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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR FIRE FIGHTER EXAMINATION AND VALIDATION STUDY (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is seeking approval of a contract with PSI Services LLC (PSI) to assist the District in the upcoming Fire Fighter Examination and Validation Study process.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

1. Approve and instruct the Chairman to sign a three (3)-year contract (Attachment A) between the District and PSI to provide several fire fighter examinations and validation studies per year. The initial term of the contract will be for three (3) years, with two (2) one-year extensions, and also include twelve (12) month to-month extensions, not to exceed a total possible contract term of six (6) years. The contract shall be effective upon Board approval. The cost of the contract is based on the number of actual applications received for each administration, which is estimated at approximately 35,000 applications.

2. Authorize annual contract expenditures for the first three (3) contract years of in an amount not to exceed $889,500, representing the total annual cost based on the price submitted by PSI plus an additional ten percent (10%) annually, for unforeseen, as-needed additional work as approved by the Fire Chief or his designee. In addition, authorize expenditures for the two (2) additional one-year extension periods at in an amount not to exceed $286,500 annually and an additional twelve (12) month-to-month extensions at $23,875 per month for a total of not to exceed $286,500, plus an additional ten percent (10%) annually, for unforeseen, as-needed additional work as approved by the Fire Chief or his designee. Therefore, the maximum amount is $1,749,000 for six years, plus an additional ten percent (10%) for unforeseen, as-needed additional work as approved by the Fire Chief or his designee.

3. Delegate authority to the Fire Chief, or his designee, to amend, suspend, and/or terminate the contract, if deemed necessary, in accordance with the approved contract terms and conditions. In addition, delegate authority to the Fire Chief, or his designee, to exercise the extensions as described in paragraph 1, above.

4. Find that this contract is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The purpose of the recommended actions is to allow the District to obtain: a Fire Fighter Examination and Validation Study; an on-line and written assessment; and an examination process and materials in order to develop a list of qualified candidates for the position of fire fighter.

The District gave its last fire fighter examination in 2011 and has been utilizing the eligibility list from that examination since that time. A new examination process is needed to ensure the continued availability of a qualified, diverse candidate pool. The number of test administrations per year will be based upon the hiring needs of the District.

The number of test administrations will be based on the hiring needs of the District. Based on previous examinations of fire agencies that are similar in size, the District anticipates to receiving as many as 35,000 applications. The District anticipates receiving as many as 35,000 applications, based on data provided by Los Angeles Fire Department, New York City Fire Department, and Chicago Fire Department.

The Department of Human Resources (DHR) provided consultation in the development of the Request for Proposal (RFP) and participated in the evaluation process resulting in the recommendation to proceed with a contract with PSI.

The services solicited by the District include an un-proctored prescreen assessment, a written proctored test, and a structured interview. The un-proctored, prescreen assessment will allow the District to assess a high volume of candidates in an efficient, timesaving manner

while identifying those candidates who possess job-related attributes associated with success as a fire fighter. Candidates who pass the prescreen will be invited to the written test, and those successful in the written test will be invited to the interview. This procedure will identify the most promising candidates while maximizing the efficiency of innovative testing techniques, such as un-proctored tests. PSI has a long track record of successful development, validation, and implementation of tests used to select fire fighters nationwide, including some of the largest fire districts in the country.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, "Operational Effectiveness." The implementation of this contract, along with the increased requirement for professionalism and expertise, promotes and further enhances the District's goals in the Fire Fighter Examination and Validation Study services area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The District's Fiscal Year 2013-14 Final Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding for this service. Funding required for continuing this service will be budgeted annually. The rates are attached in Attachment B. There is no impact on net County cost. If the applicant test-taking pool exceeds 35,000, PSI will provide additional tests at the cost of $10 per applicant.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The District recommends award of the Fire Fighter Examination and Validation Study services contract to PSI. PSI is in compliance with all Board and Chief Executive Office contract requirements.

