRED FORMAT

Bidders must respond specifically to all elements of the IFB. The content and sequence of Bids must follow the "Required Format and Content of Bid" above. Failure of the Bid to conform to these requirements may, at the County's sole discretion, disqualify the Bid from consideration.

3.0 BID REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS**3.1 REVIEW PROCESS**

3.1.1 Bids will be examined to determine the lowest price. Should one or more of the Bidders request and be granted the Local SBE Preference, Transitional Job Opportunities Preference or Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise Preference, the lowest bid price will be determined as follows:

Local SBE Preference:

Eight percent (8%) of the lowest bid price submitted will be calculated, which shall not exceed \$50,000, and that amount will be deducted from the Bid price submitted by all Local SBE Bidders who requested and were granted the Local SBE Preference.

Transitional Job Opportunities Preference:

Eight percent (8%) of the lowest bid price submitted will be calculated, and that amount will be deducted from the Bid price submitted by all Bidders who requested and were granted the Transitional Job Opportunities Preference.

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference:

Eight Percent (8%) of the lowest bid price submitted will be calculated and that amount will be deducted from the bid price submitted by all Bidders who requested and were granted the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference up to the maximum \$50,000.

In no case shall any Preference be combined to exceed eight percent (8%) in response to any County solicitation.

3.1.2 The lowest bid price will be reviewed to determine whether it is responsive and responsible. This step will be performed until it is determined which is the lowest priced, and most responsive and responsible bid.

3.2 ADHERENCE TO MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

The Department shall review the Bidder's Required Forms to determine if the Bidder meets the minimum requirements as outlined in Section 1.4 of this IFB.

Failure of the Bidder to comply with the minimum requirements may eliminate its bid from any further consideration. The County, in its discretion, may elect to waive any informality in a bid if the sum and substance of the bid is present.

3.3 NUMERICAL RANKING

The Bids will be ranked in numerical sequence starting with the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder. The Director, in his sole discretion, shall recommend one or more Bids for acceptance by the County. The Director's recommendation does not constitute award of the Contract, since only the Board of Supervisors may award a Contract.

3.4 EXECUTION BY SELECTED BIDDER(S)

The Contract shall be executed first by the Bidder(s) whose Bid(s) is (are) selected by the Director for recommended acceptance by the County. The Bidder's failure to execute and return the Contract to the Director within five days after its receipt, or such longer time as the Director may allow, shall be deemed to be a refusal to enter into the Contract, and the Director, in his sole discretion, may either reject all other Bids or proceed to recommend the next lowest price responsive and responsible Bidder.

3.5 BID REVIEW**3.5.1 Bidder's Qualifications (Section 2.8.3)**

Bidder will be evaluated on their experience and capacity as a corporation or other entity to perform the required services based on information as requested in Section 2.8.3 of this IFB.

Bidder will be evaluated on the verification of references provided as requested in Section 2.8.3 of this IFB. In addition to the references provided, a review will include the County's Contract Database and Contractor Alert Reporting Database, if applicable, reflecting past performance history on County or other contracts. This review may result in point deductions of up to 100% of the total points awarded in this evaluation category. Additionally, a review of terminated contracts will be conducted which may result in point deductions.

A review will be conducted to determine the significance of any litigation or judgments pending against the Bidder as provided in Section 2.8.3 in this IFB.

3.5.2 Required Forms

All forms listed in Section 2.8.3, Numbers 1 through 20 must be included in the submitted Bid.

3.6 DISQUALIFICATION REVIEW

A bid may be disqualified from consideration because a Department determined it was a non-responsive bid at any time during the review/evaluation process. If a Department determines that a Bid was disqualified due to non-responsiveness, the Department shall notify the Bidder in writing.

Upon receipt of the written determination of non-responsiveness, the Bidder may submit a written request for a Disqualification Review within the timeframe specified in the written determination.

A request for a Disqualification Review may, in the Department's sole discretion, be denied if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. The person or entity requesting a Disqualification Review is a Bidder;
2. The request for a Disqualification Review is submitted timely (i.e., by the date and time specified in the written determination); and
3. The request for a Disqualification Review asserts that the Department's determination of disqualification due to non-responsiveness was erroneous (e.g. factual errors, etc.) and provides factual support on each ground asserted as well as copies of all documents and other material that support the assertions.

The Disqualification Review shall be completed and the determination shall be provided to the requesting Bidder, in writing, prior to the conclusion of the evaluation process.

3.7 DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED CONTRACTOR SELECTION REVIEW

3.7.1 Proposed Contractor Selection Review

Any Bidder that has timely submitted a notice of its intent to request a Proposed Contractor Selection Review (as described in this Section 3.7) may submit a written request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review, in the manner and timeframe as shall be specified by the Department.

A request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review may, in the Department's sole discretion, be denied if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. The person or entity requesting a Proposed Contractor Selection Review is a bidder;
2. The request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review is submitted timely (i.e., by the date and time specified by the Department);
3. The person or entity requesting a Proposed Contractor Selection Review asserts in appropriate detail with factual reasons one or more of the following grounds for review:
 - a. The Department materially failed to follow procedures specified in its solicitation document. This includes:
 - i. Failure to correctly apply the standards for reviewing the bid format requirements.
 - ii. Failure to correctly apply the standards, and/or follow the prescribed methods, for evaluating the bids as specified in the solicitation document.
 - iii. Use of evaluation criteria that were different from the evaluation criteria disclosed in the solicitation document.
 - b. The Department made identifiable mathematical or other errors in evaluating bids, resulting in the Bidder receiving an incorrect score and not being selected as the recommended contractor.
 - c. Another basis for review as provided by state or federal law; and
4. The request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review sets forth sufficient detail to demonstrate that, but for the Department's alleged failure, the Bidder would have been the lowest cost, responsive and responsible bid or the highest-scored proposal, as the case may be.

Upon completing the Proposed Contractor Selection Review, the Department representative shall issue a written decision to the Bidder within a reasonable time following receipt of the request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review, and always before the date the contract award recommendation is to be heard by the Board. The written decision shall additionally instruct the Bidder of the manner and timeframe for requesting a review by a County Independent Review (see Section 3.7.2 below).

3.7.2 County Independent Review

Any Bidder that is not satisfied with the results of the Proposed Contractor Selection Review may submit a written request for County Independent Review in the manner and timeframe specified by the Department in the Department's written decision regarding the Proposed Contractor Selection Review.

The request for a County Independent Review may, in the County's sole discretion, be denied if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. The person or entity requesting the County Independent Review is a Bidder;
2. The request for a County Independent Review is submitted timely (i.e., by the date and time specified by the Department); and
3. The person or entity requesting a County Independent Review has limited the request to items raised in the Proposed Contractor Selection Review and new items that (a) arise from the Department's written decision and (b) are on of the appropriate grounds for requesting a Proposed Contractor Selection Review as listed in Section 3.7.1 above.

Upon completion of the County Independent Review, ISD will forward its report to the Department, which will provide a copy to the Bidder.

APPENDIX A

SAMPLE CONTRACT



CONTRACT

BY AND BETWEEN

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AND

CONTRACTOR

FOR

AS-NEEDED SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE SERVICES

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS
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**CONTRACT BETWEEN
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AND**

**FOR
AS-NEEDED SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

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, to provide septic tank maintenance services on County-owned, controlled or operated beaches.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County may contract with private businesses for as-needed septic tank maintenance services when certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a private firm specializing in providing as-needed septic tank maintenance services; and

WHEREAS, this Contract is therefore authorized pursuant to Section 44.7 of the Los Angeles Charter.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for good and valuable consideration, the parties agree to the following:

1.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

This Contract is intended to integrate within one document the terms for the septic tank maintenance services to be performed for the County by the Contractor. The Contractor represents to the County that the express representations, certifications, assurances and warranties given in this Contract are true and correct. Appendices A, B, C, D and E and Exhibits A through F are attached to and form a part of this Contract. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the definition or interpretation of any word, responsibility, schedule, or the contents or description of any task, deliverable, goods, service, or other work, or otherwise between the base Contract, referenced appendices and the Exhibits, or between Exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the Contract, Appendix C (Forms P1- P20) and then to the Exhibits.

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 as used herein shall be construed to have the following meaning, unless otherwise apparent from the context in which they are used.

Board, Board of Supervisors - The Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County.

Chief Deputy - The Chief Deputy of the Department.

Contract - An agreement for performance of the work between the selected Bidder(s) and the County, approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Contract Administrator (CA) - The Chief of the Facilities and Maintenance Division of the Department or authorized designee.

Contract Year - The twelve-month period commencing on the effective date of the Contract and each succeeding twelve-month period over the remaining term of the Contract, including the optional years.

Contractor(s) - The Bidder(s) whose Bid(s) is accepted by the Board of Supervisors for performance of the Contract work.

Contractor's Representative - The person designated by the Contractor to represent the Contractor in matters related to performance of the Contract.

County - The County of Los Angeles.

County Counsel - The Los Angeles County Office of the County Counsel.

Department - The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors.

Director - The Director of the Department.

Invitation for Bids (IFB) - All parts of this document, including its appendices, exhibits and forms.

Offer to Perform - Form P-1 of the IFB.

Performance Standard - The essential terms and conditions for the performance of the Contract work as defined in the Contract.

Bidder - Any person or entity authorized to conduct business in California who submits a Bid.

Statement of Work - Explains in detail the Work to be performed pursuant to the contract.

Subcontractor - A person, partnership, company, corporation, or other organization furnishing supplies or services of any nature, equipment, or materials to the Contractor(s), at any tier, under oral or written agreement.

3.0 WORK

3.1 Contractor shall perform the work set forth in Appendix B, Statement of Work. Pursuant to the provisions of this Contract, the Contractor shall fully perform, complete and deliver on time all tasks, deliverables, services and other work as set forth herein. If the Contractor provides any tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work, other than as specified in this Contract, the same shall be deemed to be a gratuitous effort on the part of the Contractor, and the Contractor shall have no claim whatsoever against the County.

3.2 The County may rescind the Contract for the Contractor's misrepresentation of any of the matters mentioned in Recitals. In the case of a misrepresentation of facts set forth in Section 8.44, Termination for Improper Consideration, a penalty may be assessed in the amount of the fee paid by the Contractor to a third person for the award of the Contract.

4.0 CONTRACT TERM

4.1 Initial Term

The term of this Contract shall be three years, commencing July 1, 2015 or after execution by the County's Board of Supervisors, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.

