

ATTACHMENT A
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
SAMPLE AGREEMENT



AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AND

(CONTRACTOR)

FOR

HEALTH CARE PLAN AND COMMERCIAL INSURANCE
SAFETY NET SERVICES

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Sample Agreement
**AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AND**

**FOR
HEALTH CARE PLAN AND COMMERCIAL INSURANCE SAFETY
NET SERVICES**

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

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County may contract with private businesses for Health Care Plan and Commercial Insurance Safety Net Services, hereafter collectively referred to as HCPCISNS, when certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a private firm specializing in providing HCPCISNS; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 1441 and 1445 of the California Health and Safety Code, County has established and maintains, through its Department of Health Services (hereafter "DHS"), various Medical Centers, Health Centers or Outpatient Centers within DHS (hereafter collectively referred to as "Facilities"); and

WHEREAS, County finds it necessary to secure professional HCPCISNS; and

WHEREAS, Contractor is a financial services firm and, by virtue of its competence and expertise in the areas of HCPCISNS, is qualified to perform the required services; and

WHEREAS, Contractor is duly licensed and certified under the laws of the State of California or the State in which they conduct business to engage in the business of providing HCPCISNS and recovery of denied accounts; and

WHEREAS, Contractor is willing to provide the services described herein for and in consideration of the payments provided under this Agreement and under the terms and conditions hereafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, County is authorized by Government Code Section 31000 to contract for HCPCISNS.

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, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J are attached to and form a part of this Agreement. 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 Agreement and the Exhibits, or between Exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the Agreement and then to the Exhibits according to the following priority.

Standard Exhibits:

- 1.1 EXHIBIT A - Statement of Work
- 1.2 EXHIBIT B - Intentionally Omitted
- 1.3 EXHIBIT C - Contractor's EEO Certification
- 1.4 EXHIBIT D - County's Administration
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Unique Exhibits:

- 1.9 EXHIBIT I - Business Associate Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)
- 1.10 EXHIBIT J - Information Security and Privacy Requirements

This Agreement and the Exhibits hereto constitute the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties, and supersedes all previous agreements, written and oral, and all communications between

the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. No change to this Agreement shall be valid unless prepared pursuant to Sub-paragraph 8.1 - Amendments and signed by both parties.

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 **Agreement:** This contract executed between County and Contractor. It sets forth the terms and conditions for the issuance and performance of the Exhibit A - Statement of Work.
- 2.2 **Consolidated Business Office:** Department of Health Services billing office.
- 2.3 **Consolidated Business Office Project Director:** Person designated by the County with authority for the County on administrative matters relating to this Agreement that cannot be resolved by the Project Manager.
- 2.4 **Consolidated Business Office Project Manager:** Person designated by Consolidated Business Office Project Director to manage the operations under this Agreement.
- 2.5 **Contractor:** The sole proprietor, partnership, limited liability company or corporation that has entered into this Agreement with the County to perform or execute the work covered by the Exhibit A - Statement of Work.
- 2.6 **Contractor's Project Manager:** The individual designated by the Contractor to administer the Agreement operations after the Agreement award.
- 2.7 **Day(s):** Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.
- 2.8 **DHS:** Department of Health Services
- 2.9 **Director:** Director of Health Services or his/her authorized designee.
- 2.10 **Fiscal Year:** The twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.

- 2.11 Payments:** Include cash, credits, transfers, and capitation and premium fees received by the County. The term “Payments” shall not include any Medicare or Medi-Cal cost report settlements, nor shall it include any block grant monies, including, but not limited to, Safety Net Carepool, Medical DSH funds and 1115 Waiver funds, SB 855, SB 1255 funds, and Medi-Cal Hospital Financing Waiver (Medi-Cal Redesign).

3.0 WORK

- 3.1 Pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, the Contractor shall fully perform, complete and deliver on time, all tasks, deliverables, services and other work as set forth herein.
- 3.2 If the Contractor provides any tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work, other than as specified in this Agreement, the same shall be deemed to be a gratuitous effort on the part of the Contractor, and the Contractor shall have no claim whatsoever against the County.
- 3.3 At the Director’s sole discretion and in accordance with Sub-paragraph 8.1, Amendments, a single or multiple facilities may be added to or deleted from the Contract as necessary to maximize revenues to the County and accordingly, Contractor shall commence or discontinue services immediately upon Director’s written consent.

4.0 TERM OF AGREEMENT

- 4.1 The term of this Agreement shall be four (4) years commencing after execution by the Director as authorized by the County’s Board of Supervisors, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Agreement.
- 4.2 The County shall have the sole option to extend this Agreement term for up to two (2) additional one-year periods, for a maximum total Agreement term of six (6) years. Each such option and extension shall be exercised at the sole discretion of the Director or his/her designee as authorized by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with Sub-paragraph 8.1 - Amendments.
- 4.3 The County 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 County will exercise an Agreement term extension option.

- 4.4 The Contractor shall notify DHS when this Agreement 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 DHS at the address herein provided in Exhibit D - County's Administration.

5.0 AGREEMENT SUM, BILLING AND PAYMENT

Contractor shall be compensated for HCPCISNS stated in Exhibit A, Statement of Work, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Contractor shall bill the Consolidated Business Office (CBO) for payments received by County from billable work by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement and according to payment requirements as set forth in said Exhibit. Payment by County hereunder shall be made within a reasonable time after receipt of a billing statement which is deemed to be complete and correct by the CBO and/or the County's Auditor-Controller, or his/her duly authorized representative as follows:

- 5.1 Contractor shall be reimbursed on a contingent fee basis based on collected Payments as a result of HCPCISNS provided. The contingent fee payable to Contractor with respect to HCPCISNS payments received by County shall be negotiated by Director or his designee and Contractor.
- 5.2 Contractor shall bill monthly in arrears. Each invoice shall include details of actual charges for Contractor services. All amounts payable to Contractor will be paid by County to Contractor within a reasonable period following receipt of invoice evidenced by remittance advice for complete and correct payments for the billings generated by Contractor to third-party payers.
- 5.3 Contractor agrees that any fees paid by County to Contractor for services originally approved by third-party payers, and later disallowed in audit or otherwise recouped by the payer or its intermediary, shall be repaid/offset to County. All repayments/offsets of fees to be made by Contractor shall be due and payable by Contractor upon Contractor's receipt of an itemized invoice indicating the specific nature and amount of the audit disallowance(s) and/or recoupment(s) and affirming County's intention to repay any disallowances to third-party payer(s).
- 5.4 Contractor will receive compensation for amounts payable to Contractor for the provision of HCPCISNS only.
- 5.5 Contractor shall use its best efforts to perform the services. However, County and Contractor acknowledge that Contractor

does not and cannot guarantee that Contractor will identify and recover reimbursement for all accounts for which reimbursement could possibly be secured.