The contract has been signed by PSI and has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. On final analysis and consideration of an award, the contractor was selected without regard to gender, race, color, creed, or national origin.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The services provided through this proposed contract will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, is exempt from CEQA, pursuant to Section 15061 (b) (3) of the CEQA guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

With the assistance of the DHR, the District solicited proposals for Fire Fighter Examination and Validation Study services in the Los Angeles Times newspaper and online on the Los Angeles County web page, in accordance with Board policy. The District sent RFPs to eleven (11) well-qualified firms. On January 29, 2014, a bidder's conference was held and four (4) firms were represented. On February 14, 2014, two (2) proposals were received. The

District convened a Proposal Evaluation Committee (Committee) composed of representatives from the DHR and the District. The Committee determined that PSI possesses the appropriate mix of experience and the capability needed to successfully execute this examination. The contract is subject to the District policy that requires the Community Business Enterprise Program, Child Support Compliance Program, Contractor Responsibility and Debarment Program, the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, which were included as provisions in the RFP.

The District has evaluated and determined that PSI complies with the District's policy of compliance with the Child Support Compliance Program, the Contractor Responsibility and Debarment Program, and the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and agrees to maintain compliance with all requirements throughout the term of this contract.

The District has reviewed available resources to assess the proposed PSI's past performance, history of labor law violations, and any negative experiences with other District and County contracts.

PSI has agreed to comply with all Board-directed contract clauses except as specified below. With concurrence from CEO-Risk Management and County Counsel (Attachment C), the District and PSI have negotiated the following contract provisions:

8.23 INDEMNIFICATION - *Language has been modified to the following statement:* The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, agents and volunteers ("County Indemnities") 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 Indemnities~~. any third-party claim, action, or proceeding alleging (i) infringement of any patent, copyright, trademark or other intellectual property right by the examination furnished by the Contractor, or (ii) any negligent or wrongful act or omission of Contractor or its agents of employee directly resulting in bodily injury or physical damage to a third party's or the District's property (not including data, software, or other intangible items).

8.28.6 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action - *Language deleted from the Contract.* ~~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.~~

8.43.1 Termination for Default - *Language has been modified to the following statement.* The District may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Contract, if, in the judgment of District's project 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, of any obligations of this Contract and in either case~~ Contractor fails to demonstrate convincing progress toward a cure within five (5) working days (or such longer period as the District may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the District specifying such failure.

Although these terms and conditions were aggressively negotiated by the District with the assistance of CEO-Risk Management, DHR, and County Counsel, the provisions as described above represent the best position that could be obtained by the District. This Contract is submitted to your Board for approval with the District's belief that it represents a minimal risk position for the District, given the District's need for this service.

Pursuant to Los Angeles County Code Section 2.121.250, this contract is not a Proposition A contract because this service is technical and temporary in nature.

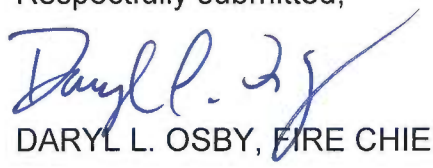
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of this contract will ensure that the District is able to meet its goal of conducting a new fire fighters examination.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, the District requests the Executive Office of the Board notify the District's Contract Administrator, Lucy Guadiana, at (323) 838-2275 when the documents become available.

Respectfully submitted,



DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

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Attachments

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Department of Human Resources

ATTACHMENT A

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CONTRACT

BY AND BETWEEN

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AND

PSI SERVICES LLC

FOR

FIREFIGHTER EXAMINATION AND VALIDATION STUDY

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CONTRACT BETWEEN
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AND
PSI SERVICES LLC
FOR
FIREFIGHTER EXAMINATION
AND VALIDATION STUDY

This Contract and Exhibits made and entered into this 10th day of June, 2014

by and between CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY (hereinafter "District")

and PSI SERVICES LLC, (hereinafter "Contractor").

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RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to enter into this Contract for the exercise of its powers under California Health and Safety Code Section 13861; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a business of, and is qualified and willing to provide its "professional services and technical support" to the District, and has been selected to do so through a solicitation process; and

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

Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I 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 and the Exhibits, or between Exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the Contract and then to the Exhibits according to the following priority.

Standard Exhibits:

1.1 EXHIBIT A - Statement of Work

1.2 EXHIBIT B - Pricing Schedule

1.3 EXHIBIT C - Contractor's EEO Certification

1.4 EXHIBIT D - County's Administration

1.5 EXHIBIT E - Contractor's Administration

1.6 EXHIBIT F - Forms Required at the Time of Contract Execution

1.7 EXHIBIT G - Jury Service Ordinance

1.8 EXHIBIT H- Safely Surrendered Baby Law

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.