4.2 Two One-Year /Six Month-to-Month Extensions

If the Director of the County's Department of Beaches and Harbors (the "Director") determines that it is in the interest of the County to do so, he may grant up to two one-year extensions of the Contract term. Each such extension shall be exercised at the sole discretion of the Director. The Director may exercise the first option by notifying the Contractor in writing before the Contract expiration date. The Director may exercise the second option by notifying the Contractor in writing before the expiration of the first one-year extension option. The Director may also extend the Contract term on a month-to-month basis subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract. Up to six one-month extensions may be granted, which shall be effective only if executed in writing by the Director or Chief Deputy. The County maintains a database that tracks/monitors performance history. Information entered into such databases may be used for a variety of purposes, including determining whether the County will exercise a contract term extension option.

4.3 Extension to Complete Emergent/As-Needed Services

The Director may extend the Contract term or any optional Contract Year on a month-to-month basis subject to the Contract's terms and conditions, but only to allow the Contractor to complete emergent/as-needed services approved before the expiration of the Contract term or optional Contract Year. Such extensions are further subject to the availability of funds in the Department's budget. Up to 12 such one-month extensions may be granted, which shall be effective only if executed in writing by the Director or Chief Deputy. Contractor shall not perform any emergent or as-needed work after the expiration of the contract without an approved written extension.

4.4 Contractor to Notify County When it is Within Six Months from Expiration of Term

The Contractor shall notify the Department when this Contract is within six (6) months from the expiration of the term as provided for hereinabove. Upon occurrence of this event, the Contractor shall send written notification to the Department.

4.5 Survival of Obligations

Notwithstanding the stated term of the Contract, some obligations assumed in the Contract shall survive its termination, such as, but not limited to, the Contractor's obligation to retain and allow inspection by the County of its books, records and accounts relating to its performance of the Contract work.

5.0 CONTRACT SUM

5.1 Compensation

The net amount the County shall expend from its own funds during any Contract year for septic tank maintenance services shall not exceed the maximum annual amount provided by Contractor's submitted Form P-1, Offer to Perform, per Contract year, based on the Department's needs and availability of funds in the County budget. The County may at its discretion expend any portion, all or none of the stipulated amount. 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.

5.2 Increase of Contract Sum by Director

Notwithstanding Section 5.1, the Director may, by written notice to the Contractor(s), increase the stipulated amount to cover unexpected services, which is not subject to reimbursement from other third parties by up to 10 percent in any year of the Contract or any extension period, subject to the availability of funds in the Department's budget. Such increases shall not be cumulative.

5.4 Compensation Payable Only Under Completion of Items/Description of Work at Quoted Rates

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Contract, no compensation shall be paid unless and until the Contractor has performed work for the Department in accordance with the terms of the Statement of Work issued under the Contract and executed by the Director or the Chief Deputy. Compensation for all work shall be at Contractor's rate(s) of pay as quoted on Form P-1, and shall be subject to Sections 5.1 and 8.47.

5.5 No Increase in Rate(s) of Compensation

Notwithstanding any increase in the Contractor's salary costs or other overhead, no increase in the rate(s) of compensation quoted in Form P-1 shall be given during the term of the Contract or any extension period.

5.6 Additional Work

The Contractor shall be compensated for additional work authorized in writing by the Director at the rates quoted on Form P-1 of the proposal. Such additional work shall be subject to Sections 5.1 and 8.47. Emergency, special or unscheduled services that take place outside of regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, shall be considered additional work subject to this Section and will be paid at the rate per hour for unexpected services, as specified on Form P-1. However, no payment for additional work shall be made where the Contractor has adjusted regular employee schedules to cover additional work or where additional work results from the Contractor's inadequate performance of scheduled duties.

5.7 Contractor to Notify County when it has Received 75% of Total Contract Amount

The Contractor shall maintain a system of record keeping that will allow the Contractor to determine when it has incurred seventy-five percent of the total contract authorization under this Contract. Upon occurrence of this event, the Contractor shall send written notification to the Department.

5.8 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 to 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.

5.9 Invoices and Payment

5.9.1 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 as provided in Form P-1 - Offer to Perform, 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.

5.9.2 The Contractor shall submit an invoice to the Department on or before the fifteenth of the month for compensation earned during the preceding calendar month. The Contractor shall submit two copies of each invoice for which it claims payment. Invoices shall identify the Contract number, Contractor address, the dates and

locations where work was performed and the names of employees who performed the work. If unscheduled work additional work was performed during the month, the Contractor shall prepare and submit a separate invoice showing the foregoing information as well as the number of hours worked by each employee and the hourly rates of compensation. All invoices under this Contract shall be submitted to the following address:

Los Angeles County
Department of Beaches and Harbors
Financial Services Section
13575 Mindanao Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

The County may withhold from payment any amount assessed by the CA which is authorized as a set off, withholding by the terms and conditions of the Contract, including but not limited to liquidated damages pursuant to Section 8.43, Termination for Default.

Upon the Department's receipt and the CA's review and approval of the invoice, the County shall pay the net amount currently payable shown on the invoice less any other setoff or deduction authorized by the Contract. Such setoffs and deductions include, but are not limited to, the cost of replacement services.

5.9.3 Approval of Invoices

All invoices submitted by the Contractor for payment must have the written approval of the Department's Facilities and Maintenance Division 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.

5.10 Local Small Business Enterprises – Prompt Payment Program

Certified Local SBEs will receive prompt payment for services they provide to County departments. Prompt payment is defined as 15 calendar days after receipt of an undisputed invoice.

6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT – COUNTY

A listing of County Administration referenced in the following sub-paragraph is designated in Appendix E - County's Administration. The County shall notify the Contractor in writing of any change in the name of the address shown.

6.1 County's Contract Administrator

Responsibilities of the County's Contract Administrator include:

- ensuring that the objectives of this Contract are met;
- providing direction to the Contractor in the areas relating to County policy, information requirements, and procedural requirements;
- meeting with the Contractor's Contract Representative on a regular basis; and
- inspecting any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work provided by or on behalf of the Contractor.

The County's Contract Administrator 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 Contract Representative

The Contractor's Contract Representative is designated in Form P-14 - Contractor's Administration. The Contractor shall notify the County in writing of any change in the name or address of the Contractor's Contract Representative. The Contractor's Contract Representative shall be responsible for the Contractor's day-to-day activities as related to this Contract and shall coordinate with County's Contract Representative on a regular basis.

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 Contract Representative.

7.3 Confidentiality

7.3.1 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.

7.3.2 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 7.3, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 7.3 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.

7.3.3 Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors providing services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Contract.

8.0 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8.1 AMENDMENTS

- 8.1.1** 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 the Director of the Department and/or his designee.
- 8.1.2** 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 the Director of the Department and/or his designee. In the event the Contractor does not sign the Amendment, the Contractor may not be considered for further work pursuant to the Contract.
- 8.1.3** The Director of the Department or his/her designee, may at his/her sole discretion, authorize extensions of time as defined in Paragraph 4.0 - Contract Term. 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 the Director of the Department and/or his designee.

8.2 ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION

- 8.2.1** 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.

8.2.2 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.

8.2.3 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, investigation and responding to complaints.

- 8.5.1** Within 10 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.
- 8.5.2** The County will review the Contractor's policy and provide the Contractor with approval of said plan or with requested changes.
- 8.5.3** If the County requests changes in the Contractor's policy, the Contractor shall make such changes and resubmit the plan within 10 business days for County approval.
- 8.5.4** 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.
- 8.5.5** The Contractor shall preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the County's Contract Administrator of the status of the investigation within 10 business days of receiving the complaint.
- 8.5.6** 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.
- 8.5.7** Copies of all written responses shall be sent to the County's Contract Administrator within 10 business days of mailing to the complainant.

8.6 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW

8.6.1 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.

8.6.2 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 8.5 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 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 disability, 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 Form P-6 – Contractor's EEO Certification.

8.8 COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S JURY SERVICE PROGRAM

8.8.1 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 B and incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Contract.

8.8.2 Written Employee Jury Service Policy.

1. 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.
2. 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.

3. 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.
4. 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

8.9.1 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.

8.9.2 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 subparagraph 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 PARTICIPANTS

8.11.1 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. Contractors shall report all job openings with job requirements to: GAINGROW@dpss.lacounty.gov to obtain a list of qualified GAIN/GROW job candidates.

8.11.2 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

8.12.1 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.

8.12.2 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.

8.12.3 Non-responsible Contractor

The County may debar a Contractor if the Board of Supervisors finds, in its discretion, that the Contractor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Contractor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same, (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty, or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

8.12.4 Contractor Hearing Board

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.

8.12.5 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 TO COUNTY'S CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

8.14.1 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.

8.14.2 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

8.16.1 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.

8.16.2 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

8.17.1 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.

8.17.2 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

8.20.1 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").

8.20.2 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.

8.20.3 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 CONTRACTOR STATUS

8.22.1 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.

8.22.2 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.

8.22.3 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.

8.22.4 The Contractor shall adhere to the provisions stated in sub-paragraph 7.3 – 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 8.24 and 8.25 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.

8.24.1 Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County

- 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.
- Renewal Certificates shall be provided to County not less than 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.
- 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.
- 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 Beaches and Harbors
Administrative Services Division, Contracts Unit-
13837 Fiji Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292**

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.

8.24.2 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.

8.24.3 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.

8.24.4 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.

8.24.5 Insurer Financial ratings

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

8.24.6 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.

8.24.7 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.

8.24.8 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.

8.24.9 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.

8.24.10 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.

8.24.11 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.

8.24.12 Separation 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.

8.24.13 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.

8.24.14 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

8.25.1 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

8.25.2 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.

8.25.3 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.

8.25.4 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 three (3) years following this Agreement's expiration, termination or cancellation.

8.26 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

8.26.1 If, in the judgment of the Director of the Department, or his/her designee, the Contractor is deemed to be non-compliant with the terms and obligations assumed hereby, the Director, 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 Director of the Department, or his/her designee, in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.

8.26.2 If the Director of the Department, or his/her designee, determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Contract that the Director of the Department, or his/her designee, deems are correctable by the Contractor over a certain time span, the Director of the Department, 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 Director of the Department, 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 B, Statement of Work, 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.

8.26.3 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.

