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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST APPROVAL OF SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT #21-005 WITH ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE, LLC (ES&S) FOR INCOMING VOTE BY MAIL AUTOMATED SIGNATURE VERIFICATION SERVICES

**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

**CIO RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE (X) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATION ()
DISAPPROVE ()**

SUBJECT

The Department of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (Department) requests approval to execute Sole Source Contract #21-005 with Election Systems and Software, LLC (ES&S) to provide continued incoming Vote by Mail Automated Signature Verification services. The current contract with ES&S ends on December 31, 2021.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC), or designee, to execute a Sole Source Contract substantially similar to Attachment I effective for a period of two (2) years, 2 one year option years and six (6) month-to-month extensions (total four (4) years and six (6) months). The contract sum over the contract term is two million nine hundred and four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$2,904,700)
2. Delegate authority to the RR/CC, or designee, to negotiate and execute amendments to: (1) make changes to the Statement of Work as operationally necessary provided that County Counsel approval is obtained, and (2) to make any other necessary changes which do not materially alter any term or condition of the Contract provided that County Counsel approval is obtained.

3. Delegate authority to the RR/CC, or designee, to execute changes to the contract sum of two million nine hundred and four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$2,904,700) , including an increase of no more than ten percent (10%) total, or two hundred ninety thousand four hundred and seventy dollars (\$290,470) , over the contract sum provided that approval from County Counsel approval is obtained.

4. Delegate authority to the RR/CC, or designee, to terminate the Contract as necessary provided that County Counsel approval is obtained.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The current contract with ES&S for incoming Vote by Mail (VBM) Automated Signature Verification (ASV) services expires on December 31, 2021. Continuation of services from ES&S are critical for verifying millions of voter signatures on all returned VBM ballot envelopes (containing voted ballots) during elections.

The County of Los Angeles has 5,682,175 million registered voters (as of October 2021). Under new legislation, all registered voters are mailed a VBM ballot, and have the option of voting by mail. The expanded VBM program has increased accessibility to voters. During the Presidential Election in November of 2020, there was a significant increase in VBM activity with over 3.4 million ballots returned by vote by mail.

Services

During an election, ES&S processes incoming VBM envelopes returned by voters using eight (8) specialized Mail Ballot Verifier (MBV) scanners that are loaded with specialized ASV software. The scanners are used to verify voters' handwritten signatures on all incoming return ballot envelopes against official signatures stored in Department's Election Management System (EMS) database. Each scanner can verify up to three thousand (3,000) envelopes/signatures per hour or up to twenty-four thousand (24,000) per hour if all 8 MVBs are in use. After the signatures are verified, the Department removes the voted ballots from the envelopes and counts them through the election tally process.

Election Management System

The County has been using the Data Information Management System (DIMS) as its EMS database since 1999. DIMS allows the Department to manage election and voter data, including voter signatures. DIMS is integrated with the California Secretary of State (SOS) VoteCal system which maintains voter registration data for all voters in the state. The integration between DIMS and VoteCal routes voter record data asynchronously through a dedicated SOS router on the County's core network. New and updated voter registration records are uploaded to VoteCal and synced with our local instance of DIMS. This data exchange is continuous. Millions of records may be transferred per month between DIMS and VoteCal. These records are used to verify signatures on VBM envelopes.

Because DIMS is at the end of its life cycle, RR/CC released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new EMS on August 16, 2021. The new EMS will provide a host of services, including integration of a new Automated Signature Verification system. It is necessary to extend the existing ES&S contract to allow for the solicitation and implementation of a new EMS, and in parallel, the solicitation and engagement of a new signature verification system and services that will be compatible with the new

EMS.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This request supports the County Strategic Plan as follows:

Goal No. III, Technology/Innovation: Improve the use of technology so that Department personnel can work together efficiently to solve workplace challenges. The sole source Incoming VBM ASV Services contract with ES&S will provide the Department with services needed to process VBM ballots, which in certain elections can be over 3 million ballots, during the legally allowed timeframe.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget for the anticipated level of service in the amount of \$343,400. Future contract costs, if necessary, will be requested through the budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The RR/CC has determined that provisions of the County's Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) and of the County's Low-Cost Labor Resource Program (Board Policy 5.030) do not apply to this contract.

The contract contains Board required provisions including those pertaining to consideration of qualified County employees targeted for layoff, as well as qualified GAIN/GROW participants for employment openings, compliance with Jury Duty Ordinance, and Child Support Compliance Programs. In addition, ES&S is required to notify the County when the contract term is within six (6) months from expiration and when it has reached seventy-five percent (75%) of the authorized Contract Sum.

The Department believes the language negotiated is commercially reasonable and does not impose an unacceptable risk or burden to the County.

In compliance with Board Policy 6.020 "Chief Information Office Board Letter Approval", the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) reviewed the information technology (IT) components of this request and recommends approval. The OCIO determined this recommended action does not include any new IT items that would necessitate a formal CIO Analysis.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

In accordance to Board Policy 5.100 (Policy), the Department sent the Board notification of intent to enter into Sole Source negotiations with ES&S on August 18, 2021. Negotiations proceeded after the four (4) week wait period.

The required Sole Source Checklist (Attachment II) identifies the Department's need for a Sole Source contract with ES&S.

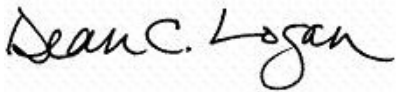
The CEO has reviewed and recommends approval of this Board Letter. County Counsel has reviewed this Board letter and approved as to form. CEO Risk Management Branch has reviewed and approved the insurance and indemnification provisions in the recommended sole source

contract as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Your Board's approval of the noted actions will allow ES&S to continue providing incoming vote by mail automated signature verification software and services to potentially process over 5.8 million incoming return ballots during a major election.

Respectfully submitted,



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Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk



Peter Loo
Acting Chief Information Officer

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Enclosures

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Chief Information Office



CONTRACT NUMBER #21-005

BY AND BETWEEN

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AND

ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE, INC. (ES&S)

FOR

**INCOMING VOTE BY MAIL (VBM)
AUTOMATED SIGNATURE VERIFICATION SERVICES**

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**CONTRACT #21-005 BETWEEN
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AND
ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE, LLC (ES&S)
FOR
INCOMING VOTE BY MAIL (VBM) AUTOMATED SIGNATURE
VERIFICATION SERVICES**

This Contract ("Contract") made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 20___ by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as County and Election Systems and Software, LLC , hereinafter referred to as "Contractor". ES&S is located at 11208 John Galt Blvd. Omaha, NE 68137.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 31000, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") is authorized to contract with a private firm for special services; and

WHEREAS, the Board has authorized the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk ("RR/CC" or "Department") to administer this Contract;

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a private firm specializing in Vote by Mail services; and

WHEREAS, the County may contract with private businesses for providing Vote by Mail services when certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the RR/CC desires Incoming Vote by Mail services to ensure the success of its future elections;

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

1 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

- 1.1 Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K L, N, O and P are attached to and form a part of this Contract. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the definition or interpretation of any word, responsibility, schedule, or the contents or description of any task, deliverable, goods, service, or other work, or otherwise between the base Contract and the Exhibits, or between Exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the terms and conditions of the Contract and then to the Exhibits according to the following priority.