2.1 **Contract:** Agreement executed between District and Contractor. It sets forth the terms and conditions for the issuance and performance of the Statement of Work, Exhibit A.

2.2 **County:** Refers to the County of Los Angeles. Interchangeable with District.

2.3 **Contractor:** The sole proprietor, partnership, or corporation that has entered into a contract with the District to perform or execute the work covered by the Statement of Work.

2.3 **Contractor Project Manager:** The individual designated by the Contractor to administer the Contract operations after the Contract award.

2.4 **District:** Refers to the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County. Interchangeable with the County.

2.5 **District Contract Project Monitor:** Person with responsibility to oversee the day to day activities of this Contract. Responsibility for inspections of any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services and other work provided by the Contractor.

2.6 **District Project Director:** Person designated by District with authority for District on contractual or administrative matters relating to this Contract that cannot be resolved by the County's Project Manager.

2.7 **District Project Manager:** Person designated by District's Project Director to manage the operations under this Contract.

2.7 **Day(s):** Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.

2.8 **Fiscal Year:** The twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.

3.0 WORK

3.1 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 in herein.

3.2 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 District.

4.0 TERM OF CONTRACT

4.1 The term of this Contract shall be three (3) years commencing after execution by County's Board of Supervisors, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.

4.2 The County shall have the sole option to extend this Contract term for up to two (2) additional one-year periods and twelve (12) month to month extensions, for a maximum total Contract term of six (6)

years. Each such option and extension shall be exercised at the sole discretion of the Fire Chief or authorized designee as authorized by the Board of Supervisors.

The District maintains databases that track/monitor contractor performance history. Information entered into such databases may be used for a variety of purposes, including determining whether the District will exercise a contract term extension option.

4.3 The Contractor shall notify the District 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 District at the address herein provided in Exhibit E - District's Administration.

5.0 CONTRACT SUM

5.1 The sum of the Contract shall not exceed $1,749,000. Pricing rate for the fire fighter examination services will coincide with Exhibit B, Pricing Schedule. Effective upon the expiration of the Contract's third year, the contract allows for the renewal options that includes two (2) one-year periods extensions and twelve (12) month to month extension. In accordance with Sub-paragraph 5.6 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA's) on labor fees are allowed after the first three (3) years of the contract.

5.2 The Contractor shall not be entitled to payment or reimbursement for any tasks or services performed, nor for any incidental or administrative expenses whatsoever incurred in or incidental to performance hereunder, except as specified herein. Assumption or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, or obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever, shall occur only with the District's express prior written approval.

5.3 The Contractor shall maintain a system of record keeping that will allow the Contractor to determine when it has incurred seventy-five percent (75%) of the total contract authorization under this Contract. Upon occurrence of this event, the Contractor shall send written notification to (Department) at the address herein provided in Exhibit E - District's Administration.

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

The Contractor shall have no claim against District 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 District and shall immediately repay all such funds to District. Payment by District for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver of District's right to recover such payment from the Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Contract.

5.5 **Invoices and Payments**

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

5.5.2 The Contractor's invoices shall be priced in accordance with Exhibit B - Pricing Schedule.

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

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

5.5.5 All invoices under this Contract shall be submitted in two (2) copies to the following address:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Financial Management Division/Expenditure Management
P.O. Box 910901
Commerce, CA 90091-0901

5.5.6 **District Approval of Invoices**

All invoices submitted by the Contractor for payment must have the written approval of the District's Project Manager prior to any payment thereof. In no event shall the District be liable or responsible for any payment prior to such written approval. Approval for payment will not be unreasonably withheld, and in no instance will such approval take more than two (2) weeks from receipt of properly prepared invoices by the District. To assist the District in making timely payment for services provided hereunder, Contractor's invoice shall contain the following:

1. Contract Number

2. A Breakdown of material cost as separate items

3. Unit cost per item.

Payment of all completed work shall be contingent upon approval of itemized invoices by District's Authorized representative. Other than the process or rates submitted by the contractor, no estimate of cost furnished by either of the parties shall be construed as determining the compensation.