5.6 Provision for Payment

Subject to the body of this Agreement, County shall compensate Contractor hereunder as set forth in this Paragraph. The term "payments" as used in this Paragraph, includes cash, credits, transfers, capitations, and premium fees received by the County.

Also, subject to the provisions of this Agreement:

- 5.6.1 The fee payable to Contractor with respect to HCPCISNS payments obtained by County as a consequence of Exhibit A, Statement of Work, shall be paid on a contingent fee basis and shall be negotiated by the Director and the Contractor but not be greater than _____ percent (___%) per paid account. In addition, fee payable to contractor shall not be greater than Ninety-Five Hundred Dollars (\$ 9,500) per paid account.
- 5.6.2 All amounts payable to Contractor pursuant to this Paragraph shall be paid by County to Contractor within a reasonable period of time following: 1) County's receipt of complete and correct payments for the billings generated by Contractor from HCPCISNS Payer(s); and 2) County's receipt and approval of an invoice detailing the payments received from HCPCISNS Payer(s) during the prior month. In no case shall County pay to Contractor any amounts pursuant to this Paragraph for any HCPCISNS Payer(s)' payments received by CBO prior to date of commencement of this Agreement.
- 5.6.3 Any fees paid by County to Contractor for services directly resulting from payment to County from an HCPCISNS Payer(s), or their intermediary, but later disallowed in audit or otherwise recouped by the Payer(s) or its intermediary, except for Medi-Cal cost report settlements, shall be repaid/offset to County. All repayments/offsets of fees to be made by Contractor shall be due and payable by Contractor upon Contractor's receipt of an itemized invoice indicating the specific nature and amount of the audit disallowance(s) and/or recoupment(s) and affirming County's intention to immediately repay any disallowances to the third party payer(s). If Contractor fails to

immediately reimburse County following its receipt of such invoice, Director may, at his or her sole discretion, deduct such amount from future payments to Contractor.

5.6.4 County shall only be liable to Contractor with regard to amounts payable to Contractor for provisions of HCPCISNS.

5.6.5 Contractor agrees to submit sufficient documentation with all invoices pursuant to this Paragraph which shall include the following information:

- (1) Accounts billed
- (2) Invoice/control numbers of all billings submitted
- (3) Dates of billings
- (4) Amounts paid to County by invoice/control number
- (5) Dates of payments to County
- (6) Amounts due to Contractor
- (7) Dates of payments to Contractor by County

With County provided access to the information necessary for Contractor to maintain ledgers, Contractor shall make such ledgers available to County for its inspection, upon request.

5.6.6 Contractor shall maintain records sufficient to document all claims submitted and paid as part of this project. The records shall serve as the basis of the computations required pursuant to this Paragraph and shall contain all information listed in Sub-paragraph 5.6.5 above.

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

5.6.8 Invoices under this Agreement shall be submitted to the following address:

Consolidated Business Office
5555 Ferguson Drive, Room 310-65
Commerce, CA 90022
Attn: Jane Chow

5.6.9 County Approval of Invoices

All invoices submitted by the Contractor for payment must have the written approval of the CBO Project Manager prior to any payment thereof. In no event shall the County be liable or responsible for any payment prior to such written approval. Approval for payment will not be unreasonably withheld.

5.6.10 Local Small Business Enterprises – Prompt Payment Program (if applicable)

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

5.7 Contractor’s Close-Out Obligations

Contractor shall continue to process all accepted accounts in Contractor's inventory that have been referred by Director to Contractor prior to the time of expiration of this Agreement, unless the Agreement is sooner terminated with or without cause by County. Contractor shall complete the processing of such accounts and make every effort to expedite close-out. Contractor shall be reimbursed at the same rates as stated in Sub-paragraph 5.6 above. Contractor shall complete the processing of all such accepted accounts in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, as well as all required reports.

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

5.9 No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Termination of Agreement

The Contractor shall have no claim against the County for payment of any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by the Contractor after the expiration or other

termination of this Agreement. Should the Contractor receive any such payment it shall immediately notify the County and shall immediately repay all such funds to the County. Payment by the County for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of the County's right to recover such payment from the Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement.

6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF AGREEMENT - COUNTY

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

The Director shall have the authority to administer this Agreement on behalf of the County. The Director retains professional and administrative responsibility for the services rendered under this Agreement. A listing of all County Administration referenced in the following Sub-paragraphs is designated in Exhibit D - County's Administration. The County shall notify the Contractor in writing of any change in the names or addresses shown.

6.1 CBO Project Director

Responsibilities of the CBO Project Director include:

- ensuring that the objectives of this Agreement are met; and
- providing direction to the Contractor in the areas relating to County policy, information requirements, and procedural requirements.

6.2 CBO Project Manager

6.2.1 The responsibilities of the CBO Project Manager include:

- meeting with the Contractor's Project Manager on a regular basis;
- inspecting any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work provided by or on behalf of the Contractor; and
- overseeing the day-to-day administration of this Agreement.

6.2.2 The CBO Project Manager is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and is not authorized to further obligate the County in any respect whatsoever.

7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF AGREEMENT - CONTRACTOR

7.1 Contractor's Project Manager

7.1.1 The Contractor's Project Manager is designated in Exhibit E - Contractor's Administration. The Contractor shall notify

the County in writing of any change in the name or address of the Contractor's Project Manager within five (5) business days of such change.

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

7.2 Contractor's Authorized Official(s)

- 7.2.1 The Contractor's Authorized Official(s) are designated in Exhibit E. The Contractor shall promptly notify the County in writing of any change in the name(s) or address(es) of the Contractor's Authorized Official(s) within five (5) business days of such change.

- 7.2.2 The Contractor represents and warrants that all requirements of the Contractor have been fulfilled to provide actual authority to such officials to execute documents under this Agreement on behalf of the Contractor.