Standard Exhibits:

- 1.1 Exhibit A - Statement of Work
- 1.2 Exhibit B - Pricing Schedule
- 1.3 Exhibit C - Intentionally Omitted
- 1.4 Exhibit D - Contractor's EEO Certification
- 1.5 Exhibit E - County's Administration
- 1.6 Exhibit F - Contractor's Administration
- 1.7 Exhibit G - Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement
- 1.8 Exhibit H - Jury Service Ordinance
- 1.9 Exhibit I - Safely Surrendered Baby Law
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- 1.11 Exhibit K - Glossary
- 1.12 Exhibit L - Background Check Form
- 1.13 Exhibit M - Intentionally Omitted
- 1.14 Exhibit N - Mail Ballot Verifier Info Sheet
- 1.15 Exhibit O - Intentionally Omitted
- 1.16 Exhibit P - Information Security and Privacy Requirements

This Contract constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties, and supersedes all previous contracts, written and oral, and all communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Contract. No change to this Contract shall be valid unless prepared pursuant to Paragraph 8.1 (Amendments) and signed by both parties.

2 DEFINITIONS

2.1 Standard Definitions:

2.1.1 All capitalized terms, words and phrases shall have the meaning given in Exhibit K (Glossary) whenever used in this Contract, including the body of the Contract, Exhibit A (Statement of Work), and all other exhibits, unless another intended meaning is plain from its usage for a specific section.

3 WORK

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

4 TERM OF CONTRACT

- 4.1 The term of this Contract shall be two (2) years commencing after execution by County's Board of Supervisors, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.
- 4.2 The County shall have the sole option to extend this Contract term for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods and six (6) month to month extensions, for a maximum total Contract term of four (4) years and six (6) months. Each such extension option may be exercised at the sole discretion of the Department Head or his/her designee as authorized by the Board of Supervisors.

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

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

5 CONTRACT SUM

5.1 Total Contract Sum

5.1.1 The "Contract Sum" under this Contract shall be the total monetary amount payable by County to Contractor for supplying all Tasks, Subtasks, Deliverables, goods, services, and other Work specified under this Contract. The Contract Sum for this Contract, including all applicable taxes, authorized by County hereunder is \$2,904,700.

5.1.2 The fees and other applicable rates for the Term of the Contract are set forth in Exhibit B (Pricing Schedule). Contractor's fees shall remain firm and fixed prices for the Term of the Contract. The RR/CC, or designee, at their sole discretion, may increase the Contract Sum up to a maximum of ten percent (10%) of the Contract Sum (\$290,470) over the Term of the Contract, including any extensions thereof.

5.1.3 An Amendment to this Contract shall be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the RR/CC or designee, provided County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such Amendment.

5.1.4 The maximum Contract Sum shall not exceed Dollars (\$3,195,170).

5.2 Written Approval for Reimbursement

5.2.1 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 person or 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 not occur except with the County's express prior written approval.

5.3 Notification of 75% of Total Contract Sum

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

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

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

5.5 Invoices and Payments

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

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

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

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

Each invoice shall contain:

- Invoice Number
- Invoice Date
- Name of Election / Election Date Services were provided
- Tax ID
- Contract Name
- Contract Number
- Project Director Name
- For each task, subtask, deliverable, good, service, or other work as described in Exhibit A (Statement of Work) and Exhibit B (Pricing Schedule) for which payment is claimed

5.5.5 All invoices under this Contract shall be emailed in PDF format to: accountspayable@rcc.lacounty.gov and the County Project Director and County Project Manager as indicated in Exhibit E, County's Administration.

5.5.6 County Approval of Invoices

All invoices submitted by the Contractor for payment must have the written approval of the County's 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 Intentionally Omitted

5.7 Default Method of Payment: Direct Deposit or Electronic Funds Transfer

5.7.1 The County, at its sole discretion, has determined that the most efficient and secure default form of payment for goods and/or services provided under an agreement/ contract with the County shall be Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, unless an alternative method of payment is deemed appropriate by the Auditor-Controller (A-C).

- 5.7.2 The Contractor shall submit a direct deposit authorization request via the website <https://directdeposit.lacounty.gov> with banking and vendor information, and any other information that the A-C determines is reasonably necessary to process the payment and comply with all accounting, record keeping, and tax reporting requirements.
- 5.7.3 Any provision of law, grant, or funding agreement requiring a specific form or method of payment other than EFT or direct deposit shall supersede this requirement with respect to those payments.
- 5.7.4 At any time during the duration of the agreement/contract, a Contractor may submit a written request for an exemption to this requirement. Such request must be based on specific legal, business or operational needs and explain why the payment method designated by the A-C is not feasible and an alternative is necessary. The A-C, in consultation with the contracting department(s), shall decide whether to approve exemption requests.

6 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - COUNTY

6.1 County Administration

- 6.1.1 A listing of all County Administration referenced in the following subparagraphs are designated in Exhibit E - County's Administration. The County will notify the Contractor in writing of any change in the names or addresses shown.

6.2 County's Project Director

- 6.2.1 The role of the County's Project Director may include:
- 6.2.1.1 Coordinating with Contractor and ensuring Contractor's performance of the Contract; however, in no event shall Contractor's obligation to fully satisfy all of the requirements of this Contract be relieved, excused or limited thereby; and
- 6.2.1.2 Upon request of the Contractor, providing direction to the Contractor, as appropriate in areas relating to County policy, information requirements, and procedural requirements; however, in no event, shall Contractor's obligation to fully satisfy all of the requirements of this Contract be relieved, excused or limited thereby.

6.3 County's Project Manager

6.3.1 The role of the County's Project Manager is authorized to include:

6.3.1.1 Meeting with the Contractor's Project Manager on a regular basis; and

6.3.1.2 Inspecting any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work provided by or on behalf of the Contractor; however, in no event shall Contractor's obligation to fully satisfy all of the requirements of this Contract be relieved, excused or limited thereby.