8.26.4 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

- 8.28.1** 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.
- 8.28.2** The Contractor shall certify to, and comply with, the provisions of Form P-6, Contractor's EEO Certification.
- 8.28.3** 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.
- 8.28.4** 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.
- 8.28.5** 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.
- 8.28.6** 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.

8.28.7 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 Practices 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.

8.28.8 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 the 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 Contract Administrator any dispute between the County and the Contractor regarding the performance of services as stated in this Contract. If the County's Contract Administrator is not able to resolve the dispute, the Director or his/her 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 Exhibit C, 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 D of this Contract and is also available on the Internet at www.babysafela.org for printing purposes.

8.34 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 Form P-14, Contractor's Administration. Notices addressed to the County shall be addressed to the Director, Department of Beaches and Harbors, 13837 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, California 90298. 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.

8.35 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.

8.36 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

8.36.1 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 Invitation for Bids (IFB) 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.

8.36.2 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.

8.37 PUBLICITY

8.37.1 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:

- The Contractor shall develop all publicity material in a professional manner; and
- 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 Contractor Administrator. The County shall not unreasonably withhold written consent.

8.37.2 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 Section 8.37 shall apply.

8.38 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. 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.

8.38.1 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).

8.38.2 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.

8.38.3 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.

8.39 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.

8.40 SUBCONTRACTING

8.40.1 The requirements of this Contract may not be subcontracted by the Contractor **without the advance written 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.

8.40.2 If the Contractor desires to subcontract, the Contractor shall provide the following information promptly at the County's request:

- A description of the work to be performed by the Subcontractor;
- A draft copy of the proposed subcontract; and
- Other pertinent information and/or certifications requested by the County.

8.40.3 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.

8.40.4 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.

8.40.5 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.

8.40.6 The Department's 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.

8.40.7 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.

8.40.8 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:

**Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors
Administrative Services Division / Contracts Unit
13837 Fiji Way
Marina del Rey, California 90292**

before any Subcontractor employee may perform any work hereunder.

8.41 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 Section 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 Section 8.43 - Termination for Default and pursue debarment of the Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 8.208.

8.42 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

8.42.1 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.

8.42.2 After receipt of a notice of termination and except as otherwise directed by the County, the Contractor shall:

- Stop work under this Contract on the date and to the extent specified in such notice, and
- Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by such notice.

8.42.3 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 Section 8.38, Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement.

8.43 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

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

- Contractor has materially breached this Contract; or
- Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required either under this Contract; or
- 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.

8.43.2 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.

8.43.3 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 8.43.3, the terms "Subcontractor" and "Subcontractors" mean Subcontractor(s) at any tier.

8.43.4 If, after the County has given notice of termination under the provisions of this Section 8.43, it is determined by the County that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this Section 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 Section 8.42-Termination for Convenience.

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

8.44 TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION

8.44.1 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.

8.44.2 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.

8.44.3 Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

8.45 TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY

8.45.1 The County may terminate this Contract forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:

- 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;
- The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition regarding the Contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
- The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for the Contractor; or
- The execution by the Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit

of creditors.

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

8.46 TERMINATION FOR NON-ADHERENCE OF COUNTY LOBBYIST ORDINANCE

The Contractor, and each County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm as defined in County Code Section 8.160.010 retained by the Contractor, shall fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance, County Code Chapter 8.160. 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.

8.47 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.

8.48 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.

8.49 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 Section 8.49 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

8.50 WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

8.50.1 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.

8.50.2 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.

8.51 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 8.206.

8.52 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 Section 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 8.206.

8.53 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 LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PREFERENCE PROGRAM

9.1.1 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.

9.1.2 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.

9.1.3 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

9.1.4 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:

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 Internal Services Department of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

9.2 TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES PREFERENCE PROGRAM

9.2.1 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.

9.2.2 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.

9.2.3 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.

9.2.4 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:

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 (10%) 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 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.

9.3 DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM

9.3.1 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.

9.3.2 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.

9.3.3 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.

9.3.4 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.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has, by order of its Board of Supervisors, caused this Contract to be subscribed by the Mayor of said Board and attested by the Executive Officer thereof, and the Contractor, by its duly authorized representative, has executed the same, as of the day, month, and year set forth below.

By _____

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Mayor, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

PATRICK OGAWA
Acting Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARK J. SALADINO
County Counsel

By _____
Deputy

APPENDIX B

STATEMENT OF WORK

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY OF BEACHES AND HARBORS
STATEMENT OF WORK
AS-NEEDED SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS
STATEMENT OF WORK
AS-NEEDED SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE SERVICE**

1.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1.1 Scope of Work

The selected Bidder shall be capable of providing the services as listed in this Statement of Work (SOW).

1.2 Contractor's Work Plan

Subject to all other terms and conditions of the Contract, Contractor shall perform the work and maintain quality control in accordance with the Work Plan and other representations submitted with the Contractor's Bid.

1.3 Personal Services of Designated Persons Required

This Contract provides that the individuals identified in the Contractor's bid must personally perform or lead the professional services required by the Contract. The failure of those persons to render those services shall be deemed a material breach of the Contract for which the County may terminate the Contract and recover damages. Should it be necessary for the Contractor to substitute an equally qualified professional for an individual named in the proposal, the Contractor shall request the Contract Administrator's approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

1.4 Property Damage

County property damaged by the Contractor's employees shall be repaired or replaced by the Contractor at the Contractor's expense with like workmanship and materials. Such repair or replacement shall be subject to approval by the Contract Administrator.

2.0 ADDITION/DELETION OF FACILITIES, SPECIFIC TASKS AND/OR WORK HOURS

- 2.1** The Department reserves the right to add/delete specific tasks, facilities and/or work hours throughout the term of this Contract; to schedule servicing of added facilities and otherwise amend and modify the Statement of Work in accordance with the County's needs. Such amendments and modifications may be made by the Director or his/her designee.
- 2.2** The County may from time to time close or cease operating certain facilities or portions of such facilities or may reduce the number of days on which services are performed. Such events shall not be deemed breaches of this Contract or of any of the covenants of this Contract and shall not relieve the Contractor of its duty as to the remaining facilities and services.
- 2.3** The Contractor shall be given reasonable written notice by the Contract Administrator that a facility is to be added or deleted or that the scope of services are being modified and of the effective date of such changes.
- 2.4** All changes must be made in accordance with Appendix A, Sample Contract, sub-paragraph 8.1, Amendments.

3.0 CONTRACTOR'S QUALITY CONTROL PLAN

- 3.1** The Contractor will observe, at a minimum, the standards set forth in this Section 3.0, and acknowledges that the adequacy of its compliance with the Contract shall be measured by these standards as well as all other terms and conditions of the Contract.
- 3.2** The Contractor shall establish and utilize a comprehensive Quality Control Plan to assure the County a consistently high level of service throughout the term of the Contract. The Quality Control Plan shall be submitted to the County's Contract Administrator for review and may be subject to amendment by the Director or his designee. The plan shall include, but may not be limited to the following:
- Method of monitoring to ensure that Contract requirements are being met;
 - Documentation methods of all monitoring results, including any corrective action taken; and

- Steps taken to correct deficiencies reported by the Department or discovered by your reviewer.

4.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

The County will evaluate the Contractor's performance under this Contract using the quality assurance procedures as defined in Appendix A, Sample Contract, sub-paragraph 8.15, County's Quality Assurance Plan.

4.1 General Requirements

The following requirements shall be observed:

- Contractor shall meet deadlines set by the Contract Administrator;
- Contractor shall timely complete reports required by the Contract;
- Contractor shall accurately report hourly services; and
- Contractor shall promptly return calls of County agents and employees.

4.2 Contract Discrepancy Report

Verbal notification of a Contract discrepancy will be made to the Contract Representative as soon as possible whenever a Contract discrepancy is identified. The problem shall be resolved within a time period mutually agreed upon by the County and the Contractor.

The Contract Administrator will determine whether a formal Contract Discrepancy Report shall be issued. Upon receipt of this document, the Contractor is required to respond in writing to the Contract Administrator within five workdays, acknowledging the reported discrepancies or presenting contrary evidence. A plan for correction of all deficiencies identified in the Contract Discrepancy Report shall be submitted to the Contract Administrator within ten workdays.

- 4.3** The Contract Administrator may issue a Contract Discrepancy Report to the Contractor in any incident of failure to comply with the performance standards or other unacceptable performance. In the case of continuing deficiencies, the Contract Administrator may issue a separate Contract Discrepancy Report each day the deficiency continues.

4.4 The Director may excuse the incident, assess and collect liquidated damages in the manner and amounts described in this Statement of Work, or proceed with Contract termination as provided in Appendix A, Sample Contract, sub-paragraph 8.43, Termination for Default.

4.5 County Observations

In addition to departmental contracting staff, other County personnel may observe performance, activities, and review documents relevant to this Contract at any time during normal business hours. However, these personnel may not unreasonably interfere with the Contractor's performance.

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

The County's and the Contractor's responsibilities are as follows:

COUNTY

5.1 County Contract Administrator

5.1.1 The Facilities and Property Maintenance Division Chief, or his authorized designee, shall be the Contract Administrator who shall have the authority to act for the County in the administration of the Contract except where action of the Director or Chief Deputy is expressly required by the Contract.

5.1.2 The Contract Administrator will be responsible for ensuring that the objectives of the Contract are met and shall direct the Contractor as to the County's policy, information and procedural requirements.

5.1.3 The Contractor's work shall be subject to the Contract Administrator's acceptance and approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

5.1.4 The Contract Administrator is not authorized to make any changes in the terms and conditions of the Contract or to obligate the County in any manner.

CONTRACTOR

5.2 Contractor's Representative

5.2.1 The Contractor shall designate a full-time employee as Contractor's Representative who shall be responsible for Contractor's day-to-day activities related to each inspection and shall be available to the County Contract Administrator or the County's attorney on reasonable telephone notice each business day and at other times as required by the work. The Contractor may designate himself or herself as the Contractor's Representative.

5.2.2 The Contractor's Representative shall have full authority to act for the Contractor on all matters relating to the performance of the Contract work.

5.3 Supervisor

The Contractor shall provide a supervisor to assure satisfactory performance of the Contract work by the employees who are assigned to perform the work. The Contractor's Representative may act as the supervisor. The supervisor shall be authorized to act for Contractor in every detail and must understand, speak and write English.