7.3 Approval of Contractor's Staff

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

7.4 Intentionally Omitted

7.5 Background and Security Investigations

- 7.5.1 At the discretion of the County, all Contractor staff performing work under this Agreement may be required to undergo and pass, to the satisfaction of the County, a background investigation as a condition of beginning and continuing to work under this Agreement. The County shall use its discretion in determining the method of background clearance to be used, which may include but is not limited to fingerprinting. The County shall perform the background check.

- 7.5.2 The County may request that the Contractor's staff be immediately removed from working on the County Agreement at any time during the term of this Agreement. The County will not provide to the Contractor nor to the Contractor's staff any information obtained through the County conducted background clearance.

- 7.5.3 The County may immediately, at the sole discretion of the County, deny or terminate facility access to the Contractor's staff that do not pass such investigation(s) to the satisfaction of the County whose background or conduct is incompatible with County facility access.
- 7.5.4 Disqualification, if any, of the Contractor's staff, pursuant to this Sub-paragraph 7.5, shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7.6 Confidentiality

- 7.6.1 The Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information, including, but not limited to, billings, the County records and patient records, in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures relating to confidentiality, including, without limitation, County policies concerning information technology security and the protection of confidential records and information.
- 7.6.2 The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, administrative penalties and fines assessed 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 the Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with this Sub-paragraph 7.6, as determined by the County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to the Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Sub-paragraph 7.6 shall be conducted by the Contractor and performed by counsel selected by the Contractor and approved by the County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event the Contractor fails to provide the County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by the County in its sole judgment, the County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from the Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by the County in doing so. The

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 County without the County's prior written approval.

7.6.3 The Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors providing services hereunder of the confidentiality and indemnification provisions of this Agreement.

7.6.4 The Contractor shall sign and adhere to the provisions of the Exhibit F - Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement.

8.0 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8.1 AMENDMENTS

8.1.1 For any change which affects the scope of work, term, Agreement Sum, payments, or any term or condition included under this Agreement, an Amendment shall be prepared by the County and then executed by the Contractor and by the Board of Supervisors or its authorized designee.

8.1.2 The County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Officer or designee may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Agreement during the term of this Agreement. The County reserves the right to add and/or change such provisions as required by the County's Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer or designee. To implement such changes, an Amendment to the Agreement shall be prepared by the County and then executed by the Contractor and by the Director or his/her designee.

8.1.3 The Director or his/her designee, may at his/her sole discretion, authorize extensions of time as defined in Paragraph 4.0 - Term of Agreement. The Contractor agrees that such extensions of time shall not change any other term or condition of this Agreement during the period of such extensions. To implement an extension of time, an Amendment to the Agreement shall be prepared by the County and then executed by the Contractor and by the Director or his/her designee.

- 8.1.4 The Director or his/her designee may require, at his/her sole discretion, the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Agreement to conform to changes in federal or state law or regulation, during the term of this Agreement. The County reserves the unilateral right to add and/or change such provisions as required by law or regulation, without the need for the Contractor's written consent, to preserve this Agreement's conformity and compliance to federal and state law or regulation. To implement such changes, an Amendment to the Agreement shall be prepared by the County and then executed by the Contractor and by the Director 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 Agreement, or both, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this Sub-paragraph, the County consent shall require a written Amendment to the Agreement, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by the County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Agreement shall be deductible, at the County's sole discretion, against the claims, which the Contractor may have against the County.
- 8.2.2 Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of the 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 the Contractor to any person(s), corporation, partnership, or legal entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of the Agreement, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of the County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Agreement.
- 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 County's express prior written approval, shall

be a material breach of the Agreement which may result in the termination of this Agreement. In the event of such termination, the County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.

8.3 AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY

The Contractor represents and warrants that the person executing this Agreement 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 Agreement 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 the County employees and imposes similar reductions with respect to the County contracts, the County reserves the right to reduce its payment obligation under this Agreement correspondingly for that fiscal year and any subsequent fiscal year during the term of this Agreement (including any extensions), and the services to be provided by the Contractor under this Agreement shall also be reduced correspondingly. The County's notice to the Contractor regarding said reduction in payment obligation shall be provided within thirty (30) calendar days of the Board's approval of such actions. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, the Contractor shall continue to provide all of the services set forth in this Agreement.

8.5 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION – LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS (2 C.F.R. PART 376)

The Contractor hereby acknowledges that the County is prohibited from contracting with and making sub-awards to parties that are suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded or whose principals are suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. By executing this Agreement, the Contractor certifies that neither it nor any of its owners, officers, partners, directors, other principals, employees, or independent contractors is currently suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. Further, by executing this Agreement, the Contractor certifies that, to its knowledge, none of its subcontractors, at any tier, or any owners, officers, partners, directors, other principals, employees, or independent contractors of

any subcontractor is currently suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. The Contractor shall immediately notify the County in writing, during the term of this Agreement, should it or any of the aforementioned parties either be suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. The Contractor is responsible to reimburse the County for all associated costs (repayment, fine and/or penalty) that may be incurred as a result of inappropriate claims submitted by or on behalf of one of their staff or vendors who was excluded or suspended. Failure of the Contractor to comply with this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which the County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

8.6 COMPLAINTS

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

- 8.6.1 Within ten (10) business days after Agreement effective date, the Contractor shall provide the County with the Contractor's policy for receiving, investigating and responding to user complaints.
- 8.6.2 The County will review the Contractor's policy and provide the Contractor with approval of said plan or with requested changes.
- 8.6.3 If the County requests changes in the Contractor's policy, the Contractor shall make such changes and resubmit the plan within five (5) business days for the County approval.
- 8.6.4 If, at any time, the Contractor wishes to change the Contractor's policy, the Contractor shall submit proposed changes to the County for approval before implementation.
- 8.6.5 The Contractor shall preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the CBO Project Manager of the status of the investigation within two (2) business days of receiving the complaint.
- 8.6.6 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.
- 8.6.7 Copies of all written responses shall be sent to the CBO Project Manager within one (1) business day of mailing to the complainant.

8.7 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

8.7.1 In the performance of this Agreement, the Contractor shall comply with all current and applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures, including, but not limited to standards of The Joint Commission, its National Patient Safety Goals, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 5 regulations and all other applicable industry best practices standards. All provisions required thereby to be included in this Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.