The County's Project Manager is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Contract and is not authorized to further obligate County in any respect whatsoever.

6.4 County's Contract Project Monitor

6.4.1 The role of the County's Project Monitor is to oversee the day-to-day administration of this Contract; however, in no event shall Contractor's obligation to fully satisfy all of the requirements of this Contract be relieved, excused or limited thereby. The Project Monitor reports to the County's Project Manager.

7 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - CONTRACTOR

7.1 Contractor Administration

A listing of all of Contractor's Administration referenced in the following paragraphs is designated in Exhibit F (Contractor's Administration). The Contractor will notify the County in writing of any change in the names or addresses shown.

7.2 Project Manager

7.2.1 The Contractor's Project Manager is designated in Exhibit F (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.

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

7.3 Approval of Contractor's Staff

7.3.1 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 Contractor's Staff Identification

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

7.5 Background and Security Investigations

7.5.1 Each of Contractor's staff performing services under this Contract, who is in a designated sensitive position, as determined by County in County's sole discretion, shall undergo and pass a background investigation to the satisfaction of County as a condition of beginning and continuing to perform services under this Contract. Such background investigation must be obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California Department of Justice to include State, local, and federal-level review, which may include, but shall not be limited to, criminal conviction information. County may require the Background Check to include verification of COVID-19 vaccination status and/or COVID-19 testing of Contractor staff. The fees associated with the background investigation shall be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless of whether the member of Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation.

If a member of Contractor's staff does not pass the background investigation, County may request that the member of Contractor's staff be removed immediately from performing services under the Contract. Contractor shall comply with County's request at any time during the term of the Contract. County will not provide to Contractor or to Contractor's staff any information obtained through the County's background investigation.

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

7.5.3 Disqualification of any member of Contractor's staff pursuant to this Paragraph 7.5 shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.

7.5.4 See Exhibit L (Request for Livescan Form)

7.5.5 For questions, contact employeerelations@rrcc.lacounty.gov

7.6 Confidentiality

7.6.1 Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures relating to confidentiality, including, without limitation, County policies concerning information technology security and the protection of confidential records and information.

7.6.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting, or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with this Paragraph 7.6, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 7.6 shall be conducted by contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement,

agree to any injunction, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

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

7.6.4 Contractor shall sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement", Exhibit G.

8 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8.1 Amendments

8.1.1 For any change which affects the scope of work, term, contract sum, payments, or any term or condition included under this Contract, an amendment to the Contract shall be prepared and executed by the contractor and by Department Head or his/her designee.

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

8.1.3 The Department Head or his/her designee, may at his/her sole discretion, authorize extensions of time as defined in Paragraph 4 - Term of Contract. The contractor agrees that such extensions of time shall not change any other term or condition of this Contract during the period of such extensions. To implement an extension of time, an Amendment to the Contract shall be prepared and executed by the contractor and by the Department Head or his/her designee.

8.2 Assignment and Delegation/Mergers or Acquisitions

8.2.1 The contractor shall notify the County of any pending acquisitions/mergers of its company unless otherwise legally prohibited from doing so. If the contractor is restricted from legally notifying the County of pending acquisitions/mergers, then it should notify the County of the actual

acquisitions/mergers as soon as the law allows and provide to the County the legal framework that restricted it from notifying the County prior to the actual acquisitions/mergers.

- 8.2.2 The contractor shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Contract, or both, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this paragraph, County consent shall require a written Amendment to the Contract, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by the County to any approved delegatee or assignee on any claim under this Contract shall be deductible, at County's sole discretion, against the claims, which the contractor may have against the County.
- 8.2.3 Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. However, in the event any such sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, or divestment is effected in such a way as to give majority control of contractor to any person(s), corporation, partnership, or legal entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of the Contract, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Contract.
- 8.2.4 Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of the contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any person or entity other than the contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever without County's express prior written approval, shall be a material breach of the Contract which may result in the termination of this Contract. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by contractor.

8.3 Authorization Warranty

- 8.3.1 The contractor represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract for the contractor is an authorized agent who has actual authority to bind the contractor to each and every term, condition, and obligation of this Contract and that

all requirements of the contractor have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

8.4 Budget Reductions

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

8.5 Complaints

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

8.5.2 Complaint Procedures

8.5.2.1 Within thirty (30) business days after the Contract effective date, the contractor shall provide the County with the contractor's policy for receiving, investigating and responding to user complaints.

8.5.2.2 The County will review the contractor's policy and provide the contractor with approval of said plan or with requested changes.

8.5.2.3 If the County requests changes in the contractor's policy, the contractor shall make such changes and resubmit the plan within ten (10) business days for County approval.

8.5.2.4 If, at any time, the contractor wishes to change the contractor's policy, the contractor shall submit proposed changes to the County for approval before implementation.

- 8.5.2.5 The contractor shall preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the County's Project Manager of the status of the investigation within three (3) business days of receiving the complaint.
- 8.5.2.6 When complaints cannot be resolved informally, a system of follow-through shall be instituted which adheres to formal plans for specific actions and strict time deadlines.
- 8.5.2.7 Copies of all written responses shall be sent to the County's Project Manager within five (5) business days of mailing to the complainant.

8.6 Compliance with Applicable Law

- 8.6.1 In the performance of this Contract, contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures, and all provisions required thereby to be included in this Contract are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- 8.6.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies, or procedures, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to contractor's indemnification obligations under Paragraph 8.6 (Compliance with Applicable Law) shall be conducted by contractor and performed by counsel selected by contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to reimbursement from contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction or other equitable relief, or make any admission, in

each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

- 8.6.3 Contractor and all Contractor employees shall be subject to all applicable public health orders, mandates, statutes, rules, regulations, protocols, policies and procedures required by Federal, state, and local authorities, or by the Department. This includes, without limitation, all applicable public health order, mandates, statutes, rules, regulations, protocols, policies and procedures required by Federal, state, and local official and authorities, or by the Department or County in response to the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, which could include providing proof of COVID-19 vaccination and/or COVID-19 testing.

8.7 Compliance with Civil Rights Laws

- 8.7.1 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), to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, religion, ancestry, age, condition of physical handicap, marital status, political affiliation, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract. The contractor shall comply with Exhibit D - Contractor's EEO Certification.

8.8 Compliance with the County's Jury Service Program

8.8.1 Jury Service Program:

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

8.8.2 Written Employee Jury Service Policy.

1. Unless the contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that the contractor is not a "contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of the County Code) or that the contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program

(Section 2.203.070 of the County Code), the contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from the contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the contractor or that the contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.