5.4 Contractor's Office

The Contractor shall maintain a local address within the County at which the Contractor's Representative may be contacted personally or by mail. The office shall be staffed during normal business hours by at least one employee who can respond to inquiries and complaints which may be received about the Contractor's performance of the Contract work.

5.5 Changes of Key Personnel

The Contractor shall obtain the approval of the Contract Administrator before replacing the Contractor's Representative or the supervisor. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

5.6 Personnel

- 5.6.1** Contractor shall ascertain that persons performing Contract services are of sound physical and emotional condition necessary to perform required duties.
- 5.6.2** Contractor's employees shall conduct themselves in a reasonable manner at all times; shall not cause disturbance in any County facility; and otherwise are subject to all rules and regulations of the facility.
- 5.6.3** Personnel employed by the Contractor and assigned to perform Contract work shall have no serious misdemeanor, theft or felony convictions.
- 5.6.4** All personnel assigned by the Contractor to perform Contract work shall at all times be employees of the Contractor and the Contractor shall have the sole right to hire, suspend, discipline, or discharge employees. However, at the request of the Director, the Contractor shall immediately exclude any member of the Contractor's staff from working on this Contract. The County reserves the right to bar any of the Contractor's staff from performing on this Contract.
- 5.6.4** The Contractor shall provide the County with a current list of employees, including but not limited to management, and shall keep this list updated during the Contract term.

5.6 Communication with Department

Contractor shall maintain an office with a telephone in the company's name where Contractor conducts business. The office shall be staffed during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, by at least one employee who can respond to inquiries and complaints which may be received about the Contractor's performance of the Contract. The Contractor shall return calls during business hours no later than the next business day and as soon as reasonably possible if the call is designated urgent. When the office is closed, an answering service shall be provided to receive calls. The Contractor shall answer calls received by the answering service within two hours of receipt of the call. In addition, the Contractor shall provide a 24-hour telephone number for immediate response to emergencies.

5.7 Emergencies

The Director, in his sole discretion, may determine that an emergency or unforeseen incident jeopardizing health, safety or property requires special septic tank maintenance services. The Contractor shall make such services available within two hours of telephone notice.

5.8 Reporting Injury, Theft, Damage or Vandalism

The Contractor's Representative shall report to the Contract Administrator any injury, theft, damage or vandalism to the facilities within 24 hours of its discovery by the Contractor's staff. The report shall be in writing and on a form that is acceptable to the Contract Administrator.

5.9 Reporting Emergency Repairs

The Contractor's Representative shall report immediately to the Contract Administrator any condition of the facilities requiring emergency repairs. After hours notification shall be made to:

John Giles, District Manager

(310) 454-7962 Office

(310) 420-5596 Cellular

-or-

Carlos Zimmerman, Asst. Div. Chief

(310) 305-9591 Office

(310) 420-4973 Cellular

5.10 Other Duties

The Contractor shall perform other duties within the scope of the Contract as required by the Director.

6.0 SCOPE OF MAINTENANCE – MICROSEPTEC SEPTIC SYSTEM MODEL ES-12

6.1 On-going Services

6.1.1 Remote System Monitoring

Contractor shall monitor the system for performance and respond to the system alarms on an on-going basis. In the event a system alarm is received, Contractor shall first attempt to correct the system fault remotely. If the system cannot be corrected remotely, contractor shall respond and send a technician to the site within four hours of an alarm. Contractor shall ensure phone/data line is in working condition, and if

not, coordinate with the phone service provider for repair to ensure a swift response to the system alarms.

6.2 Monthly Services

Contractor shall supply and add Chlorination and De-chlorination tablets as needed.

6.3 Quarterly Services

6.3.1 Septic Tanks

Contractor shall perform scheduled preventive maintenance as recommended by the manufacturer. If needed, maintenance shall be performed on a monthly basis. This includes, but is not limited to, cleaning, lubricating, inspecting, testing, sampling and adjusting the septic system. In addition, the contractor shall inspect all risers for the following:

- Water level
- Sludge thickness and consistency
- Clearance of all obstructions
- Scum thickness and consistency
- Liquid levels
- Pumps floats
- Pump amperage
- Flow rate
- Plumbing Tee's cleared of obstacles

6.3.2 Dispersal Field

Inspect and clean any obstructions on the Dispersal Box (D-Box).

6.3.3 Calibrate Telemetry

Inspect and calibrate all the sensors to assure the telemetry unit is working properly.

6.3.4 Reporting

Contractor shall complete reports as required by the Contract Administrator.

6.3.5 Sampling

Service provider shall perform effluent sampling and County reporting.

6.3.6 Alkalinity and Feed Equipment

- Inspect Pump Operation (Clean if necessary)
- Inspect Mixing Unit
- Check chemical level (add soda ash when necessary)

6.4 As-Needed Services

The Contractor will be responsible to perform minor repairs that do not involve replacement of parts, such as connecting loose wires, etc.

7.0 FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND PARTS FURNISHED BY COUNTY

7.1 Storage

During the term of the Contract or any extension period, the Contractor may store the equipment and supplies used in performance of the Contract work as directed by the Contract Administrator. The use of any storage area furnished by the County shall be at the sole risk of the Contractor. It is acknowledged and agreed that any such storage shall not constitute a bailment or storage for hire and that the County shall have no responsibility for protecting the stored property from loss, theft, damage or destruction. The County may revoke permission to use any such storage area on 24 hours' notice.

7.2 Keys and Gate Cards

The County will provide the Contractor with all keys and gate cards that are required to gain access to the facilities. The Contractor's Representative shall report any lost or stolen key or gate cards to the Contract Administrator within 24 hours of discovery of its loss. The Contractor shall reimburse the County for the cost of either re-keying or duplicating lost keys or cards as determined by the Director. All key and gate cards shall be returned to the Contract Administrator upon Contract termination.

The Contractor shall not duplicate any key or gate card without the Contract Administrator's prior written consent. Duplication of any key or gate

card without this consent is a misdemeanor (Section 469 of the California Penal Code), in addition to being a breach of the Contract.

The Contractor shall not give keys to any County facility to a Subcontractor. Contractor shall assign someone to open and close entrance doors and stay with Subcontractors until the specific job is completed.

7.3 Department Issued Parking Pass

The Department will provide to the Contractor, on a yearly basis, a parking pass to be placed in the Contractor's vehicle while on County premises in the performance of the contract work. The issued parking pass shall be displayed in a visible area within the Contractor's vehicle.

7.4 Replacement Parts

The County will reimburse the Contractor separately for the parts required to be replaced in the normal course of business (such as UV disinfection bulbs). However, the Contractor must request and receive pre-approval from the Contract Administrator to procure and replace the parts. The County has discretion as to whether it will, on its own, procure the parts and supply them to the Contractor, or request the Contractor provide parts.

8.0 GREEN INITIATIVES

8.1 Contractor shall use reasonable efforts to initiate "green" practices for environmental and energy conservation benefits. Contractor shall document those efforts on Form P-15.

8.2 Contractor shall notify County's Contract Administrator of Contractor's new green initiatives prior to the contract commencement.

9.0 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The County or its agent will evaluate Contractor's performance under this Contract on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Contractor's compliance with all Contracts terms and performance standards. Contractor's 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 measures taken by the

County and Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, County may terminate this Contract or impose other penalties as specified in this Contract.

10.0 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

All listings of services used in the Performance Requirements Summary (PRS), pages 1A and 2A, are intended to be completely consistent with the Contract and the SOW, and are not meant in any case to create, extend, revise, or expand any obligation of Contractor beyond that defined in the Contract and the SOW. In any case of apparent inconsistency between services as stated in the Contract and the SOW and this PRS, the meaning apparent in the Contract and the SOW will prevail. If any service seems to be created in this PRS which is not clearly and forthrightly set forth in the Contract and the SOW, that apparent service will be null and void and place no requirement on Contractor.

10.1 The Contractor agrees to and accepts the performance standards, including, but not limited to, the sums set forth as liquidated damages for unacceptable performance.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY (PRS)

Septic Tank Maintenance Services

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE REFERENCE	SERVICE	MONITORING METHOD	LIQUIDATED DAMAGES
SAMPLE CONTRACT: PARAGRAPH 5.9 – <i>INVOICES & PAYMENTS</i>	Contractor shall submit invoices by the 15 th of each month	Review of Invoices	\$100 per occurrence
SAMPLE CONTRACT: SUB-PARAGRAPH 8.8. – <i>COMPLIANCE W/COUNTY'S JURY SERVICE PROGRAM</i>	Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy meeting the County's Jury Service Program requirements.	Review of Records	\$50 per occurrence
SAMPLE CONTRACT: SUB-PARAGRAPH 8.24 – <i>INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS</i>	Contractor shall maintain required liability amounts and coverages	Review of Insurance Certificates	\$100 per occurrence
SAMPLE CONTRACT: SUB-PARAGRAPH 8.28 – <i>NONDISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION</i>	Contractor shall certify to, and comply with Form P-6, Contractor's EEO Certification	Inspection of Files	\$50 per occurrence
SAMPLE CONTRACT: SUB-PARAGRAPH 8.38 – <i>RECORD RETENTION & INSPECTION/AUDIT SETTLEMENT</i>	Contractor shall maintain all required records as specified	Inspection of Files	\$50 per occurrence
SAMPLE CONTRACT: SUB-PARAGRAPH 8.40 – <i>SUBCONTRACTING</i>	Contractor shall obtain County's written approval prior to subcontracting any work	Observation	\$100 per occurrence
STATEMENT OF WORK: SUB-PARAGRAPH 4.0 – <i>QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN</i>	Contractor shall respond to Contract Discrepancy Report within five working days	Observation	\$100 per occurrence
STATEMENT OF WORK: PARAGRAPH 5.2 – <i>RESPONSIBILITIES - CONTRACTOR</i>	Contractor shall designate a full-time employee as Contractor's Representative	Observation & Documentation	\$100 per occurrence
STATEMENT OF WORK: PARAGRAPH 5.3 – <i>RESPONSIBILITIES - CONTRACTOR</i>	Contractor shall provide an authorized supervisor for the performance of the Contract.	Observation	\$100 per occurrence
STATEMENT OF WORK: SUB-PARAGRAPH 5.6.3 – <i>RESPONSIBILITIES - CONTRACTOR</i>	Contractor's employees shall have no serious misdemeanor, felony or theft convictions	Observation & Documentation	\$50 per occurrence
STATEMENT OF WORK: SUB-PARAGRAPH 6.1 – <i>SCOPE OF MAINTENANCE</i>	Contractor shall send technician to site within 4 hours if unable to respond to alarm remotely	Observation & Documentation	\$50 per occurrence