8.7.2 The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, administrative penalties and fines assessed, 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 the 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 County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to the Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Sub-paragraph 8.7 shall be conducted by the Contractor and performed by counsel selected by the Contractor and approved by the County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event the Contractor fails to provide the County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by the County in its sole judgment, the County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from the Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by the County in doing so the 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 County without the County's prior written approval.

8.8 COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS- ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION LAWS

- 8.8.1 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); the Fair Employment & Housing Act, Government Code Section 12920-12922; and Affirmative Action in County Agreements, Chapter 4.32 of the Los Angeles County Code to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Agreement or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Agreement.
- 8.8.2 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, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations.
- 8.8.3 The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, 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.
- 8.8.4 The Contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation.
- 8.8.5 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, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Agreement or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Agreement.

8.8.6 The Contractor shall allow County representatives access to the Contractor's employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this Sub-paragraph 8.8 when so requested by the County.

8.8.7 If the County finds that any provisions of this Sub-paragraph 8.8 have been violated, such violation shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Agreement. While the County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Agreement have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment Practices Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the Contractor has violated Federal or State anti-discrimination laws or regulations shall constitute a finding by the County that the Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Agreement.

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

8.8.9 The Contractor shall certify to, and comply with, the provisions of Exhibit C - Contractor's EEO Certification.

8.9 COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S JURY SERVICE PROGRAM

8.9.1 Jury Service Program:

This Agreement 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 Agreement.

8.9.2 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 (5) 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) the 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 Agreement, 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 this Agreement 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 Agreement 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. The Contractor’s violation of this Sub-paragraph of the Agreement may constitute a material breach of the Agreement. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement and/or bar the Contractor from the award of future County contracts for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.

8.10 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

8.10.1 No County employee whose position with the County enables such employee to influence the award or administration of this Agreement 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 Agreement. No officer or employee of the Contractor who may financially benefit from the performance of work hereunder shall in any way participate in the County’s approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such work, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence the County’s approval or ongoing evaluation of such work.

8.10.2 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 Agreement. The Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts that create a conflict of interest. If the Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts that might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it shall immediately

make full written disclosure of such facts to the County. Full written disclosure shall include, but is not limited to, identification of all persons implicated and a complete description of all relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Sub-paragraph shall be a material breach of this Agreement.

8.11 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 Agreement 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 Agreement.

8.12 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING GAIN/GROW PARTICIPANTS

8.12.1 Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Agreement, the Contractor shall give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) 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. The Contractors shall report all job openings with job requirements to: GAINGROW@dpss.lacounty.gov to obtain a list of qualified GAIN/GROW job candidates.

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

8.13 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT

8.13.1 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.

8.13.2 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 (5) years but may exceed five (5) years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and terminate any or all existing contracts the Contractor may have with the County.

8.13.3 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.

8.13.4 Contractor Hearing Board

1. If there is evidence that the Contractor may be subject to debarment, the Department will notify the Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise the Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
2. The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Contractor and/or the Contractor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative

proposed decision, which shall contain a recommendation regarding whether the Contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Contractor and the Department shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

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

Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.

6. The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

8.13.5 Subcontractors of Contractor

These terms shall also apply to subcontractors of County Contractors.

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

The Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post the County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at the Contractor's place of business. The Contractor will also encourage its subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the subcontractor's place of business. The Contractor, and its subcontractor(s), can access posters and other campaign material at www.babysafela.org.

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

- 8.15.1 The Contractor hereby warrants that neither it nor any of its Subcontractors' owners, officers, partners, directors, other principals, employees or independent contractors is restricted or excluded from providing services under any health care program funded by the Federal government, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, (which includes Medicare, Medi-Cal and Healthy Families) and that the Contractor will notify Director within ten (10) calendar days in writing of: (1) any event that would require the Contractor or any of the aforementioned parties' mandatory exclusion from participation in a Federally funded health care program; and (2) any exclusionary or suspension action

taken by any agency of the Federal or State governments against any of the aforementioned parties' barring these parties from participating in a Federally funded health care program, whether such bar is direct or indirect, or whether such bar is in whole or in part.

8.15.2 The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the County harmless against any and all loss or damage the County may suffer arising from any exclusion or suspension of the Contractor or its Subcontractors' owners, officers, partners, directors, other principals, employees or independent contractors from such participation in a Federally funded health care program.

8.15.3 Failure by the Contractor to meet the requirements of this Sub-paragraph shall constitute a material breach of contract upon which the County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

8.16 CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF ADHERENCE TO COUNTY'S CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

8.16.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from the County through contract are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon the County and its taxpayers.

8.16.2 As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting the Contractor's duty under this Agreement to comply with all applicable provisions of law, the Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this Agreement 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).

8.17 CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION

PROGRAM

8.17.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals and businesses that benefit financially from the 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 the County and its taxpayers.

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

8.18 COUNTY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

The County or its agent will monitor the Contractor's performance under this Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing the Contractor's compliance with all Agreement terms and conditions and performance standards. The Contractor deficiencies which the County determines are severe or continuing and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected will be reported to the Board and listed in the appropriate contractor performance database. The report to the Board will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and the Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, the County may terminate this Agreement or impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement.

8.19 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

8.20 EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

8.20.1 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 Agreement 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.

8.20.2 The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the County, its agents, officers, and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against the Contractor or the County or both in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal or State statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing work under this Agreement.

8.21 FACSIMILE REPRESENTATIONS

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

8.22 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS

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

8.23 FEDERAL ACCESS TO RECORDS

If, and to the extent that, Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1395x(v)(1)(I)) is applicable, the Contractor agrees that for a period of four (4) years following the furnishing of services under this Agreement, the Contractor shall maintain and make available, upon written request, to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the Controller General of the United States, or to any of their authorize representatives, the Agreements, books, documents and records of

the Contractor which are necessary to verify the nature and extent of the costs of services provided hereunder. Furthermore, if the Contractor carries out any of the services provided hereunder through any subcontract with a value or cost of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or more over a twelve (12) month period with a related organization (as that term is defined under Federal law), the Contractor agrees that each such subcontract shall provide for such access to the subcontract, books, documents and records of the subcontractor.