2. For purposes of this 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 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more in any twelve (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 forty (40) hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of ninety (90) days or less within a twelve (12) month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If the contractor uses any subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Contract, the subcontractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this paragraph. The provisions of this paragraph shall be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the agreement.
3. If the contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Contract commences, the contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and the contractor shall immediately notify the County if the contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of "contractor" or if the contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program. In either event, the contractor shall immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Contract and at its sole discretion, that the contractor

demonstrate, to the County's satisfaction that the contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program's definition of "contractor" and/or that the contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.

4. Contractor's violation of this paragraph of the Contract may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract and/or bar the contractor from the award of future County contracts for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.

8.9 Conflict of Interest

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

8.10 Consideration of Hiring County Employees Targeted for Layoffs or are on a County Re-Employment List

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

8.11 Consideration of Hiring GAIN-GROW Participants

- 8.11.1 Should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract, the contractor shall give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program who meet the contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position. For this purpose, consideration shall mean that the contractor will interview qualified candidates. The County will refer GAIN-GROW participants by job category to the contractor. Contractors shall report all job openings with job requirements to: GAINGROW@DPSS.LACOUNTY.GOV and BSERVICES@WDACS.LACOUNTY.GOV and DPSS will refer qualified GAIN/GROW job candidates.
- 8.11.2 In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN/GROW participants are available for hiring, County employees shall be given first priority.

8.12 Contractor Responsibility and Debarment

8.12.1 Responsible Contractor

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

8.12.2 Chapter 2.202 of the County Code

The contractor is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, if the County acquires information concerning the performance of the contractor on this or other contracts which indicates that the contractor is not responsible, the County may, in addition to other

remedies provided in the Contract, debar the contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on County contracts for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five (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.

8.12.3 Non-responsible contractor

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

8.12.4 Contractor Hearing Board

8.12.4.1 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.

8.12.4.2 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.

- 8.12.4.3 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.
- 8.12.4.4 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.
- 8.12.4.5 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.

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

8.12.5 Subcontractors of Contractor

These terms shall also apply to subcontractors of County contractors.

8.13 Contractor's Acknowledgement of County's Commitment to Safely Surrendered Baby Law

- 8.13.1 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 Exhibit I, 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. Information and posters for printing are available at www.babysafela.org.

8.14 Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program

- 8.14.1 The contractor acknowledges that the County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from the County through contracts are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon the County and its taxpayers.
- 8.14.2 As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting the contractor's duty under this Contract to comply with all applicable provisions of law, the contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this Contract

maintain in compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and shall implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding Orders or Child Support Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family or Spousal Support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code Section 5246(b).

8.15 County's Quality Assurance Plan

The County or its agent(s) will monitor the contractor's performance under this Contract on not less than an annual basis. Such monitoring will include assessing the contractor's compliance with all Contract terms and conditions and performance standards. Contractor deficiencies which the County determines are significant or continuing and that may place performance of the Contract in jeopardy if not corrected will be reported to the Board of Supervisors 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 Contract or impose other penalties as specified in this Contract.

8.16 Damage to County Facilities, Buildings or Grounds

8.16.1 The contractor shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, any and all damage to County facilities, buildings, or grounds caused by the contractor or employees or agents of the contractor. Such repairs shall be made immediately after the contractor has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence.

8.16.2 If the contractor fails to make timely repairs, County may make any necessary repairs. All costs incurred by County, as determined by County, for such repairs shall be repaid by the contractor by cash payment upon demand.

8.17 Employment Eligibility Verification

8.17.1 The contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing work under this Contract meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in Federal and State

statutes and regulations. The contractor shall obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal and State statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, (P.L. 99-603), or as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. The contractor shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law.

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

8.18 Counterparts and Electronic Signatures and Representations

This Contract may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Contract. The facsimile, email or electronic signature of the Parties shall be deemed to constitute original signatures, and facsimile or electronic copies hereof shall be deemed to constitute duplicate originals.

The County and the Contractor hereby agree to regard electronic representations of original signatures of authorized officers of each party, when appearing in appropriate places on the Amendments prepared pursuant to Paragraph 8.1 (Amendments) and received via communications facilities (facsimile, email or electronic signature), as legally sufficient evidence that such legally binding signatures have been affixed to Amendments to this Contract.

8.19 Fair Labor Standards

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

jointly or solely liable.

8.20 Force Majeure

- 8.20.1 Neither party shall be liable for such party's failure to perform its obligations under and in accordance with this Contract, if such failure arises out of fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by such party or any of such party's subcontractors), freight embargoes, or other similar events to those described above, but in every such case the failure to perform must be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of such party (such events are referred to in this paragraph as "force majeure events"). For the avoidance of double, force majeure events shall not include (a) financial distress nor the inability of either party to make a profit or avoid financial loss, (b) changes in the market prices or conditions, or (c) a party's financial inability to perform its obligations hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties stipulate that the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic is excluded as a force majeure event, except in the instances where legislation is passed or an executive order is issued to a COVID-19 outbreak that would physically prevent Contractor from performing its duties under this contract, and no exception or exemption could apply to allow the Contractor to perform its duties under this contract notwithstanding any legislation or executive order in effect at the time.
- 8.20.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a default by a subcontractor of contractor shall not constitute a force majeure event, unless such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both contractor and such subcontractor, and without any fault or negligence of either of them. In such case, contractor shall not be liable for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this subparagraph, the term "subcontractor" and "subcontractors" mean subcontractors at any tier.

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

8.21 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

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

8.22 Independent Contractor Status

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

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

8.22.3 The contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, solely employees of the contractor and not employees of the County. The contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for furnishing any and all Workers' Compensation benefits to any person as a result of any injuries arising from or connected with any work performed by or on behalf of the contractor pursuant to this Contract.

8.22.4 The contractor shall adhere to the provisions stated in Paragraph 7.6 (Confidentiality).

8.23 Indemnification

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

8.24 General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage

8.24.1 Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Contract and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Contract have been met, Contractor shall provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in Paragraphs 8.24 and 8.25 of this Contract. These minimum insurance coverage terms, types and limits (the "Required Insurance") also are in addition to and separate from any other contractual obligation imposed upon Contractor pursuant to this Contract. The County in no way warrants that the Required Insurance is sufficient to protect the Contractor for liabilities which may arise from or relate to this Contract.

8.24.2 Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County

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

8.24.2.2 Renewal Certificates shall be provided to County not less than ten (10) days prior to contractor's policy expiration dates. The County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required contractor and/or sub-contractor insurance policies at any time.