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY (PRS)

Septic Tank Maintenance Services

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE REFERENCE	SERVICE	MONITORING METHOD	LIQUIDATED DAMAGES
STATEMENT OF WORK: SUB-PARAGRAPH 6.1. – SCOPE OF MAINTENANCE	Contractor shall provide remote monitoring system of the septic tank system(s)	Observation	\$100 per occurrence
STATEMENT OF WORK: SUB-PARAGRAPH 6.3 – SCOPE OF MAINTENANCE	Contractor shall maintain performance of septic tanks on a quarterly basis	Observation	\$100 per occurrence
STATEMENT OF WORK: SUB-PARAGRAPH 6.3.4 – SCOPE OF MAINTENANCE	Contractor shall complete reports as required by Contract Administrator	Observation	\$50 per occurrence
STATEMENT OF WORK: PARAGRAPH 7.2 – FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT	Contractor shall report any lost or stolen keys or gate cards within 24 hours of its discovery	Inspection & Observation	\$100 per occurrence
STATEMENT OF WORK: PARAGRAPH 7.4– FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT	Contractor shall not replace any parts without pre-approval from the CA	Inspection & Observation	\$100 per occurrence

CONTRACT DISCREPANCY REPORT

TO: _____

FROM: _____

DATES: _____

Prepared: _____

Returned by Contractor: _____

Action Completed: _____

DISCREPANCY PROBLEMS: _____

Signature of County Contract Administrator

Date

CONTRACTOR RESPONSE (Cause and Corrective Action): _____

Signature of Authorized Contractor Representative

Date

COUNTY EVALUATION OF CONTRACTOR RESPONSE: _____

Signature of County Representative

Date

COUNTY ACTIONS: _____

CONTRACTOR NOTIFIED OF ACTION

Contract Administrator Signature and Date _____

Contractor Representative's Signature and Date _____

APPENDIX C

REQUIRED FORMS

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**DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS
SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

**APPENDIX C
REQUIRED FORMS**

Form

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Application for Exemption
- P-8: Certification of No Conflict of Interest
- P-9: Attestation of Willingness to Consider GAIN/GROW Participants
- P-10: Familiarity with the County Lobbyist Ordinance Certification
- P-11: Certification of Independent Price Determination & Acknowledgement of
IFB Restrictions
- P-12: Request for Local SBE Preference Program Consideration and CBE
Firm/Organization Information Form
- P-13: Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Application
- P-14: Contractor's Administration
- P-15: Bidder's Green Initiatives
- P-16: Certification of Compliance with County's Defaulted Tax Program
- P-17: Request for DVBE Preference Program
- P-18: Prospective Contractor List of Contracts
- P-19: Prospective Contractor List of Terminated Contracts
- P-20: IFB Exception Form

**AS-NEEDED SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE SERVICES
OFFER TO PERFORM / PRICE PROPOSAL**

Bidder: Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

To: Gary Jones, Director, Department of Beaches and Harbors

Bidder, responding to the Invitation For Bids (IFB), issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, offers to provide As-Needed Septic Tank Maintenance Services on the terms and conditions for the performance of this work that are set forth in the IFB. Such services shall be performed during a three-year term at the sole discretion of the Director and, may be extended for two additional, consecutive, optional Contract years. The two one-year options shall be exercised separately in succession. The Director, at his sole discretion, may also extend the final Contract term on a month-to-month basis for up to six months.

The compensation for Bidder's services shall be in accordance with the rates set forth for such work on page 2 of this form, subject to the limitations provided in the Contract.

This offer shall be irrevocable for a period of 180 days after the final date for submission.

Bidder is a(n): ☐ individual ☐ corporation ☐ partnership or joint venture ☐ limited liability company ☐ other: _____

State of organization: _____ Principal place of business: _____

Out of state vendor's authorized agent for service of process in California:

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

The Bidder represents that the person executing this offer and the following persons are individually authorized to commit the Bidder in any matter pertaining to the proposed Contract:

Name Title Phone

Name Title Phone

Bidder's signature: _____ Date: _____

Name Title Phone

PRICE PROPOSAL

Please complete the areas below with the annual price per unit required to perform maintenance as indicated in the Scope of Work. The annual price per unit **will remain the same** throughout the contract term and any optional years, if exercised. Additionally, please also provide an hourly rate for unexpected services. Bidder's price shall include the cost of providing maintenance services, remote monitoring, as well as overhead, risk items or any other associated expenses to provide the services.

LOCATION/MANUFACTURER	ANNUAL PRICE PER UNIT
Zuma Lifeguard HQ/MicroSepTec	\$
TOTAL ANNUAL COST \$	
Rate per Hour for Unexpected Services: \$	

BIDDER'S ORGANIZATION QUESTIONNAIRE/AFFIDAVIT

Please complete, date and sign this form. The person signing the form must be authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder and to bind the applicant in a Contract.

1. If your firm is a corporation or limited liability company (LLC), state its legal name (as found in your Articles of Incorporation) and State of incorporation:

Name	State	Year Inc.
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2. If your firm is a limited partnership or a sole proprietorship, state the name of the proprietor or managing partner:

3. If your firm is doing business under one or more DBA's, please list all DBA's and the County(s) of registration:

Name	County of Registration	Year became DBA
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4. Is your firm wholly or majority owned by, or a subsidiary of, another firm? ____
if yes,

Name of parent firm: _____

State of incorporation or registration of parent firm: _____

5. Please list any other names your firm has done business as within the last five (5) years.

Name	Year of Name Change
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6. Indicate if your firm is involved in any pending acquisition/merger, including the associated company name. If not applicable, so indicate below.

Bidder acknowledges and certifies that it meets and will comply with all of the Minimum Mandatory Requirements listed in Section 1.4, Bidder's Minimum Requirements of this Invitation for Bid, as listed below.

Check the appropriate boxes:

☐ Yes ☐ No Bidder(s) must have a minimum of five years' experience providing maintenance service of septic tank systems.

☐ Yes ☐ No Bidder(s) must be trained and/or authorized by the manufacturer of the septic system with appropriate verification included with the Bid submission.

☐ Yes ☐ No Bidder must complete and return required Forms P-1 - P-20 with the Bid.

Bidder further acknowledges that if any false, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with this bid are made, the bid may be rejected. The evaluation and determination in this area shall be at the Director's sole judgment and his/her judgment shall be final.

Bidder's Name:

Address:

E-mail address: _____ Telephone number: _____

Fax number: _____

On behalf of _____ (Bidder's name), I _____
(Name of Bidder's authorized representative), certify that the information contained in this Bidder's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Signature

Internal Revenue Service
Employer Identification Number

Title

California Business License Number

Date

County WebVen Number

JUDGMENTS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS			
NAME OF CASE	COURT CASE ID#	COURT JURISDICTION	OUTCOME OF CASE

PENDING LITIGATION			
NAME OF CASE	COURT CASE ID#	COURT JURISDICTION	OUTCOME OF CASE/ CURRENT STATUS

STAFFING & WORK PLAN

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- 1. STAFFING PLAN:** Please provide the requested information for staff, principals and subcontractors. Provide the names, experience and responsibilities of those staff that will be responsible for supervising the Contract work. **Attach each person's resume.**

Position	Name	Experience	Responsibility
Contractor's Representative			
Supervisor			
Other:			
Other:			

- 2. PRINCIPAL OWNER(S) OF PROPOSER'S ORGANIZATION** _____

- 3. IDENTIFY PARTNERS/SUBCONTRACTORS:**

Principal	Firm Name	Relationship to Proposer	Specialty	Address	Phone

- 4. TRAINING:** Please describe the training you have received to service MicroSepTec septic tank systems. Include dates and any certifications you may have received.
- 5. STAFFING INFORMATION:** Please describe the level of staff who would be assigned to provide the requested services.
- 6. EMERGENCIES AND UNEXPECTED SERVICES:** Please describe how your firm will respond and handle emergencies and unexpected services.
- 7. ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL/WORK PLAN INFORMATION (Attach additional pages if necessary):**

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- 1. BACKGROUND.** Please provide a summary description of your experience in providing septic tank maintenance services. Include your experience using remote system monitoring and your response time responding to system alarms.
- 2. EXPERIENCE/REFERENCES.** List all experience your firm has had in the past five years providing the requested services. At least five years' experience must be demonstrated. **At a minimum, five references should be submitted.**

Start of Contract	End of Contract	Name of Client	Address of Client	Contact Person	Contact's Ph. No.

Attach additional pages if necessary

3. Location of office of operation _____
4. How many full-time employees does your firm employ? _____
5. Please attach verification/certification as an authorized service provider for MicroSepTec septic tank systems.
6. Attach an organizational chart or describe the organization of your firm.
7. Evidence of Insurability. Attach a letter of commitment, binder or certificate of current insurance coverage meeting the limits and other requirements of Section 8.25 of the Sample Contract.
8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Attach additional pages if necessary):

Signature:_____

Date:_____

Title:_____

QUALITY CONTROL PLAN

Bidder shall establish and utilize a comprehensive Quality Control plan to assure a consistently high level of service throughout the term of the Contract. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Describe the monitoring methods to ensure compliance with the Contract work requirements.
 - A plan for reviewing the work of Bidder and Bidder's employees and ensuring its accuracy and compliance with professional standards;
 - A plan for ensuring that interim deadlines, if any, and delivery dates are met; and
 - The methods for identifying and preventing unsatisfactory performance of the Contract work.
2. Describe the frequency of monitoring conducted. Who will perform the monitoring?
3. Describe the steps taken to correct deficiencies reported by the Department.
4. Describe your response time to complaints received from the Department.
5. Describe your documentation methods of all monitoring results, including any corrective action taken.
6. Provide samples of forms to be used in monitoring.
7. If available, please attach your firm's written quality control plan.

BIDDER'S EEO CERTIFICATION

Company Name

Address

Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number**GENERAL**

In accordance with provisions of the County Code of the County of Los Angeles, the Bidder certifies and agrees that all persons employed by such firm, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and will be treated equally by the firm without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, or sex and in compliance with all anti-discrimination laws of the United States of America and the State of California.