8.24 FORCE MAJEURE

- 8.24.1 Neither party shall be liable for such party's failure to perform its obligations under and in accordance with this Agreement, 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").
- 8.24.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a default by a subcontractor of the 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, the 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 the Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this Sub-paragraph, the term "subcontractor" and "subcontractors" mean subcontractors at any tier.
- 8.24.3 In the event the Contractor's failure to perform arises out of a force majeure event, the 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.

8.25 GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

This Agreement 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 Agreement and further agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

8.26 HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (HIPAA)

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

8.27 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

8.27.1 This Agreement is by and between the County and the Contractor and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between the County and the Contractor. The employees and agents of one party shall not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.

8.27.2 The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Agreement all compensation and benefits. The County shall have no liability or responsibility for the payment of any salaries, wages, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, Federal, State, or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any personnel provided by or on behalf of the Contractor.

8.27.3 The Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing work pursuant to this Agreement are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, solely employees of the Contractor and not employees of the

County. The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for furnishing any and all Workers' Compensation benefits to any person as a result of any injuries arising from or connected with any work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.

8.27.4 The Contractor shall adhere to the provisions stated in Sub-paragraph 7.6 - Confidentiality.

8.28 INDEMNIFICATION

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

8.29 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ALL INSURANCE COVERAGE

Without limiting the Contractor's indemnification of the County, and in the performance of this Agreement and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement have been met, the Contractor shall provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in Sub-paragraphs 8.29 and 8.30 of this Agreement. 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 the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. The County in no way warrants that the Required Insurance is sufficient to protect the Contractor for liabilities which may arise from or relate to this Agreement.

8.29.1 Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County

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

- Renewal Certificates shall be provided to the County not less than 10 days prior to the Contractor's policy expiration dates. The County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required Contractor and/or Sub-Contractor insurance policies at any time.
- Certificates shall identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Agreement 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 Agreement. Certificates shall provide the full name of each insurer providing coverage, its NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) identification number, its financial rating, the amounts of any policy deductibles or self-insured retentions exceeding fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars, and list any County required endorsement forms.
- Neither the County's failure to obtain, nor the County's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), shall be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.

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

County of Los Angeles
Department of Health Services
Contracts and Grants Division
313 N. Figueroa Street, 6E
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attention: Kathy K. Hanks, C.P.M.
Director, Contracts and Grants

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

entrusted to the Contractor. The Contractor also shall promptly notify the County of any third party claim or suit filed against the Contractor or any of its Sub-Contractors which arises from or relates to this Agreement, and could result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against the Contractor and/or the County.

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

8.29.3 Cancellation of or Changes in Insurance

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

8.29.4 Failure to Maintain Insurance

The Contractor's failure to maintain or to provide acceptable evidence that it maintains the Required

Insurance shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement, upon which the County immediately may withhold payments due to the Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Agreement. The County, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from the Contractor resulting from said breach. Alternatively, the County may purchase the Required Insurance, and without further notice to the Contractor, deduct the premium cost from sums due to the Contractor or pursue the Contractor reimbursement.

8.29.5 Insurer Financial Ratings

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

8.29.6 Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary

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

8.29.7 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 County under all the Required Insurance for any loss arising from or relating to this Agreement. The Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements which may be necessary to effect such waiver.

8.29.8 Sub-Contractor Insurance Coverage Requirements

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

County's prior review and approval of any Sub-Contractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.

8.29.9 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)

The Contractor's policies shall not obligate the County to pay any portion of any Contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require the Contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the County, or to provide a bond guaranteeing the 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.

8.29.10 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 Agreement. The Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following Agreement expiration, termination or cancellation.

8.29.11 Application of Excess Liability Coverage

The Contractors may use a combination of primary, and excess insurance policies which provide coverage as broad as ("follow form" over) the underlying primary policies, to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions.

8.29.12 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.

8.29.13 Alternative Risk Financing Programs

The County reserves the right to review, and then approve, the Contractor use of self-insurance, risk retention groups, risk purchasing groups, pooling arrangements and captive insurance to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions. The County and its Agents shall be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.

8.29.14 County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements

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

8.30 INSURANCE COVERAGE

8.30.1 Commercial General Liability insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CG 00 01), naming the 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

8.30.2 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 the Contractor's use of autos pursuant to this Agreement, including owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos, as each may be applicable.

8.30.3 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 the Contractor will provide leased employees, or, is an employee leasing or temporary staffing firm or a professional employer organization (PEO), coverage also shall include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 A) naming the County as the Alternate Employer, and the endorsement form shall be modified to provide that the County will receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation of this coverage provision. If applicable to the 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.

8.30.4 Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions

Insurance covering the Contractor's liability arising from or related to this Agreement, with limits of not less than \$1 million per claim and \$3 million aggregate. Further, the 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.

8.30.5 Crime Coverage

A Fidelity Bond or Crime Insurance policy with limits of not less than \$1 million per occurrence. Such coverage shall protect against all loss of money, securities, or other valuable property entrusted by the County to the Contractor, and apply to all of the Contractor's directors, officers, agents and employees who regularly handle or have responsibility for such money, securities or property. The County and its Agents shall be named as an Additional Insured and Loss Payee as its interests may appear. This insurance shall include third party fidelity coverage, include coverage for loss due to theft, mysterious disappearance, and computer fraud/theft, and shall not contain a requirement for an arrest and/or conviction.

8.30.6 Privacy/Network Security (Cyber)

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

8.31 LICENSES, PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS, AND CERTIFICATES

The Contractor shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement, all valid licenses, permits, registrations,

accreditations, and certificates required by law which are applicable to its performance of this Agreement, and shall ensure that all of its officers, employees, and agents who perform services hereunder obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement, all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certificates required by law which are applicable to their performance of services hereunder. All such licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certifications relating to services hereunder shall be made available to the County upon request.

8.32 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

8.33 MOST FAVORED PUBLIC ENTITY

If the Contractor's prices decline, or should the Contractor at any time during the term of this Agreement 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 Agreement, then such lower prices shall be immediately extended to the County.

8.34 NON EXCLUSIVITY

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

8.35 NOTICE OF DELAYS

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

8.36 NOTICE OF DISPUTES

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

8.37 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.

8.38 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 Agreement and is also available on the Internet at www.babysafela.org for printing purposes.

8.39 NOTICES

All notices or demands required or permitted to be given or made under this Agreement 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 D - County's Administration and E - Contractor's Administration. Addresses may be changed by either party giving ten (10) days' prior written notice thereof to the other party.