- 8.24.2.3** Certificates shall identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Contract by name or number, and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s). The Insured party named on the Certificate shall match the name of the contractor identified as the contracting party in this Contract. Certificates shall provide the full name of each insurer providing coverage, its NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) identification number, its financial rating, the amounts of any policy deductibles or self-insured retentions exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), and list any County required endorsement forms.
- 8.24.2.4** 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.
- 8.24.2.5** Certificates and copies of any required endorsements shall be e-mailed to: contracts@rrcc.lacounty.gov
- 8.24.2.6** Contractor also shall promptly report to County any injury or property damage accident or incident, including any injury to a contractor employee occurring on County property, and any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of County property, monies or securities entrusted to contractor. Contractor also shall promptly notify County of any third party claim or suit filed against contractor or any of its subcontractors which arises from or relates to this Contract and could result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against contractor and/or County.

8.24.3 **Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage**

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

8.24.4 **Cancellation of or Changes in Insurance**

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

8.24.5 **Failure to Maintain Insurance**

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

8.24.6 Insurer Financial Ratings

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

8.24.7 Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary

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

8.24.8 Waivers of Subrogation

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

8.24.9 Subcontractor Insurance Coverage Requirements

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

8.24.10 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)

Contractor's policies shall not obligate the County to pay any portion of any contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the County, or to provide a bond guaranteeing contractor's payment of all deductibles and SIRs, including all related claims investigation, administration and defense expenses. Such

bond shall be executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.

8.24.11 Claims Made Coverage

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

8.24.12 Application of Excess Liability Coverage

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.

8.24.13 Separation of Insureds

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

8.24.14 Alternative Risk Financing Programs

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

8.24.15 County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements

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

8.25 Insurance Coverage

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

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

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

8.25.3 **Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability** insurance or qualified self- insurance satisfying statutory requirements, which includes Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$1 million per accident. If Contractor will provide leased employees, or, is an employee leasing or temporary staffing firm or a professional employer organization (PEO), coverage also shall include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 A) naming the County as the Alternate Employer. The written notice shall be provided to County at least ten (10) days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and thirty (30) days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also shall be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.

8.25.4 **Professional Liability-Errors and Omissions** Insurance covering Contractor's liability arising from or related to this Contract, with limits of not less than \$1 million per claim and \$2 million aggregate. Further, Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following this Agreement's expiration, termination or cancellation.

8.25.5 Property Coverage

Property Coverage provides protection against losses due to perils such as fire, vandalism, theft, and water damage, and is only required when a contractor takes custody of County owned or leased property (for example, contractor occupies a County building, or is given County computers to use at non-County locations, such as the contractor's business premises). Part of the prior agreement with ESSVR required staff to come to RR/CC locations to provide maintenance and services to assist with the VBM-ASV machines, if they are provided any County property (e.g., laptops, cell phones, etc.), including property coverage may be appropriate.

Contractors given exclusive use of County owned or leased property shall carry property coverage at least as broad as that provided by the ISO special causes of loss (ISO policy form CP 10 30) form. The County and its Agents shall be named as an Additional Insured and Loss Payee on contractor's insurance as its interests may appear. Automobiles and mobile equipment shall be insured for their actual cash value. Real property and all other personal property shall be insured for their full replacement value.

8.25.6 Technology Errors & Omissions Insurance

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

8.25.7 Cyber Liability Insurance

The Contractor shall secure and maintain cyber liability insurance coverage with limits of \$5 million in self-retention, followed by \$5 million insurance coverage, provided that ES&S shall submit proof, to County's satisfaction, of ES&S' financial ability to discharge its liabilities and obligations under this section per occurrence and in the aggregate during the term of the Contract, including coverage for: network security liability; privacy liability; privacy regulatory proceeding, defense, response, expenses and fines; technology professional liability (errors and omissions); privacy breach expense reimbursement (liability arising from the loss or disclosure of County Information no matter how it occurs); system breach; denial or loss of service; introduction, implantation, or spread of malicious software code; unauthorized access to or use of computer systems; and Data/Information loss and business interruption; any other liability or risk that arises out of the Contract. The Contractor shall add the County as an additional insured to its cyber liability insurance policy and provide to the County certificates of insurance evidencing the foregoing upon the County's request. The procuring of the insurance described herein, or delivery of the certificates of insurance described herein, shall not be construed as a limitation upon the Contractor's liability or as full performance of its indemnification obligations hereunder. No exclusion/restriction for unencrypted portable devices/media may be on the policy.

8.26 Liquidated Damages

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

will be forwarded to the contractor by the Department Head, or his/her designee, in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.

- 8.26.2 If the Department Head, or his/her designee, determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Contract that the Department Head, or his/her designee, deems are correctable by the contractor over a certain time span, the Department Head, or his/her designee, will provide a written notice to the contractor to correct the deficiency within specified time frames. Should the contractor fail to correct deficiencies within said time frame, the Department Head, or his/her designee, may: (a) Deduct from the contractor's payment, pro rata, those applicable portions of the Monthly Contract Sum; (b) recover those portions of Contract sums paid by the County to Contractor for services which were deemed deficient by the Department Head, or his/her designee; and/or (c) Deduct liquidated damages. The parties agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure of the contractor to correct a deficiency within the specified time frame. The parties hereby agree that under the current circumstances a reasonable estimate of such damages is five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per infraction, or as specified in the Exhibit 2 (Performance Requirements Summary (PRS)) Chart Appendix A (Statement of Work Exhibits) hereunder, and that the contractor shall be liable to the County for liquidated damages in said amount. Said amount shall be deducted from the County's payment to the contractor; and/or (c) Upon giving five (5) days' notice to the contractor for failure to correct the deficiencies, the County may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by the County for completion of the work by an alternate source, whether it be County forces or separate private contractor, will be deducted and forfeited from the payment to the contractor from the County, as determined by the County.
- 8.26.3 The action noted in Paragraph 8.26.2 shall not be construed as a penalty, but as adjustment of payment to the contractor to recover the County cost due to the failure of the contractor to complete or comply with the provisions of this Contract.
- 8.26.4 This Paragraph shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to damages for any breach of this Contract provided by law or as specified in the PRS or Paragraph

8.26.2, and shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to terminate this Contract as agreed to herein.

8.27 Most Favored Public Entity

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

8.28 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action

8.28.1 The contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and shall be treated equally without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations.