CERTIFICATION	YES	NO
1. Bidder has a written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment.	()	()
2. Bidder periodically conducts a self-analysis or utilization analysis of its work force.	()	()
3. Bidder has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups.	()	()
4. When problem areas are identified in employment practices, Bidder has a system for taking reasonable corrective action to include establishment of goals and/or timetables.	()	()

Signature

Date

Name and Title of Signer (Please Print)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE PROGRAM CERTIFICATION FORM AND APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION

The County's solicitation for this Invitation for Bids is subject to the County of Los Angeles Contractor Employee Jury Service Program (Program), Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203. All Bidders, whether a contractor or subcontractor, must complete this form to either certify compliance or request an exception from the Program requirements. Upon review of the submitted form, the County department will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the proposer is excepted from the Program.

Company Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:		
Solicitation For _____ Services:		

If you believe the Jury Service Program does not apply to your business, check the appropriate box in Part I (attach documentation to support your claim); or, complete Part II to certify compliance with the Program. Whether you complete Part I or Part II, please sign and date this form below.

Part I: Jury Service Program is Not Applicable to My Business

- ☐ My business does not meet the definition of "contractor," as defined in the Program, as it has not received an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts (this exception is not available if the contract itself will exceed \$50,000). I understand that the exception will be lost and I must comply with the Program if my revenues from the County exceed an aggregate sum of \$50,000 in any 12-month period.
- ☐ My business is a small business as defined in the Program. It 1) has ten or fewer employees; and, 2) has annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of this contract, are \$500,000 or less; and, 3) is not an affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation, as defined below. I understand that the exception will be lost and I must comply with the Program if the number of employees in my business and my gross annual revenues exceed the above limits.

"Dominant in its field of operation" means having more than ten employees and annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months, which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, exceed \$500,000.

"Affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation" means a business which is at least 20 percent owned by a business dominant in its field of operation, or by partners, officers, directors, majority stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation.

- ☐ My business is subject to a Collective Bargaining Agreement (attach agreement) that expressly provides that it supersedes all provisions of the Program.

OR

Part II: Certification of Compliance

- ☐ My business has and adheres to a written policy that provides, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service for full-time employees of the business who are also California residents, **or** my company will have and adhere to such a policy prior to award of the contract.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information stated above is true and correct.

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

CERTIFICATION OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.180.010, provides as follows:

CONTRACTS PROHIBITED

Notwithstanding any other section of this Code, the County shall not contract with, and shall reject any proposals submitted by, the persons or entities specified below, unless the Board of Supervisors finds that special circumstances exist which justify the approval of such contract:

1. Employees of the County or of public agencies for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body;
2. Profit-making firms or businesses in which employees described in number 1 serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders;
3. Persons who, within the immediately preceding 12 months, came within the provisions of number 1, and who:
 - a. Were employed in positions of substantial responsibility in the area of service to be performed by the contract; or
 - b. Participated in any way in developing the contract or its service specifications; and
4. Profit-making firms or businesses in which the former employees, described in number 3, serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders.

Contracts submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval or ratification shall be accompanied by an assurance by the submitting department, district or agency that the provisions of this section have not been violated.

Bidder's Name

Bidder's Official Title

Official's Signature

ATTESTATION OF WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER GAIN/GROW PARTICIPANTS

As a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Bidder shall demonstrate a proven record for hiring GAIN/GROW participants or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment opening if they meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Additionally, Bidder shall attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to the Bidder's employee mentoring program, if available, to assist these individuals in obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities.

To report all job openings with job requirements to obtain qualified GAIN/GROW participants as potential employment candidates, Contractor shall email: GAINGROW@DPSS.LACOUNTY.GOV

Bidders unable to meet this requirement shall not be considered for contract award.

Bidder shall complete all of the following information, sign where indicated below, and return this form with their bid.

A. Bidder has a proven record of hiring GAIN/GROW participants.

_____YES (subject to verification by County) _____NO

B. Bidder is willing to provide DPSS with all job openings and job requirements to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment openings if the GAIN/GROW participant meets the minimum qualifications for the opening. "Consider" means that Bidder is willing to interview qualified GAIN/GROW participants.

_____YES _____NO

C. Bidder is willing to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to its employee-mentoring program, if available.

_____YES _____NO _____N/A (Program not available)

Bidder Organization: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

FAMILIARITY WITH THE COUNTY LOBBYIST ORDINANCE CERTIFICATION

The Bidder certifies that:

- 1) it is familiar with the terms of the County of Los Angeles Lobbyist Ordinance, Los Angeles Code Chapter 2.160;
- 2) that all persons acting on behalf of the Bidder's organization have and will comply with it during the proposal process; and
- 3) it is not on the County's Executive Office's List of Terminated Registered Lobbyists.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

***CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF IFB RESTRICTIONS***

- A. By submission of this Bid, Bidder certifies that the prices quoted herein have been arrived at independently without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Bidder or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.
- B. List all name(s) and telephone number(s) of person legally authorized to commit the Bidder.

NAME

PHONE NUMBER

NOTE: Persons signing on behalf of the Contractor will be required to warrant that they are authorized to bind the Contractor.

- C. List names of all joint ventures, partners, subcontractors, or others having any right or interest in this contract or the proceeds thereof. If not applicable, state "NONE".

- D. Bidder acknowledges that it has not participated as a consultant in the development, preparation, or selection process associated with this IFB. Bidder understands that if it is determined by the County that the Bidder did participate as a consultant in this IFB process, the County shall reject this proposal.

 Name of Firm

 Print Name of Signer

 Title

 Signature

 Date

**Request for Local SBE Preference Program Consideration and
CBE Firm/Organization Information Form**

INSTRUCTIONS: All proposers/bidders responding to this solicitation must complete and return this form for proper consideration of the proposal/bid.

I. LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM:

FIRM NAME: _____

COUNTY VENDOR NUMBER: _____

- ☐ As a Local SBE, certified by the County of Los Angeles, Internal Services Department, I request this proposal/bid be considered for the Local SBE Preference.
- ☐ Attached is my Local SBE Certification letter issued by the County

II. FIRM/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION: The information requested below is for statistical purposes only. On final analysis and consideration of award, contractor/vendor will be selected without regard to race/ethnicity, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability.

Business Structure: <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Franchise <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify) _____						
Total Number of Employees (including owners): _____						
Race/Ethnic Composition of Firm. Please distribute the above total number of individuals into the following categories:						
Race/Ethnic Composition	Owners/Partners/ Associate Partners		Managers		Staff	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Black/African American						
Hispanic/Latino						
Asian or Pacific Islander						
American Indian						
Filipino						
White						

III. PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP IN FIRM: Please indicate by percentage (%) how ownership of the firm is distributed.

	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	Asian or Pacific Islander	American Indian	Filipino	White
Men	%	%	%	%	%	%
Women	%	%	%	%	%	%

IV. CERTIFICATION AS MINORITY, WOMEN, DISADVANTAGED, AND DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES:

If your firm is currently certified as a minority, women, disadvantaged or disabled veteran owned business enterprise by a public agency, complete the following and attach a copy of your proof of certification. (Use back of form, if necessary.)

Agency Name	Minority	Women	Dis- advantaged	Disabled Veteran	Expiration Date

V. DECLARATION: I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

Print Authorized Name	Authorized Signature	Title	Date

TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES PREFERENCE APPLICATION

COMPANY NAME:		
COMPANY ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:

I hereby certify that I meet all the requirements for this program:

- ☐ My business is a non-profit corporation qualified under Internal Revenue Services Code - Section 501(c)(3) and has been such for 3 years (*attach IRS Determination Letter*);
- ☐ I have submitted my three most recent annual tax returns with my application;
- ☐ I have been in operation for at least one year providing transitional job and related supportive services to program participants; and
- ☐ I have submitted a profile of our program; including a description of its components designed to help the program participants, number of past program participants and any other information requested by the contracting department.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information herein is true and correct.

PRINT NAME:	TITLE:
SIGNATURE:	DATE:

REVIEWED BY COUNTY:

SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER	APPROVED	DISAPPROVED	DATE

CONTRACTOR'S ADMINISTRATION

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____

CONTRACTOR'S CONTRACT REPRESENTATIVE:

Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Facsimile: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL(S)

Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Facsimile: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Facsimile: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Notices to Contractor shall be sent to the following:

Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Facsimile: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

GREEN INITIATIVES

Present a narrative of a proposed plan for complying with the green requirements as described in Paragraph 9.0 of the SOW. Describe your company's current environmental policies and practices and those proposed to be implemented.

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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

Company Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	Email address:	
Solicitation/Contract For _____ Services:		

The Proposer/Bidder/Contractor certifies that:

- ☐ It is familiar with the terms of the County of Los Angeles Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.206; **AND**

To the best of its knowledge, after a reasonable inquiry, the Proposer/Bidder/Contractor is not in default, as that term is defined in Los Angeles County Code Section 2.206.020.E, on any Los Angeles County property tax obligation; **AND**

The Proposer/Bidder/Contractor agrees to comply with the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program during the term of any awarded contract.

- OR -

- ☐ I am exempt from the County of Los Angeles Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, pursuant to Los Angeles County Code Section 2.206.060, for the following reason:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information stated above is true and correct.

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

Date: _____

REQUEST FOR DVBE PREFERENCE PROGRAM CONSIDERATION

INSTRUCTIONS: All proposers/bidders responding to this solicitation must complete and return this form for proper consideration of the proposal/bid.

In evaluating bids/proposals, the County will give preference to businesses that are certified by the State of California as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) or by the Department of Veterans as a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) consistent with Chapter 2.211 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Vendor understands that in no instance shall the disabled veteran business enterprise preference program price or scoring preference be combined with any other County preference program to exceed eight percent (8%) in response to any County solicitation.

Information about the State's Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise certification regulations is in the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Subchapter 8, Section 1896 et seq., and is also available on the California Department of General Services Office of Disabled Veteran Business Certification and Resources Website at <http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/>

Information on the Veteran Affairs Disabled Business Enterprise certification regulations made be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, 38CFR 74 and is also available on the Veterans Affairs Website at: <http://www.vetbiz.gov/>

- ☐ **I AM NOT** a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise certified by the State of California or a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business with the Department of Veteran Affairs.
- ☐ **I AM** certified as a Disabled Veteran Enterprise with the State of California or a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business with the Department of Veteran Affairs as of the date of this proposal/bid submission and I request this proposal be considered for the DVBE Preference.