8.40 PROHIBITION AGAINST INDUCEMENT OR PERSUASION

Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor and the County agree that, during the term of this Agreement 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.

8.41 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

8.41.1 Any documents submitted by the Contractor; all information obtained in connection with the County's right to audit and inspect the Contractor's documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to Sub-paragraph 8.43 - Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement of this Agreement; as well

as any documents that may have been submitted in response to a solicitation process for this Agreement, become the exclusive property of the County. All such documents become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the California Government Code Section 6250 et seq. (Public Records Act) and which are marked “trade secret”, “confidential”, or “proprietary”. The County shall not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

- 8.41.2 In the event the County is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a proposal marked “trade secret”, “confidential”, or “proprietary”, the Contractor agrees to defend and indemnify the County from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees, in an action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

8.42 PUBLICITY

- 8.42.1 The Contractor shall not disclose any details in connection with this Agreement to any person or entity except as may be otherwise provided hereunder or required by law. However, in recognizing the Contractor’s need to identify its services and related clients to sustain itself, the County shall not inhibit the Contractor from publishing its role under this Agreement within the following conditions:

- The Contractor shall develop all publicity material in a professional manner; and
- During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not, and shall not authorize another to, publish or disseminate any commercial advertisements, press releases, feature articles, or other materials using the name of the County without the prior written consent of the Director or his/her designee. The County shall not unreasonably withhold written consent.

- 8.42.2 The Contractor may, without the prior written consent of the County, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this Agreement with the County of Los Angeles, provided that the requirements of this Sub-

paragraph 8.42 shall apply.

8.43 RECORD RETENTION AND INSPECTION/AUDIT SETTLEMENT

- 8.43.1 The Contractor shall maintain, and provide upon request by the County, accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Agreement 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 Agreement.
- 8.43.2 The Contractor agrees that the County, or its authorized representatives, shall have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe any pertinent transaction, activity, or record relating to this Agreement. All such material, including, but not limited to, all financial records, bank statements, cancelled checks or other proof of payment, timecards, sign-in/sign-out sheets and other time and employment records, and proprietary data and information, shall be kept and maintained by the Contractor and shall be made available to the County during the term of this Agreement and for a period of five (5) years thereafter unless the County's written permission is given to dispose of any such material prior to such time. All such material shall be maintained by the Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County, provided that if any such material is located outside Los Angeles County, then, at the County's option, the Contractor shall pay the County for travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by the County to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe such material at such other location.
- 8.43.3 In the event that an audit of the Contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Agreement by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by the Contractor or otherwise, including audits conducted by the Medicare and Medi-Cal programs, or both, then the Contractor shall file a copy of each such audit report, including Service Organization Controls (SOC1) Reports, 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 Agreement. Subject to applicable law, the County shall make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s).

- 8.43.4 Failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this Sub-paragraph 8.43 shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Agreement.
- 8.43.5 If, at any time during the term of this Agreement or within five (5) years after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, representatives of the County conduct an audit of the Contractor regarding the work performed under this Agreement, and if such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for any such work is less than payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference shall be either: a) repaid by the Contractor to the County by cash payment upon demand or b) at the sole option of the County's Auditor-Controller, deducted from any amounts due to the Contractor from the County, whether under this Agreement or otherwise. If such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for such work is more than the payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference shall be paid to the Contractor by the County by cash payment, provided that in no event shall the County's maximum obligation for this Agreement exceed the funds appropriated by the County for the purpose of this Agreement.

8.44 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 Agreement.

8.45 RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

If any Federal funds are to be used to pay for the Contractor's services under this Agreement, the Contractor shall fully comply with all certification and disclosure requirements prescribed by Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 (31 United States Code Section 1352) and any implementing regulations, and shall ensure that each of its subcontractors receiving funds provided under this Agreement also fully complies with all such certification and disclosure requirements.

8.46 SUBCONTRACTING

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

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

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

subcontractor. The Contractor shall ensure delivery of all such documents to:

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Los Angeles, CA 90012
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before any subcontractor employee may perform any work hereunder.

8.47 SURVIVAL

In addition to any provisions of this Agreement which specifically state that they will survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement and any rights and obligations under this Agreement which by their nature should survive, the following Sub-paragraphs shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement:

Sub-paragraph 5.9 (No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Termination of Agreement)

Sub-paragraph 7.6 (Confidentiality)

Sub-paragraph 8.7 (Compliance with Applicable Laws, Rules and Regulations)

Sub-paragraph 8.25 (Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue)

Sub-paragraph 8.28 (Indemnification)

Sub-paragraph 8.29 (General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage)

Sub-paragraph 8.30 (Insurance Coverage)

Sub-paragraph 8.43 (Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement)

Sub-paragraph 8.47 (Survival)

Exhibit I – Business Associate Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

8.48 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 8.16 - Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program, shall constitute default under this Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to the County under any other provision of this Agreement, 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 Agreement pursuant to Sub-paragraph 8.51 - Termination for Default and pursue debarment of the Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.

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

Failure of the Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Sub-paragraph 8.17 - Contractor's Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program shall constitute default under this Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to the County under any other provision of this Agreement, failure of the Contractor to cure such default within ten (10) days of notice shall be grounds upon which the County may terminate this Agreement and/or pursue debarment of the Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.206.

8.50 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

8.50.1 This Agreement may be terminated, in whole or in part, from time to time, when such action is deemed by the County, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Termination of work hereunder shall be effected by notice of termination to the Contractor specifying the extent to which performance of work is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The date upon which such termination becomes effective shall be no less than ten (10) days after the notice is sent.

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

- Stop work under this Agreement 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.

8.50.3 All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the Contractor under this Agreement shall be maintained by the Contractor in accordance with Sub-paragraph 8.43, Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement.

8.51 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

8.51.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement, if, in the judgment of the Director or his/her designee:

- Contractor has materially breached this Agreement; or
- Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required either under this Agreement; or
- Contractor fails to demonstrate a high probability of timely fulfillment of performance requirements under this Agreement, or of any obligations of this Agreement and in either case, fails to demonstrate convincing progress toward a cure within five (5) working days (or such longer period as the County may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the County specifying such failure.