8.28.2 The contractor shall certify to, and comply with, the provisions of Exhibit D (Contractor's EEO Certification).

8.28.3 The contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations. Such action shall include, but is not limited to: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

8.28.4 The contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation.

8.28.5 The contractor certifies and agrees that it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations to the end

that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract.

8.28.6 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 Paragraph 8.28 (Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action) when so requested by the County.

8.28.7 If the County finds that any provisions of this Paragraph 8.28 (Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action) have been violated, such violation shall constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract. While the County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the contractor has violated Federal or State anti-discrimination laws or regulations shall constitute a finding by the County that the contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract.

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

8.29 Non Exclusivity

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

8.30 Notice of Delays

8.30.1 Except as otherwise provided under this Contract, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or threatens to delay the timely

performance of this Contract, that party shall, within one (1) business day, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.

8.31 Notice of Disputes

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

8.32 Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit

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

8.33 Notice to Employees Regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law

8.33.1 The contractor shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The information is set forth in Exhibit I, Safely Surrendered Baby Law of this Contract. Additional information is available at www.babysafela.org.

8.34 Notices

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

authority to issue all notices or demands required or permitted by the County under this Contract.

8.35 Prohibition Against Inducement or Persuasion

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

8.36 Public Records Act

8.36.1 Any documents submitted by the contractor; all information obtained in connection with the County's right to audit and inspect the contractor's documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to Paragraph 8.38 (Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement) of this Contract; become the exclusive property of the County. All such documents become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the California Government Code Section 6250 et seq. (Public Records Act) and which are marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary". The County shall not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

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

8.37 Publicity

8.37.1 The contractor shall not disclose any details in connection with this Contract to any person or entity except as may be otherwise provided hereunder or required by law. However, in recognizing the contractor's need to identify its services and related clients to sustain itself, the County shall not inhibit

the contractor from publishing its role under this Contract within the following conditions:

8.37.1.1 The contractor shall develop all publicity material in a professional manner; and

8.37.1.2 During the term of this Contract, the contractor shall not, and shall not authorize another to, publish or disseminate any commercial advertisements, press releases, feature articles, or other materials using the name of the County without the prior written consent of the County's Project Director. The County shall not unreasonably withhold written consent.

8.37.2 The contractor may, without the prior written consent of County, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this Contract with the County of Los Angeles, provided that the requirements of this Paragraph 8.37 (Publicity) shall apply.

8.38 Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement

8.38.1 The contractor shall maintain accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The contractor shall also maintain accurate and complete employment and other records relating to its performance of this Contract. The contractor agrees that the County, or its authorized representatives, shall have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe any pertinent transaction, activity, or record relating to this Contract. All such material, including, but not limited to, all financial records, bank statements, cancelled checks or other proof of payment, timecards, sign-in/sign-out sheets and other time and employment records, and proprietary data and information, shall be kept and maintained by the contractor and shall be made available to the County during the term of this Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter unless the County's written permission is given to dispose of any such material prior to such time. All such material shall be maintained by the contractor at a location in Los Angeles County, provided that if any such material is located outside Los Angeles County, then, at the County's option, the contractor shall pay the County for travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by the County to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe such material at such other location.

8.38.2 In the event that an audit of the contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Contract by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by the contractor or otherwise, then the contractor shall file a copy of such audit report with the County's Auditor-Controller within thirty (30) days of the contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable Federal or State law or under this Contract. Subject to applicable law, the County shall make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s) 8.38.3. Failure on the part of the contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this subparagraph 8.38 shall constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract.

8.38.3 If, at any time during the term of this Contract or within five (5) years after the expiration or termination of this Contract, representatives of the County conduct an audit of the contractor regarding the work performed under this Contract, and if such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for any such work is less than payments made by the County to the contractor, then the difference shall be either: a) repaid by the contractor to the County by cash payment upon demand or b) at the sole option of the County's Auditor-Controller, deducted from any amounts due to the contractor from the County, whether under this Contract or otherwise. If such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for such work is more than the payments made by the County to the contractor, then the difference shall be paid to the contractor by the County by cash payment, provided that in no event shall the County's maximum obligation for this Contract exceed the funds appropriated by the County for the purpose of this Contract.

8.39 Recycled Bond Paper

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

8.40 Subcontracting

- 8.40.1 The requirements of this Contract may not be subcontracted by the contractor **without the advance approval of the County**. Any attempt by the contractor to subcontract without the prior consent of the County may be deemed a material breach of this Contract.
- 8.40.2 If the contractor desires to subcontract, the contractor shall provide the following information promptly at the County's request:
- 8.40.2.1 A description of the work to be performed by the subcontractor;
 - 8.40.2.2 A draft copy of the proposed subcontract; and
 - 8.40.2.3 Other pertinent information and/or certifications requested by the County.
- 8.40.3 The contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless with respect to the activities of each and every subcontractor in the same manner and to the same degree as if such subcontractor(s) were the contractor employees.
- 8.40.4 The contractor shall remain fully responsible for all performances required of it under this Contract, including those that the contractor has determined to subcontract, notwithstanding the County's approval of the contractor's proposed subcontract.
- 8.40.5 The County's consent to subcontract shall not waive the County's right to prior and continuing approval of any and all personnel, including subcontractor employees, providing services under this Contract. The contractor is responsible to notify its subcontractors of this County right.
- 8.40.6 The County's Project Director is authorized to act for and on behalf of the County with respect to approval of any subcontract and subcontractor employees. After approval of the subcontract by the County, contractor shall forward a fully executed subcontract to the County for their files.
- 8.40.7 The contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for all payments or other compensation to all subcontractors and their officers, employees, agents, and successors in interest arising through services performed hereunder, notwithstanding the County's consent to subcontract.

- 8.40.8 The contractor shall obtain certificates of insurance, which establish that the subcontractor maintains all the programs of insurance required by the County from each approved subcontractor. Before any subcontractor employee may perform any work hereunder, contractor shall ensure delivery of all such documents to: contracts@rrcc.lacounty.gov
- 8.40.9 The subcontractor and all subcontractor's employees shall be subject to all applicable public health orders, mandates, statutes, rules, regulations, protocols, policies and procedures required by Federal, state, and local authorities, or by the Department. This includes, without limitation, all applicable public health order, mandates, statutes, rules, regulations, protocols, policies and procedures required by Federal, state, and local official and authorities, or by the Department or County in response to the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, which could include providing proof of COVID-19 vaccination and/or COVID-19 testing.