5.5.7 Contractor shall send one (1) copy of the invoice to the District Contract Project Manager (in addition to sending invoice to Financial Management Division). The District's Contract Project Manager shall review and approval off invoices of payment that meets criteria as set forth in contract. Copy shall be mailed or faxed to:

Human Resources, Chief,
Human Resources Division
1320 N. Eastern Avenue, Room 213
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Fax (323) 261-6393

5.5.8 Local Small Business Enterprises – Prompt Payment Program

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

5.6 Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA's)

If requested by the Contractor, the contract (hourly, daily, monthly, etc.) amount may at the sole discretion of the District, be increased annually based on the most recent published percentage change in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County Area for the 12-month period preceding the contract anniversary date, which shall be the effective date for any Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). However, any increase shall not exceed the general salary movement granted to District employees as determined by the Chief Executive Officer as of each July 1 for the prior 12-month period. Furthermore, should fiscal circumstances ultimately prevent the Board from approving any increase in District employee salaries, no COLA will be granted. Where the District decides to grant a (COLA) pursuant to this paragraph for living wage contracts, it may, in its sole discretion exclude the cost of labor (including the cost of wages and benefits paid to employees providing services under this contract) from the base upon which a COLA is calculated, unless the Contractor can show that his/her labor cost will actually increase. Further, before any COLA increase shall take effect and become part of this contract, it shall require a written amendment to this contract first, that has been formally approved and executed by the parties

6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - DISTRICT

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

A listing of all District Administration referenced in the following sub-paragraphs are designated in Exhibit E - District's Administration. The District shall notify the Contractor in writing of any change in the names or addresses shown.

6.1 District's Project Director

Responsibilities of the District's Project Director include:

- Make authoritative decisions on contractual or administrative matters relating to this Contract that cannot be resolved by the District Contract Administrator.

6.2 District's Contract Administrator

The responsibilities of the District's Contract Administrator include:

- Ensuring that the objectives of this contract are met;
- Making changes in the terms and conditions of this Contract in accordance with Sub-paragraph 8.5, Change Notices and amendments;
- Providing direction to Contractor in the areas relating to District policy, information requirements, and procedural requirements.
- Meeting with Contractor's Project Manager on a regular basis; and
- Inspecting any and all tasks, deliverable, goods, services, or other work provided by or on behalf of Contractor.

6.3 District's Project Manager

The responsibilities of the District's Project Manager include:

- meeting with the Contractor's Project Manager 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 District's Project Manager is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Contract and is not authorized to further obligate the District in any respect whatsoever.

6.4 District's Contract Project Monitor

The District's Project Monitor is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day administration of this Contract. The Project Monitor reports to the District's Project Manager.

7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - CONTRACTOR

7.1 Contractor's Project Manager

7.1.1 The Contractor's Project Manager is designated in Exhibit F - Contractor's Administration. The Contractor shall notify the District in writing of any change in the name or address of the Contractor's Project Manager.

7.1.2 The Contractor's Project Manager shall be responsible for the Contractor's day-to-day activities as related to this Contract and shall coordinate with District's Project Manager and District's Contract Project Monitor on a regular basis.

7.2 Approval of Contractor's Staff

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

7.3 Contractor's Staff Identification

Contractor shall provide, at Contractor's expense, all staff providing services under this Contract with a photo identification badge.

7.4 Background and Security Investigations

7.4.1 Each of Contractor's staff performing services under this Contract, who is in a designated sensitive position, as determined by District in District's sole discretion, shall undergo and pass a background investigation to the satisfaction of District as a condition of beginning and continuing to perform services under this Contract. Such background investigation must be obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California Department of Justice to include State, local, and federal-level review, which may include, but shall not be limited to, criminal conviction information. The fees associated with the background investigation shall be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless if the member of Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation.

7.4.2 If a member of Contractor's staff does not pass the background investigation, District may request that the

member of Contractor's staff be immediately removed from performing services under the Contract at any time during the term of the Contract. District will not provide to Contractor or to Contractor's staff any information obtained through the District's background investigation.

7.4.3 District, in its sole discretion, may immediately deny or terminate facility access to any member of Contractor's staff that does not pass such investigation to the satisfaction of the District or whose background or conduct is incompatible with District facility access.

7.4.4 Disqualification of any member of Contractor's staff pursuant to this Paragraph 7.4 shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.

7.5 Confidentiality

7.5.1 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, the District policies concerning information technology security and the protection of confidential records and information.

