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October 21, 2009

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director and Health Officer

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL PROTECTION ACQUISITION, INCORPORATED FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR BIOTERRORISM**

This is to inform you that I am exercising delegated authority as approved by your Board on July 29, 2008, to execute a new service agreement related to bioterrorism response and public health emergency preparedness funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), with the contract maximum obligation not to exceed \$500,000 per service agreement, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and notification of the Board offices.

On April 26, 2009, a public health emergency was declared by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as the result of the detection of 20 known cases of individuals infected by swine origin Influenza A virus, now known as the H1N1 in the United States. Subsequently, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the first pandemic in over 40 years in recognition of widespread and sustained human-to-human transmission of the virus in multiple regions around the globe. In light of the threat a pandemic can pose to the nation's public health and security, Congress responded by appropriating funding for the "Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund" to prepare for and respond to the influenza pandemic. These funds are intended to bolster the nation's preparedness and response capabilities in order to decrease morbidity and mortality rates associated with the influenza pandemic.

Approximately 85% of the H1N1 vaccine to be supplied to Los Angeles County will go to the private sector for distribution to the bulk of the eligible population through their regular healthcare providers. The remaining vaccine will be administered to the public by the Department of Public Health (DPH) using a mass vaccination campaign to provide vaccine to the eligible uninsured population of Los Angeles County which has no regular healthcare provider. In order to most efficiently and effectively deliver pandemic H1N1 flu vaccine to the medically underserved, DPH is contracting with Global Protection Acquisitions, Incorporated (Global) to provide rapid deployment and mobilization of supplies at vaccine Point of Dispensing (POD) sites.

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Global will provide an all-inclusive solution for rapid deployment and mobilization of the POD materials for the H1N1 vaccination POD sites. Services include storage of POD supplies and forms at the Global warehouse and transportation, delivery, and set-up of POD supplies at each H1N1 POD site. After each POD operation, Global will pick-up the POD supplies (assisting in packing of materials when necessary), transport items back to the warehouse, re-stock, store and re-deploy all POD supplies as necessary, based on the DPH POD schedule.

DPH used the County's list of approved vendors to identify an eligible contractor to provide these services. After contacting a number of the contractors, Global was identified as the only contractor who could provide the full range of services, including at the warehouse and in the field, and do it in the required time frame.

Because Global is the vendor that originally provided the POD supply kits, has warehouse space that DPH is already leasing, and has access to transportation resources, it is uniquely qualified to store, transport, and re-stock existing supplies after each use. A fully customized all inclusive solution is not available from any other contractor.

Using the above referenced delegated authority, the DPH will execute a service agreement with Global to provide rapid deployment and mobilization of POD supplies as one component of the DPH's mass vaccination campaign.

The total proposed cost for this agreement is \$403,580, effective upon execution by the parties through April 30, 2010. Funds are available under CDC Public Health Emergency Response funds NA 1H75TP000350-01 Amendment 3 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

County Counsel and the CEO have approved the proposed agreement as to form. Attachment I is the Sole Source Checklist which has been approved and signed by the CEO.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer  
Acting County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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## SOLE SOURCE CHECKLIST

Check (✓)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES</b></p> <p><i>Identify applicable justification and provide documentation for each checked item.</i></p>
✓	➤ Only one bona fide source for the service exists; performance and price competition are not available.
✓	➤ Quick action is required (emergency situation)
	➤ Proposals have been solicited but no satisfactory proposals were received.
	➤ Additional services are needed to complete an ongoing task and it would be prohibitively costly in time and money to seek a new service provider.
	➤ Maintenance service agreements exist on equipment which must be serviced by the authorized manufacturer's service representatives.
	➤ It is most cost-effective to obtain services by exercising an option under an existing contract.
	➤ It is the best interest of the County (e.g., administrative cost savings, too long a learning curve for a new service provider, etc.).
	➤ Other reason. Please explain:
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="378 1381 873 1520">             Deputy Chief Executive Officer, CEO         </div> <div data-bbox="997 1402 1279 1520"> <p style="text-align: center;">10/19/09</p>           Date         </div> </div>