8.41 Termination for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with County's Child Support Compliance Program

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

8.42 Termination for Convenience

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

- 8.42.2 After receipt of a notice of termination and except as otherwise directed by the County, the contractor shall:
- 8.42.2.1 Stop work under this Contract on the date and to the extent specified in such notice, and
 - 8.42.2.2 Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by such notice.
- 8.42.3 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the County shall pay for all services performed and products delivered up until the date specified in the notice of termination or, if no date is specified, the date of termination, provided that the County has approved the services performed and products delivered, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.
- 8.42.2 All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the contractor under this Contract shall be maintained by the contractor in accordance with Paragraph 8.38 (Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement).

8.43 Termination for Default

- 8.43.1 The County may, by written notice to the contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Contract, if, in the judgment of County's Project Director:
- 8.43.1.1 Contractor has materially breached this Contract; or
 - 8.43.1.2 Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required either under this Contract; or
 - 8.43.1.3 Contractor fails to demonstrate a high probability of timely fulfillment of performance requirements under this Contract, or of any obligations of this Contract and in either case, fails to demonstrate convincing progress toward a cure within five (5) working days (or such longer period as the County may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the County specifying such failure.

- 8.43.2 In the event that the County terminates this Contract in whole or in part as provided in Paragraph 8.43.1, the County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the County may deem appropriate, goods and services similar to those so terminated. The contractor shall be liable to the County for any and all excess costs incurred by the County, as determined by the County, for such similar goods and services. The contractor shall continue the performance of this Contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this paragraph.
- 8.43.3 Except with respect to defaults of any subcontractor, the contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs of the type identified in Paragraph 8.43.2 if its failure to perform this Contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the contractor. Such causes may include, but are not limited to: acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the County in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of Federal or State governments in their sovereign capacities, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this paragraph, the term "subcontractor(s)" means subcontractor(s) at any tier.
- 8.43.4 If, after the County has given notice of termination under the provisions of Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) it is determined by the County that the contractor was not in default under the provisions of Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) or that the default was excusable under the provisions of subparagraph 8.43.3, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to Paragraph 8.42 (Termination for Convenience).
- 8.43.5 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) shall not be

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

8.44 Termination for Improper Consideration

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

8.45 Termination for Insolvency

- 8.45.1 The County may terminate this Contract forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:
- 8.45.1.1 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;
- 8.45.1.2 The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition regarding the contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code;

8.45.1.3 The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for the contractor; or

8.45.1.4 The execution by the contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.

8.45.2 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Paragraph 8.45 (Termination for Insolvency) shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

8.46 Termination for Non-Adherence of County Lobbyist Ordinance

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

8.47 Termination for Non-Appropriation of Funds

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

8.48 Validity

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

8.49 Waiver

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

8.50 Warranty Against Contingent Fees

8.50.1 The contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract upon any Contract or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the contractor for the purpose of securing business.

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

8.51 Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program

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

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

8.52 Termination for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program

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

8.53 Time Off for Voting

8.53.1 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 ten (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.

8.54 Compliance with County's Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking

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

If a Contractor or member of Contractor's staff is convicted of a human trafficking offense, the County shall require that the Contractor or member of Contractor's staff be removed immediately from performing services under the Contract. County will not be under any obligation to disclose confidential information regarding the offenses other than those required by law.

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

8.55 Intentionally Omitted

8.56 Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Practices

Contractor shall comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952, Employment Discrimination: Conviction History. Contractor's violation of this paragraph of the Contract may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract.

8.57 Compliance with the County Policy of Equity

The contractor acknowledges that the County takes its commitment to preserving the dignity and professionalism of the workplace very seriously, as set forth in the County Policy of Equity (CPOE) (<https://ceop.lacounty.gov/>). The contractor further acknowledges that the County strives to provide a workplace free from discrimination, harassment, retaliation and inappropriate conduct based on a protected characteristic, and which may violate the CPOE. The contractor, its employees and subcontractors acknowledge and certify receipt and understanding of the CPOE. Failure of the contractor, its employees or its subcontractors to uphold the County's expectations of a workplace free from harassment and discrimination, including inappropriate conduct based on a protected characteristic, may subject the contractor to termination of contractual agreements as well as civil liability.

8.58 Prohibition from Participation in Future Solicitation(s)

A Proposer, or a Contractor or its subsidiary or Subcontractor ("Proposer/Contractor"), is prohibited from submitting a bid or proposal in a County solicitation if the Proposer/Contractor has provided advice or consultation for the solicitation. A Proposer/Contractor is also prohibited from submitting a bid or proposal in a County solicitation if the Proposer/Contractor has developed or prepared any of the solicitation materials on behalf of the County. A violation of this provision shall result in the disqualification of the Contractor/Proposer from participation in the County solicitation or the termination or cancellation of any resultant County contract. This provision shall survive the expiration, or other termination of this Agreement.

8.59 AUTOMATED SIGNATURE RECOGNITION

Contractor is responsible for ensuring Contractor has access to, and use of, the software and equipment necessary for Contractor to perform the Automated Signature Verification services Contractor is required to provide to County hereunder. Contractor may, at its discretion, incorporate any upgrades within the Vote By Mail processing application software the Contractor uses to provide the Automated Signature Verification Services capability. Any such upgrades incorporated by Contractor shall be at no additional charge to the County. Notwithstanding any upgrades or modifications to the Vote By Mail processing application software, the application software provided by the Contractor hereunder shall satisfy all applicable requirements to perform the Automated Signature Verification services as provided in Exhibit A (Statement of Work).”

9 UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

9.1 Intentionally Omitted

9.2 Intentionally Omitted

9.3 Ownership of Materials, Software and Copyright

9.3.1 County shall be the sole owner of all right, title and interest, including copyright, in and to all software, plans, diagrams, facilities, and tools (hereafter "materials") which are originated or created specifically for the County through the Contractor's work pursuant to this Contract. The Contractor, for valuable consideration herein provided, shall execute all documents necessary to assign and transfer to, and vest in the County all of the Contractor's right, title and interest in and to such materials created specifically for the County, including any copyright, patent and trade secret rights which arise pursuant to the Contractor's work under this Contract.

9.3.2 During the term of this Contract and for five (5) years thereafter, the Contractor shall maintain and provide security for all of the Contractor's working papers prepared under this Contract. County shall have the right to inspect, copy and use at any time during and subsequent to the term of this Contract, any and all such working papers and all information contained therein.