7.5.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the District, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting, or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with this Paragraph 7.5, as determined by the District in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 7.5 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by the District. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the District 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 the District with a full and adequate defense, as determined by the District in its sole judgment, the District 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 the District 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 the District without the District's prior written approval.

7.5.3 Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors providing services hereunder of the Contractor shall sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement", Exhibit G1.

7.5.4 Contractor shall cause each non-employee performing services covered by this Contract to sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement", Exhibit G3.

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 District's Fire Chief or his/her designee may, at his/her sole discretion.

8.1.2 The District'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 District reserves the right to add and/or change such provisions as required by the District'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 District's Fire Chief or his/her designee

8.1.3 The District's Fire Chief or his/her designee, may at his/her sole discretion, authorize extensions of time as defined in Paragraph 4.0 - Term of Contract. The Contractor agrees that such extensions of time shall not change any other term or condition of this Contract during the period of such

extensions. To implement an extension of time, an Amendment to the Contract shall be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the District's Fire Chief or his/her 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 the District, which shall not be unreasonable withheld,and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this sub-paragraph, the District consent shall require a written amendment to the Contract, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by the District to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Contract shall be deductible, at the District's sole discretion, against the claims, which the Contractor may have against the District.

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 the District 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 the District'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, the District 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 District Contracts, the District 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 District's notice to the Contractor regarding said reduction in payment obligation shall be provided within thirty (30) calendar days of the Board's approval of such actions. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, the Contractor shall continue to provide all of the services set forth in this Contract.

8.5 COMPLAINTS

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

8.5.1 Within ten (10) business days after Contract effective date, the Contractor shall provide the District with the Contractor's policy for receiving, investigating and responding to user complaints.

8.5.2 The District will review the Contractor's policy and provide the Contractor with approval of said plan or with requested changes.

8.5.3 If the District requests changes in the Contractor's policy, the Contractor shall make such changes and resubmit the plan within five (5) business days for District 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 District for approval before implementation.

8.5.5 The Contractor shall preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the District's Project Manager of the status of the investigation within five (5) 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 District's Project Manager within three (3) 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 the District, 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 the District in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 8.6 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by the District. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the district 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 the District with a full and adequate defense, as determined by the District in its sole judgment, the District 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 the District 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 the District without the District's prior written approval.

8.7 COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS

The Contractor hereby assures that it will comply with Subchapter VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sections 2000 (e) (1) through 2000 (e) (17), to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, religion, ancestry, age, condition of physical handicap, marital status, political affiliation, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract. The Contractor shall comply with Exhibit D - 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 H 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 District 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 District's approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such work, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence the District'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 District. Full written disclosure shall include, but is not limited to, identification of all persons implicated and a complete description of all relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this sub-paragraph shall be a material breach of this Contract.

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

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

8.11 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING GAIN/GROW PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

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.

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 District 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 DISTRICT'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

The Contractor acknowledges that the District places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Contractor understands that it is the District's policy to encourage all District 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 DISTRICT'S CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

8.14.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the District has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from the District 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 District'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 DISTRICT'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

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

8.16 DAMAGE TO DISTRICT OR 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 District 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, District may make any necessary repairs. All costs incurred by District, as determined by District, 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 District, its agents, officers, and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against the Contractor or the District 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 District 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 District 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 District 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 District 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 District 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 District 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 District. 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 7.5 - Confidentiality.

8.23 INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, agents and volunteers ("County Indemnitees") from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from any third-party claim action, or proceeding alleging (i) infringement of any patent, copyright, trademark or other intellectual property right by the examination furnished by the Contractor, or (ii) any negligent or wrongful act or omission of Contractor or its agents of employees directly resulting in bodily injury or physical damage to a third party's or the District's property (not including data, software, or other intangible items).

8.24 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ALL INSURANCE COVERAGE

Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of District, 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 District 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 District**

- Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to District, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement confirming District and its Agents (defined below) has been given Insured status under the Contractor's General Liability policy, shall be delivered to District at the address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under this Contract.

- Renewal Certificates shall be provided to District not less than 10 days prior to Contractor's policy expiration dates. The District 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 District required endorsement forms.