8.51.2 In the event that the County terminates this Agreement in whole or in part as provided in Sub-paragraph 8.51.1, the County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the County may deem appropriate, goods and services similar to those so terminated. The Contractor shall be liable to the County for any and all excess costs incurred by the County, as determined by the County, for such similar goods and services. The Contractor shall continue the performance of this Agreement to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this Sub-paragraph.

8.51.3 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 8.51.2 if its failure to

perform this Agreement arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Such causes may include, but are not limited to: acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the County in either its sovereign or Contractual capacity, acts of Federal or State governments in their sovereign capacities, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this Sub-paragraph, the term "subcontractor(s)" means subcontractor(s) at any tier.

8.51.4 If, after the County has given notice of termination under the provisions of this Sub-paragraph 8.51, it is determined by the County that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this Sub-paragraph 8.51, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of Sub-paragraph 8.51.3, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to Sub-paragraph 8.50 - Termination for Convenience.

8.51.5 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Sub-paragraph 8.51 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

8.52 TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION

8.52.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by the Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee, or agent with the intent of securing this Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of this Agreement or the making

of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to this Agreement. In the event of such termination, the County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.

8.52.2 The Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861 or www.lacountyfraud.org.

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

8.53 TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY

8.53.1 The County may terminate this Agreement 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.

8.53.2 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Sub-paragraph 8.53 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

8.54 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 Agreement, upon which the County may in its sole discretion, immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

8.55 TERMINATION FOR NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

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

8.56 TIME OFF FOR VOTING

The Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the time off for voting law (Elections Code Section 14000). Not less than 10 days before every statewide election, every Contractor and subcontractors shall keep posted conspicuously at the place of work, if practicable, or elsewhere where it can be seen as employees come or go to their place of work, a notice setting forth the provisions of Section 14000.

8.57 UNLAWFUL SOLICITATION

The Contractor shall inform all of its officers and employees performing services hereunder of the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Division 3 (commencing with section 6150) of Business and Professions Code of the State of California (i.e. State Bar Act provisions regarding unlawful solicitation as a runner or capper for attorneys) and shall take positive and affirmative steps in its performance hereunder to ensure that there is no violation of said provisions by its officers and employees. The Contractor agrees that

if a patient requests assistance in obtaining the services of any attorney, it will refer the patient to the attorney referral service of all those bar associations within Los Angeles County that have such a service.

8.58 VALIDITY

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

8.59 WAIVER

No waiver by the County of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other breach or of such provision. Failure of the County to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this Subparagraph 8.59 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

8.60 WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

8.60.1 The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon any agreement 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.

8.60.2 For breach of this warranty, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and, at its sole discretion, deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

8.61 COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

8.61.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking prohibiting Contractors from engaging in human trafficking.

8.61.2 If a Contractor or member of the Contractor's staff is convicted of a human trafficking offense, the County shall require that the Contractor or member of the Contractor's

staff be removed immediately from performing services under this Agreement. The County will not be under any obligation to disclose confidential information regarding the offenses other than those required by law.

8.61.3 Disqualification of any member of the Contractor's staff pursuant to this Sub-paragraph shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

9.0 UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

9.1 NO INTENT TO CREATE A THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY CONTRACT

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the parties do not in any way intend that any person shall acquire any rights as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement.

9.2 COUNTY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

9.2.1 Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all County materials to which Contractor and/or its employees or agents have access during the course of performance of **work** hereunder and all events or circumstances which occur during the course of such performance (collectively "County Confidential Information"), in accordance with all applicable Data Security Guidelines, Card Rules, Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures relating to confidentiality, including HIPAA, California Civil Code Section 1798.29 and County policies concerning information technology security and the protection of confidential records and information. Further, Contractor shall take all reasonable actions necessary or advisable to protect all County Confidential Information in its possession, custody and/or control from loss or damage by any cause, including fire, theft or other catastrophe. In addition, if requested by CBO Project Director, Contractor shall provide notification to all persons whose unencrypted personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by any unauthorized person as the result of Contractor's breach of this Sub-paragraph 9.2 and the content, method and timing of such notification shall be subject to the prior approval of CBO Project Director.

- 9.2.2 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Agreement, either party may disclose information about the other party that: (a) is lawfully in the public domain at the time of disclosure; (b) is disclosed with the prior written approval of the party to which such information belongs; or (c) is subject to prior written notice to the other party so that such party may seek confidential treatment for such information, as required by law to be disclosed.
- 9.2.3 Except as required by law, neither party shall reproduce, distribute or disclose to any person or entity any information identifying, characterizing or relating to any risk, threat, vulnerability, weakness or problem regarding information security or maintenance in the other party's computer systems, or to any safeguard, countermeasure or contingency plan, policy or procedure for data security contemplated or implemented by the other party.
- 9.2.4 With respect to any of the County Confidential Information, Contractor shall: (a) not use any such County Confidential Information for any purpose whatsoever other than carrying out the express terms of the Agreement; (b) promptly transmit to County all requests for disclosure of any such County Confidential Information; (c) not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by the Agreement, any such County Confidential Information to any person or organization other than County without County's prior written authorization; and (d) at the expiration or termination of the Agreement, return all such County Confidential Information as instructed.
- 9.2.5 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County Indemnitees pursuant to Sub-paragraph 8.28 (Indemnification) of this Agreement, from and against any and all third party claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting, or professional fees, to the extent arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or Subcontractors, to comply with this Sub-paragraph 9.2, to the extent subject to Contractor's indemnity obligations under Sub-paragraph 8.28 (Indemnification).
- 9.2.6 Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, agents and Subcontractors performing work hereunder of the

confidentiality provisions of the Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it is responsible for any breach of the obligations of confidentiality set forth herein by any person or entity to which Contractor discloses the County Confidential Information or provides access to such County Confidential Information by virtue of performing Work on behalf of Contractor under the Agreement.

- 9.2.7 Contractor shall agree in writing to provisions equivalent to those set out in Exhibit F (Contractor Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement) to the Agreement.
- 9.2.8 Contractor acknowledges that a breach by Contractor of this Sub-paragraph 9.2 may result in irreparable injury to County that may not be adequately compensated by monetary damages, and that, in addition to County's other rights under the Agreement, at law and in equity, County shall have the right to injunctive relief to enforce the provisions of this Sub-paragraph 9.2.