DECLARATION: I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

Name of Firm	County Webven No.
Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

<i>SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER</i>	<i>APPROVED</i>	<i>DISAPPROVED</i>	<i>DATE</i>

PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR LIST OF CONTRACTS

Contractor's Name: _____

List of all public entities for which the Contractor has provided service within the last three (3) years. Use additional sheets if necessary.

1. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
2. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
3. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
4. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
5. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.

PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR LIST OF TERMINATED CONTRACTS

Contractor's Name: _____

List of all contracts that have been terminated within the past three (3) years.

1. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No. Reason for Termination:				
2. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No. Reason for Termination:				
3. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No. Reason for Termination:				
4. Name of Firm	Address of Firm	Contact Person	Telephone # ()	Fax # ()
Name or Contract No. Reason for Termination:				

IFB EXCEPTION FORMBidder's
Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Fax _____

E-mail
Address _____

☐ I have reviewed the IFB, Appendices, Exhibits and Forms in its entirety and have **NO** exceptions.

☐ I have reviewed the IFB, Appendices, Exhibits and Forms in its entirety and **have the following exceptions:**

Exceptions:

Clearly identify and list your exception(s) by indicating the Section, Paragraph Number and Page Number on the document. Attach additional pages as needed.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

APPENDIX D

**TRANSMITTAL TO REQUEST A
SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS
REVIEW**

Bidder Name:	Date of Request:
Project Title:	Project No.

(Title)

Date Response sent to Bidder: _____

APPENDIX E

COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION

COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION

CONTRACT NO. _____

COUNTY PROJECT DIRECTOR:

Name: John Kelly
Title: Deputy Director
Address: 13837 Fiji Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292
Telephone: (310) 305-9532
Facsimile: (310) 821-8155
Email Address: JKelly@bh.lacounty.gov

COUNTY'S CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

Name: Kenneth Foreman, Facilities and Property Maintenance Division
Title: Division Chief
Address: 13483 Fiji Way, Trailer #1
Marina del Rey, CA 90292
Telephone: (310)305-9550
Facsimile: (310) 306-2594
Email Address: KForeman@bh.lacounty.gov

Name: Carlos Zimmerman, Facilities and Property Maintenance Division
Title: Assistant Division Chief
Address: 13483 Fiji Way, Trailer #1
Marina del Rey, CA 90292
Telephone: (310) 305-9591
Facsimile: (310) 306-2594
Email Address: CZimmerman@bh.lacounty.gov

EXHIBITS

**Exhibit A: County of Los Angeles on Doing Business with Small
Businesses**

Exhibit B: Jury Service Ordinance

Exhibit C: IRS Notice 1015

Exhibit D: Safely Surrendered Baby Law

Exhibit E: Listing of Contractors Debarred in Los Angeles County

Exhibit F: Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance

County of Los Angeles Policy on Doing Business with Small Business

Forty-two percent of businesses in Los Angeles County have five or fewer employees. Only about four percent of businesses in the area exceed 100 employees. According to the Los Angeles Times and local economists, it is not large corporations, but these small companies that are generating new jobs and helping move Los Angeles County out of its worst recession in decades.

WE RECOGNIZE. . . .

The importance of small business to the County. . .

- in fueling local economic growth
- providing new jobs
- creating new local tax revenues
- offering new entrepreneurial opportunity to those historically under-represented in business

The County can play a positive role in helping small business grow. . .

- as a multi-billion dollar purchaser of goods and services
- as a broker of intergovernmental cooperation among numerous local jurisdictions
- by greater outreach in providing information and training
- by simplifying the bid/proposal process
- by maintaining selection criteria which are fair to all
- by streamlining the payment process

WE THEREFORE SHALL:

1. Constantly seek to streamline and simplify our processes for selecting our vendors and for conducting business with them.
2. Maintain a strong outreach program, fully-coordinated among our departments and districts, as well as other participating governments to: a) inform and assist the local business community in competing to provide goods and services; b) provide for ongoing dialogue with and involvement by the business community in implementing this policy.
3. Continually review and revise how we package and advertise solicitations, evaluate and select prospective vendors, address subcontracting and conduct business with our vendors, in order to: a) expand opportunity for small business to compete for our business; and b) to further opportunities for all businesses to compete regardless of size.
4. Insure that staff who manage and carry out the business of purchasing goods and services are well trained, capable and highly motivated to carry out the letter and spirit of this policy.

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CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE

2.203.010 Findings.

The board of supervisors makes the following findings. The county of Los Angeles allows its permanent, full-time employees unlimited jury service at their regular pay. Unfortunately, many businesses do not offer or are reducing or even eliminating compensation to employees who serve on juries. This creates a potential financial hardship for employees who do not receive their pay when called to jury service, and those employees often seek to be excused from having to serve. Although changes in the court rules make it more difficult to excuse a potential juror on grounds of financial hardship, potential jurors continue to be excused on this basis, especially from longer trials. This reduces the number of potential jurors and increases the burden on those employers, such as the county of Los Angeles, who pay their permanent, full-time employees while on juror duty. For these reasons, the county of Los Angeles has determined that it is appropriate to require that the businesses with which the county contracts possess reasonable jury service policies. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.020 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

- A. "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 such contracts or subcontracts.
- B. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a contractor under the laws of California.
- C. "Contract" means any agreement to provide goods to, or perform services for or on behalf of, the county but does not include:
 - 1. A contract where the board finds that special circumstances exist that justify a waiver of the requirements of this chapter; or
 - 2. A contract where federal or state law or a condition of a federal or state program mandates the use of a particular contractor; or
 - 3. A purchase made through a state or federal contract; or
 - 4. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, or reseller, and must match and inter-member with existing supplies, equipment or systems maintained by the county pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-3700 or a successor provision; or
 - 5. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, Section 4.4.0 or a successor provision; or
 - 6. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-2810 or a successor provision; or
 - 7. A non-agreement purchase with a value of less than \$5,000 pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section A-0300 or a successor provision; or
 - 8. A bona fide emergency purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section PP-1100 or a successor provision.

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- D. "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 chief administrative officer, or
 2. The contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full time.
- E. "County" means the county of Los Angeles or any public entities for which the board of supervisors is the governing body. (Ord. 2002-0040 § 1, 2002: Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.030 Applicability.

This chapter shall apply to contractors who enter into contracts that commence after July 11, 2002. This chapter shall also apply to contractors with existing contracts which are extended into option years that commence after July 11, 2002. Contracts that commence after May 28, 2002, but before July 11, 2002, shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter only if the solicitations for such contracts stated that the chapter would be applicable. (Ord. 2002-0040 § 2, 2002: Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.040 Contractor Jury Service Policy.

A 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 employees' regular pay the fees received for jury service. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.050 Other Provisions.

- A. Administration. The chief administrative officer shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The chief administrative officer may, with the advice of county counsel, issue interpretations of the provisions of this chapter and shall issue written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of this chapter. Such instructions may provide for the delegation of functions to other county departments.
- B. Compliance Certification. At the time of seeking a contract, a contractor shall certify to the county that it has and adheres to a policy consistent with this chapter or will have and adhere to such a policy prior to award of the contract. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.060 Enforcement and Remedies.

For a contractor's violation of any provision of this chapter, the county department head responsible for administering the contract may do one or more of the following:

1. Recommend to the board of supervisors the termination of the contract; and/or,
2. Pursuant to chapter 2.202, seek the debarment of the contractor. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

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2.203.070. Exceptions.

- A. Other Laws. This chapter shall not be interpreted or applied to any contractor or to any employee in a manner inconsistent with the laws of the United States or California.
- B. Collective Bargaining Agreements. This chapter shall be superseded by a collective bargaining agreement that expressly so provides.
- C. Small Business. This chapter shall not be applied to any contractor that meets all of the following:
 - 1. Has ten or fewer employees during the contract period; and,
 - 2. Has annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, are less than \$500,000; and,
 - 3. Is not an affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation.

“Dominant in its field of operation” means having more than ten employees and annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, exceed \$500,000.

“Affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation” means a business which is at least 20 percent owned by a business dominant in its field of operation, or by partners, officers, directors, majority stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.090. Severability.

If any provision of this chapter is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

IRS NOTICE 1015



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Notice 1015

(Rev. December 2013)

Have You Told Your Employees About the Earned Income Credit (EIC)?

What is the EIC?

The EIC is a refundable tax credit for certain workers.

Which Employees Must I Notify About the EIC?

You must notify each employee who worked for you at any time during the year and from whom you did not withhold income tax. However, you do not have to notify any employee who claimed exemption from withholding on Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate.

Note. You are encouraged to notify each employee whose wages for 2013 are less than \$51,567 that he or she may be eligible for the EIC.

How and When Must I Notify My Employees?

You must give the employee one of the following:

- The IRS Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, which has the required information about the EIC on the back of Copy B.
- A substitute Form W-2 with the same EIC information on the back of the employee's copy that is on Copy B of the IRS Form W-2.
- Notice 797, Possible Federal Tax Refund Due to the Earned Income Credit (EIC).
- Your written statement with the same wording as Notice 797.

If you are required to give Form W-2 and do so on time, no further notice is necessary if the Form W-2 has the required information about the EIC on the back of the employee's copy. If a substitute Form W-2 is given on time but does not have the required information, you must

notify the employee within 1 week of the date the substitute Form W-2 is given. If Form W-2 is required but is not given on time, you must give the employee Notice 797 or your written statement by the date Form W-2 is required to be given. If Form W-2 is not required, you must notify the employee by February 7, 2014.

You must hand the notice directly to the employee or send it by first-class mail to the employee's last known address. You will not meet the notification requirements by posting Notice 797 on an employee bulletin board or sending it through office mail. However, you may want to post the notice to help inform all employees of the EIC. You can get copies of the notice from IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-829-3676.

How Will My Employees Know If They Can Claim the EIC?

The basic requirements are covered in Notice 797. For more detailed information, the employee needs to see Pub. 596, Earned Income Credit (EIC), or the instructions for Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ.

How Do My Employees Claim the EIC?

Eligible employees claim the EIC on their 2013 tax return. Even employees who have no tax withheld from their pay or owe no tax can claim the EIC and get a refund, but they must file a tax return to do so. For example, if an employee has no tax withheld in 2013 and owes no tax but is eligible for a credit of \$800, he or she must file a 2013 tax return to get the \$800 refund.

SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

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In Los Angeles County: 1 877 BABY SAFE 1 877 222 9723

www.babysafela.org

Safely Surrendered Baby Law

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents or other persons, with lawful custody, which means anyone to whom the parent has given permission to confidentially surrender a baby. As long as the baby is three days (72 hours) of age or younger and has not been abused or neglected, the baby may be surrendered without fear of arrest or prosecution.

How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially, and safely surrender a baby within three days (72 hours) of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County. As long as the baby shows no sign of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, staff will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent or other surrendering adult.

What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

No. While in most cases a parent will bring in the baby, the Law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have lawful custody.

Does the parent or surrendering adult have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent or surrendering adult can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

Does the parent or surrendering adult have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital or fire station personnel will ask the surrendering party to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the baby. The questionnaire includes a stamped return envelope and can be sent in at a later time.

What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment. Upon release from the hospital, social workers immediately place the baby in a safe and loving home and begin the adoption process.

What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

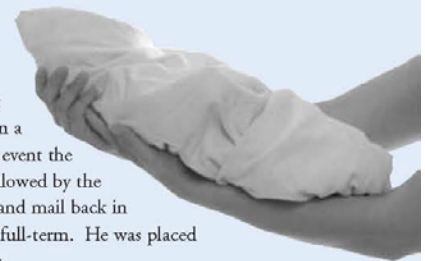
Once the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to hospital or fire station personnel, they may leave at any time.

Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned, hurt or killed by their parents. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. Their parents may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had no one or nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their babies. Abandoning a baby is illegal and places the baby in extreme danger. Too often, it results in the baby's death. The Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents this tragedy from ever happening again in California.

A baby's story

Early in the morning on April 9, 2005, a healthy baby boy was safely surrendered to nurses at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The woman who brought the baby to the hospital identified herself as the baby's aunt and stated the baby's mother had asked her to bring the baby to the hospital on her behalf. The aunt was given a bracelet with a number matching the anklet placed on the baby; this would provide some identification in the event the mother changed her mind about surrendering the baby and wished to reclaim the baby in the 14-day period allowed by the Law. The aunt was also provided with a medical questionnaire and said she would have the mother complete and mail back in the stamped return envelope provided. The baby was examined by medical staff and pronounced healthy and full-term. He was placed with a loving family that had been approved to adopt him by the Department of Children and Family Services.



Ley de Entrega de Bebés *Sin Peligro*



*Los recién nacidos pueden ser entregados en forma segura al personal
de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles*

Sin pena. Sin culpa. Sin nombres.

En el Condado de Los Ángeles: 1-877-BABY SAFE • 1-877-222-9723

www.babysafela.org



Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro?

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro de California permite la entrega confidencial de un recién nacido por parte de sus padres u otras personas con custodia legal, es decir cualquier persona a quien los padres le hayan dado permiso. Siempre que el bebé tenga tres días (72 horas) de vida o menos, y no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, pueden entregar al recién nacido sin temor de ser arrestados o procesados.

Cada recién nacido se merece la oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele que tiene otras opciones. Hasta tres días (72 horas) después del nacimiento, se puede entregar un recién nacido al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del condado de Los Angeles.

¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura dentro de los tres días (72 horas) del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazaletes y el padre/madre o el adulto que lo entregue recibirá un brazaletes igual.

¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden comenzar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Ángeles al 1-800-540-4000.

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

No. Si bien en la mayoría de los casos son los padres los que llevan al bebé, la ley permite que otras personas lo hagan si tienen custodia legal.

¿Los padres o el adulto que entrega al bebé deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre o adulto puede llevar al bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, siempre y cuando entreguen a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o cuartel de bomberos.

¿Es necesario que el padre/madre o adulto diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos le pedirá a la persona que entregue al bebé que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para cuidar bien del bebé. El cuestionario incluye un sobre con el sello postal pagado para enviarlo en otro momento.

¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y le brindarán atención médica. Cuando le den el alta del hospital, los trabajadores sociales inmediatamente ubicarán al bebé en un hogar seguro donde estará bien atendido, y se comenzará el proceso de adopción.

¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre o adulto que entregue al bebé?

Una vez que los padres o adulto hayan entregado al bebé al personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos, pueden irse en cualquier momento.

¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California? ?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés para que no sean abandonados, lastimados o muertos por sus padres. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Los padres de esos bebés probablemente hayan estado pasando por dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus bebés porque tenían miedo y no tenían nadie a quien pedir ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido es ilegal y pone al bebé en una situación de peligro extremo. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro impide que vuelva a suceder esta tragedia en California.

Historia de un bebé

A la mañana temprano del día 9 de abril de 2005, se entregó un recién nacido saludable a las enfermeras del Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. La mujer que llevó el recién nacido al hospital se dio a conocer como la tía del bebé, y dijo que la madre le había pedido que llevara al bebé al hospital en su nombre. Le entregaron a la tía un brazaletes con un número que coincidía con la pulsera del bebé; esto serviría como identificación en caso de que la madre cambiara de opinión con respecto a la entrega del bebé y decidiera recuperarlo dentro del período de 14 días que permite esta ley. También le dieron a la tía un cuestionario médico, y ella dijo que la madre lo llenaría y lo enviaría de vuelta dentro del sobre con franqueo pagado que le habían dado. El personal médico examinó al bebé y se determinó que estaba saludable y a término. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia que ya había sido aprobada para adoptarlo por el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias.



LISTING OF CONTRACTORS DEBARRED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

List of Debarred Contractors in Los Angeles County may be obtained by going to the following website.

<http://doingbusiness.lacounty.gov/DebarmentList.htm>

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2.206.010 Findings and declarations.

The Board of Supervisors finds that significant revenues are lost each year as a result of taxpayers who fail to pay their tax obligations on time. The delinquencies impose an economic burden upon the County and its taxpayers. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors establishes the goal of ensuring that individuals and businesses that benefit financially from contracts with the County fulfill their property tax obligation. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.020 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

- A. "Contractor" shall mean any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or combination thereof, which submits a bid or proposal or enters into a contract or agreement with the County.
- B. "County" shall mean the county of Los Angeles or any public entities for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body.
- C. "County Property Taxes" shall mean any property tax obligation on the County's secured or unsecured roll; except for tax obligations on the secured roll with respect to property held by a Contractor in a trust or fiduciary capacity or otherwise not beneficially owned by the Contractor.
- D. "Department" shall mean the County department, entity, or organization responsible for the solicitation and/or administration of the contract.
- E. "Default" shall mean any property tax obligation on the secured roll that has been deemed defaulted by operation of law pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 3436; or any property tax obligation on the unsecured roll that remains unpaid on the applicable delinquency date pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 2922; except for any property tax obligation dispute pending before the Assessment Appeals Board.
- F. "Solicitation" shall mean the County's process to obtain bids or proposals for goods and services.
- G. "Treasurer-Tax Collector" shall mean the Treasurer and Tax Collector of the County of Los Angeles. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.030 Applicability.

This chapter shall apply to all solicitations issued 60 days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter. This chapter shall also apply to all new, renewed, extended, and/or amended contracts entered into 60 days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

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2.206.040 Required solicitation and contract language.

All solicitations and all new, renewed, extended, and/or amended contracts shall contain language which:

- A. Requires any Contractor to keep County Property Taxes out of Default status at all times during the term of an awarded contract;
- B. Provides that the failure of the Contractor to comply with the provisions in this chapter may prevent the Contractor from being awarded a new contract; and
- C. Provides that the failure of the Contractor to comply with the provisions in this chapter may constitute a material breach of an existing contract, and failure to cure the breach within 10 days of notice by the County by paying the outstanding County Property Tax or making payments in a manner agreed to and approved by the Treasurer-Tax Collector, may subject the contract to suspension and/or termination. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.050 Administration and compliance certification.

- A. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall, with the assistance of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Internal Services, and County Counsel, issue written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of this chapter. Such instructions may provide for the delegation of functions to other departments.
- B. Contractor shall be required to certify, at the time of submitting any bid or proposal to the County, or entering into any new contract, or renewal, extension or amendment of an existing contract with the County, that it is in compliance with this chapter is not in Default on any County Property Taxes or is current in payments due under any approved payment arrangement. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.060 Exclusions/Exemptions.

- A. This chapter shall not apply to the following contracts:

- 1. Chief Executive Office delegated authority agreements under \$50,000;
- 2. A contract where federal or state law or a condition of a federal or state program mandates the use of a particular contractor;
- 3. A purchase made through a state or federal contract;
- 4. A contract where state or federal monies are used to fund service related programs, including but not limited to voucher programs, foster care, or other social programs that provide immediate direct assistance;
- 5. Purchase orders under a master agreement, where the Contractor was certified at the time the master agreement was entered into and at any subsequent renewal, extension and/or amendment to the master agreement.
- 6. Purchase orders issued by Internal Services Department under \$100,000 that is not the result of a competitive bidding process.
- 7. Program agreements that utilize Board of Supervisors' discretionary funds;
- 8. National contracts established for the purchase of equipment and supplies for and by the National Association of Counties, U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, or any similar related group purchasing organization;
- 9. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, reseller, and must match and inter-member with existing supplies, equipment or systems maintained by the county pursuant to the Los Angeles Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section P-3700 or a successor provision;

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10. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, section 4.6.0 or a successor provision;
11. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section P-2810 or a successor provision;
12. A non-agreement purchase worth a value of less than \$5,000 pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section A-0300 or a successor provision; or
13. A bona fide emergency purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual section P-0900 or a successor provision;
14. Other contracts for mission critical goods and/or services where the Board of Supervisors determines that an exemption is justified.

B. Other laws. This chapter shall not be interpreted or applied to any Contractor in a manner inconsistent with the laws of the United States or California. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.070 Enforcement and remedies.

- A. The information furnished by each Contractor certifying that it is in compliance with this chapter shall be under penalty of perjury.
- B. No Contractor shall willfully and knowingly make a false statement certifying compliance with this chapter for the purpose of obtaining or retaining a County contract.
- C. For Contractor's violation of any provision of this chapter, the County department head responsible for administering the contract may do one or more of the following:
 1. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors the termination of the contract; and/or,
 2. Pursuant to chapter 2.202, seek the debarment of the contractor; and/or,
 3. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors that an exemption is justified pursuant to Section 2.206.060.A.14 of this chapter or payment deferral as provided pursuant to the California Revenue and Taxation Code. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.080 Severability.

If any provision of this chapter is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)