- Neither the District's failure to obtain, nor the District'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:

Consolidated Fire Protection
District of Los Angeles County
5801 S. Eastern Ave, Suite 100
Commerce, CA 90040
Attention: Contracts Section

Contractor also shall promptly report to District any injury or property damage accident or incident, including any injury to a Contractor employee occurring on District property, and any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of District property, monies or securities entrusted to Contractor. Contractor also shall promptly notify District 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 District.

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 District. District 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 District. The full policy limits and scope of protection also shall apply to the District and its Agents as an additional insured, even if they exceed the District'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 the District with, or Contractor's insurance policies shall contain a provision that the District 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 the District 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 District 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 District immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Contract. District, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach. Alternatively, the District 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 District with A.M. Best ratings of not less than A:VII unless otherwise approved by District.

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 District 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 the District 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 the District 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 District and Contractor as additional insureds on the Sub-Contractor's General Liability policy. Contractor shall obtain the District'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 District to pay any portion of any Contractor deductible or SIR. The District retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the District, 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 District 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 District and its Agents shall be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.

8.24.14 **District Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements**

The District reserves the right to review and adjust the Required Insurance provisions, conditioned upon District'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 District as the Alternate Employer, and the endorsement form shall be modified to provide that the District 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 **Unique Insurance Coverage**

- **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 District, or his/her designee, the Contractor is deemed to be non-compliant with the terms and obligations assumed hereby, the District, 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 District, will be

forwarded to the Contractor by the District, or his/her designee, in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.

8.26.2 If the District, or his/her designee, determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Contract that the District, or his/her designee, deems are correctable by the Contractor over a certain time span, the District, 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 District, or his/her designee, may: (a) Deduct from the Contractor's payment, pro rata, those applicable portions of the Monthly Contract Sum; and/or (b) Deduct liquidated damages. The parties agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure of the Contractor to correct a deficiency within the specified time frame. The parties hereby agree that under the current circumstances a reasonable estimate of such damages is One Hundred Dollars ($100) per day per infraction, or as specified in the Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) Chart, as defined in Appendix C, Technical Exhibit 2, hereunder, and that the Contractor shall be liable to the District for liquidated damages in said amount. Said amount shall be deducted from the District's payment to the Contractor; and/or (c) Upon giving five (5) days' notice to the Contractor for failure to correct the deficiencies, the District may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by the District for completion of the work by an alternate source, whether it be District forces or separate private contractor, will be deducted and forfeited from the payment to the Contractor from the District, as determined by the District.

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 District 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 District'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 District'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 District.

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 Exhibit D - 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 Intentionally Omitted

8.28.7 If the District 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 District may terminate or suspend this Contract. While the District reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the Contractor has violated Federal or State anti-discrimination laws or regulations shall constitute a finding by the District 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 District 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 District 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 District's Project Manager and/or District's Project Director any dispute between the District and the Contractor regarding the performance of services as stated in this Contract. If the District's Project Manager or District's Project Director is not able to resolve the dispute, the District, or designee shall resolve it.

8.32 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME CREDIT

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

8.33 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

The Contractor shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each Subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The fact sheet is set forth in Exhibit I 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 Exhibits E - District's Administration and F - Contractor's Administration. Addresses may be changed by either party giving ten (10) days' prior written notice thereof to the other party. The District or his /her designee shall have the authority to issue all notices or demands required or permitted by the District under this Contract.

8.35 PROHIBITION AGAINST INDUCEMENT OR PERSUASION

Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor and the District 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 All information obtained in connection with the District's right to audit and inspect the Contractor's documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.38 - Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement of this Contract; as well as those documents which were required to be submitted in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) used in the solicitation process for this Contract. 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 District 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 District 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 District 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 District 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 District without the prior written consent of the District's Project Director. The District shall not unreasonably withhold written consent.

8.37.2 The Contractor may, without the prior written consent of District, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this Contract with the District of Los Angeles, provided that the requirements of this sub-paragraph 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 District, 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 District during the term of this Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter unless the District'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 District's option, the Contractor shall pay the County for travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by the District 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 District 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 District 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 District conduct an audit of the Contractor regarding the work performed under this Contract, and if such audit finds that the District's dollar liability for any such work is less than payments made by the District to the Contractor, then the difference shall be either: a) repaid by the Contractor to the District 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 District, whether under this Contract or otherwise. If such audit finds that the District's dollar liability for such work is more than the payments made by the District to the Contractor, then the difference shall be paid to the Contractor by the District by cash payment, provided that in no event shall the District's maximum obligation for this Contract exceed the funds appropriated by the District 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 approval of the District**. Any attempt by the Contractor to subcontract without the prior consent of the District 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 District'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 District.