9.3 SECURITY

- 9.3.1 **In General.** Contractor will maintain and enforce safety and physical security procedures with respect to its access, use, and possession of County's Confidential Information, including Personally Identifiable Information, (a) that are compliant with the requirements of Exhibit J (Information Security and Privacy Requirements) and, to the extent not inconsistent, at least equal to industry standards for such types of locations, and (b) which provide reasonably appropriate technical and organizational safeguards against accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, or unauthorized disclosure or access of such information. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Contractor will take all reasonable measures to secure and defend its location and equipment against "hackers" and others who may seek, without authorization, to modify or access Contractor systems or the information found therein. Contractor will periodically test its systems for potential areas where security could be breached. Contractor will immediately report to County any breaches of security or unauthorized access to County's Confidential Information, including Personally Identifiable Information, that Contractor detects or becomes aware of. Contractor will use diligent efforts to remedy such breach of security or

unauthorized access in a timely manner and deliver to County a root cause assessment and future incident mitigation plan with regard to any breach of security or unauthorized access affecting the Confidential Information, including Personally Identifiable Information. Contractor shall provide County all written details regarding Contractor's internal investigation regarding any security breach. Upon County's request, Contractor will provide a second more in-depth investigation and results of findings. Contractor agrees not to notify any regulatory authority nor any customer or consumer, on behalf of County unless County specifically requests in writing that Contractor do so. Contractor and County will work together to formulate a plan to rectify all security breaches.

9.3.2 Unauthorized Access. In the course of furnishing the **Services**, Contractor shall not access, and shall not permit Contractor Personnel or entities within its control to access, County Systems (i) without County's express written authorization, or (ii) except as is necessary for Contractor to perform its obligations set forth in this Agreement, including in the Statements of Work hereunder. Such written authorization may subsequently be revoked by County at any time in its sole discretion. Further, any access shall be consistent with, and in no case exceed the scope of, any such authorization given by County. All County authorized connectivity or attempted connectivity to County Systems shall be only through County's secure gateways and/or firewalls, and in conformity with applicable County security policies.

9.3.3 Contractor Systems. Contractor shall be solely responsible for all systems Contractor uses to access County Systems. Contractor shall ensure that its systems include up-to-date anti-malware software to prevent viruses, Trojans, etc. from reaching County Systems through Contractor's systems. Contractor shall prevent unauthorized access to County Systems through the Contractor systems.

9.3.4 Use of Personal Portable Devices. Without County's prior written authorization, under no circumstances will any Contractor Personnel connect to any County System or access, handle, or use any County Confidential Information and/or data, for purposes of downloading, extracting, storing, or transmitting the information and/or data through

personally owned, rented, or borrowed equipment, including but not limited to, laptops, personal digital assistants, instant messaging devices, Universal Serial Bus (“USB”) devices, and cell phones.

- 9.3.5 Security Breach.** Contractor shall notify County of any security, or suspected security, breach of any County Confidential Information or data covered under applicable federal regulations set forth in 12 C.F.R. Part 30, or under California Civil Code 1798.29, or any other breach of Confidential Information immediately following discovery, if the information was, or is reasonably believed to have been acquired by an unauthorized person. Notification must be given in the most expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay. Written confirmation must be sent within three (3) days of discovery or notification of the breach or suspected breach.
- 9.3.6 Additional Procedures in the Event of Security Breach of Personally Identifiable Information.** Upon County’s determination that a misuse or security breach of Personally Identifiable Information, as defined in Exhibit J (Information Security and Privacy Requirements), has occurred or is reasonably possible Contractor shall fully cooperate with County in rectifying any misuse, including notifying all affected County customers. County shall determine, in its sole discretion, the content and means of delivery of the customer notice. Contractor will bear all reasonable costs and expenses for mitigation actions, to the extent required by law, incurred as a result of security breach primarily caused directly or indirectly by Contractor, including but not limited to, the administrative cost of opening and closing accounts, printing new checks, notice, print and mailing, and obtaining credit monitoring services and identity theft insurance for County customers whose Personally Identifiable Information has or may have been compromised.
- 9.3.7 Additional Procedures for the Identification of Possible Instances of Identity Theft.** Contractor acknowledges that County has certain obligations to identify patterns, practices, and specific forms of activity that indicate the possible existence of identity theft (defined as fraud committed using the identifying information of another person), pursuant to Section 114 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 and its implementing

regulations promulgated by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 12 C.F.R. Part 41. Contractor, to the extent that it holds or otherwise has access to data that is subject to the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, agrees to establish, maintain and update reasonably effective policies and procedures to detect, prevent, and mitigate the risk of identity theft, and to promptly notify and report to County upon request, any instances where Contractor detects potential identity theft in the course of its duties pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor further agrees to immediately report to County any confirmed instances of identity theft. In furtherance thereof, Contractor agrees to be guided by the examples of identity theft "Red Flags" (defined as a pattern, practice, or specific activity that indicates the possible existence of identity theft) set forth in Supplement A to Appendix J to 12 C.F.R. Part 41. Upon request by County, Contractor agrees to confirm in writing and, when specified, demonstrate to County its compliance with the requirements of this Sub-paragraph 9.3 (Security)."

9.4 COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION

During the Term of this Agreement, Contractor may receive access to County's software, computers, equipment, and electronic communications systems ("County Systems"), including but not limited to voicemail, email, customer databases, and internet and intranet systems. Such County Systems are intended for legitimate business use related to County's business. Contractor acknowledges that Contractor does not have any expectation of privacy as between Contractor and County in the use of or access to County Systems and that all communications made with such County Systems or equipment by or on behalf of Contractor are subject to County's scrutiny, use, and disclosure, in County's discretion. County reserves the right, for business purposes and activities, to monitor, review, audit, intercept, access, archive, and/or disclose materials sent over, received by or from, or stored in any of its electronic County Systems. This includes, without limitation, email communications sent by users across the internet and intranet from and to any domain name owned or operated by County. This also includes, without limitation, any electronic communication system that has been used to access any of County Systems. Contractor further agrees that Contractor will use all appropriate security, such as, for example, encryption and passwords (Contractor must provide passwords and keys to County), to protect County's Confidential Information from

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Agreement to be executed by the County's Director of Health Services and Contractor has caused this Agreement to be executed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____ for
Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director of Health Services

CONTRACTOR

By _____
Signature

Printed Name

Title

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MARY C. WICKHAM
County Counsel

By _____
Margaret Ambrose
Principal Deputy County Counsel