8.40.3 The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the District 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 District's approval of the Contractor's proposed subcontract.

8.40.5 The District's consent to subcontract shall not waive the District'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 District right.

8.40.6 The District's Project Director is authorized to act for and on behalf of the District with respect to approval of any subcontract and Subcontractor employees. After approval of the subcontract by the District, Contractor shall forward a fully executed subcontract to the District 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 District'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 District from each approved Subcontractor. The Contractor shall ensure delivery of all such documents to:

Consolidated Fire Protection
District of Los Angeles County
5801 S, Eastern Avenue, Suite 100
Commerce, CA 90040
Attn: Contracts Section

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

8.42 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 District, 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 District, 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 sub-paragraph 8.38, Record Retention AND Inspection/Audit Settlement.

8.43 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

8.43.1 The District may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Contract, if, in the judgment of District's Project 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 convincing progress toward a cure within five (5) working days (or such longer period as the District may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the District specifying such failure.

8.43.2 In the event that the District terminates this Contract in whole or in part as provided in sub-paragraph 8.43.1, the District may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the District may deem appropriate, goods and services similar to those so terminated. The Contractor shall be liable to the District for any and all excess costs incurred by the District, as determined by the District, 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 District in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of Federal or State governments in their sovereign capacities, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a Subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the Contractor and Subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the Subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this sub-paragraph, the term "Subcontractor(s)" means Subcontractor(s) at any tier.

8.43.4 If, after the District has given notice of termination under the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.43, it is determined by the District that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.43, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of sub-paragraph 8.43.3, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.42 - Termination for Convenience.

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

8.44 TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION

8.44.1 The District 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 District 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 District 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 District officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the District 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 District 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 District provided in this sub-paragraph 8.45 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to

any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

8.46 TERMINATION FOR NON-ADHERENCE OF COUNTY LOBBYIST ORDINANCE

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

8.47 TERMINATION FOR NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the District shall not be obligated for the Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Contract during any of the District's future fiscal years unless and until the County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for this Contract in the District'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 District 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 District of any breach of any provision of this Contract shall constitute a waiver of any other breach or of such provision. Failure of the District to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this sub-paragraph 8.49 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

8.50 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 District 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 2.206.

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 Paragraph 8.51 "Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program" shall constitute default under this contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this contract, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 10 days of notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this contract

and/or pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.206.

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 District'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

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.

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.

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.

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 that 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.

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

I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 25103 of the Government Code, delivery of this document has been made.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy

CONTRACTOR: PSI SERVICES LLC

By _____
Name

Chief Financial Officer
Title

CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

By _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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ATTEST:

SACHI HAMAI
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN KRATTLI
County Counsel

By _____
Principal Deputy County Counsel

ATTACHMENT B

REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 15

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District)
Firefighter Examination and Validation Study

PRICING SHEET

Business Name: PSI Services LLC

Address: 2950 N Hollywood Way

City Burbank State CA Zip 91505

Contact Name Martin Conley

Phone # (818) 847 6180 ext 7237 Fax # (818) 847 8705

LA County WEBVEN Vendor # ***(required):*** 13781201

Firefighter Examination and Validation Study total cost to include services and deliverable specified in the Statement of Work (SOW).

Services	One Time Cost	
Unproctored Prescreen License – Up to 15,000 candidates		$4.00 Per Test
Up to 25,000 candidates		$3.50 Per Test
Up to 35,000 candidates		$3.00 Per Test
Provision of valid proctor examination, and a structured interview (including equated forms)		$7.00 Candidate
Provide Study Guides	$7,500	
Conduct Validation Study:	$22,500	
Conduct Adverse Impact and Fairness Studies		$10,000 Annually
TOTAL COST	$30,000	

All rates shall be fully encumbered for overhead, benefits and profits. The sales tax on all prices for products, or materials shall be identified and added to the cost separately.

By: Martin Conley

Title: National Sales Manager, Talent Assessment Date: 04/15/14