- 9.3.3 Any and all materials, software and tools which are developed specifically for the County pursuant to this Contract or were originally acquired by the Contractor outside the scope of this Contract, which the Contractor desires to use hereunder, and which the Contractor considers to be proprietary or confidential, must be specifically identified by the Contractor to the County's Project Manager as proprietary or confidential, and shall be plainly and prominently marked by the Contractor as "Proprietary" or "Confidential" on each appropriate page of any document containing such material. Contractor shall be given notice of any public record request for Contractor documents. Contractor shall additionally be given notice of any public record request and be given an opportunity to mark its material as proprietary or confidential prior to releasing such request. Notwithstanding the proceeding provision, Contractor's software, operator's manuals, and administrator manuals shall be confidential and proprietary regardless of the marking or identification of the documents as such.
- 9.3.4 The County will use reasonable means to ensure that the Contractor's proprietary and/or confidential items are safeguarded and held in confidence. The County agrees not to reproduce, distribute or disclose to non-County entities any such proprietary and/or confidential items without the prior written consent of the Contractor.
- 9.3.5 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the County will not be obligated to the Contractor in any way under subparagraph 9.3.4 for any of the Contractor's proprietary and/or confidential items which are not plainly and prominently marked with restrictive legends as required by subparagraph 9.3.3 or for any disclosure which the County is required to make under any state or federal law or order of court.
- 9.3.6 All the rights and obligations of this Paragraph 9.3 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract.

9.4 Patent, Copyright and Trade Secret Indemnification

- 9.4.1 The Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend County from and against any and all liability, damages, costs, and expenses, including, but not limited to, defense costs and attorneys' fees, for or by reason of any actual or alleged infringement of any third party's patent or copyright,

or any actual or alleged unauthorized trade secret disclosure, arising from or related to the operation and utilization of the Contractor's work under this Contract. County shall inform the Contractor as soon as practicable of any claim or action alleging such infringement or unauthorized disclosure, and shall support the Contractor's defense and settlement thereof.

9.4.2 In the event any equipment, part thereof, or software product becomes the subject of any complaint, claim, or proceeding alleging infringement or unauthorized disclosure, such that County's continued use of such item is formally restrained, enjoined, or subjected to a risk of damages, the Contractor, at its sole expense, and providing that County's continued use of the system is not materially impeded, shall either:

- Procure for County all rights to continued use of the questioned equipment, part, or software product; or
- Replace the questioned equipment, part, or software product with a non-questioned item; or
- Modify the questioned equipment, part, or software so that it is free of claims.

9.4.3 The Contractor shall have no liability if the alleged infringement or unauthorized disclosure is based upon a use of the questioned product, either alone or in combination with other items not supplied by the Contractor, in a manner for which the questioned product was not designed nor intended.

9.5 Intentionally Omitted

9.6 Data Destruction

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

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

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

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

9.7 Intentionally Omitted

9.8 Intentionally Omitted

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

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ELECTION SYSTEMS AND
SOFTWARE, LLC

DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Name

Title

Tax Identification Number

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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By _____
Deputy County Counsel

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**INCOMING VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT AUTOMATED SIGNATURE VERIFICATION
EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES**

I. PURPOSE

The County of Los Angeles has over five million six hundred thousand (5,600,000) voters, all who receive a Vote By Mail ("VBM") ballot in countywide elections. The purpose of the Incoming VBM Voter Ballot Material Processing services is to assist the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk ("RR/CC") with the processing of returned VBM ballots. The incoming VBM process includes handling the returned VBM ballots and capturing the VBM Voter identification ("VBM ID") so that the image of the voter's signature on file can be compared to the signature on the returned VBM envelope. VBM incoming processing utilizes the County's election management system to retrieve signature images as the incoming VBM envelopes are scanned. This allows comparison of signatures quickly, without entering the VBM ID for each voter.

Incoming VBM envelopes containing voted ballots are grouped by tray. Application Software provided by Contractor shall be used to manage and track the scanning of returned VBM envelopes and extraction of data needed by County election management system to verify signature and validate voted VBM ballots. Data associated with the tray, such as Tray Number and VBM ID, and result of signature verification is in sequential order and provided in an electronic media for upload into the County's voter registration system.

1. Significant Events

Elections affecting the required services are as follows:

- Local & Municipal Consolidated Elections, also known as Uniform District Election Law ("UDEL") Elections are scheduled in November of odd numbered years.
- Primary Elections are scheduled in June of even numbered years.
- General Elections are scheduled in November of even numbered years.
- Presidential Primary Elections are scheduled in March in every year evenly divisible by four.
- Special Elections are scheduled when called and can be local or countywide.

2. RR/CC Technical Systems and Interface Requirements

The RR/CC currently operates a Microsoft Windows 2016 domain server environment using TCP/IP and Ethernet as the primary network protocol. The RR/CC utilizes software from Microsoft, including Microsoft Office, Microsoft Project, Microsoft Visio, Windows 10 for desktops, Microsoft Windows Server 2016 for servers, and Microsoft SQL Server Standard or Enterprise 2016 for database applications. The RR/CC reserves the right to upgrade to the most current version of Microsoft software listed above and shall notify Contractor of planned upgrades six (6) months from commencement of such upgrades.

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Any custom software and associated hardware software drivers identified by Contractor as not compatible with any planned upgrades shall be modified at Contractor's expense in order to become compatible. Contractor shall provide all Deliverables and other work hereunder so as to remain compatible with RR/CC's existing IT infrastructure. Since the incoming VBM process interfaces with the RR/CC's election management system, the Contractor will be required to work with the RR/CC to create the necessary interface, if required.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

Contractor shall:

1. Provide the County eight (8) Mail Ballot Verifier ("MBV") units and Automated Signature Recognition ("ASR") software to automatically compare the voter signature captured from the envelope against the signature on file.
2. Place return VBM envelope containing voted ballot in tray in the same sequence as scanned.
3. Provide the following to County, in TIFF compressed Tagged Image File Format ("TIFF") format:
 - Clipped signature from the image of the VBM voter's return envelope
 - The full-face image of the VBM voter's return envelope
4. Interface with County election management system.
5. Automatically capture the VBM signature as part of the scan process.
6. Contractor shall keep current with, and bring to the attention of County, technology that would improve and enhance the incoming VBM Voter Ballot Material Incoming Process.
7. Contractor shall provide an onsite Project Manager for each Election or a designated alternate. County must have access to the Project Manager during Election and as further designated in Election Plan. Contractor shall provide a telephone number where the Project Manager may be reached on an eight (8) hour per day basis for a non-county wide election and a twelve (12) hour per day basis for a county wide election. Project Manager shall act as a central point of contact with the County. Project Manager/alternate shall have full authority to act for Contractor on all matters relating to the daily operation of the Contract. Project Manager/alternate shall be able to effectively communicate, in English, both orally and in writing.
8. Contractor shall assign a sufficient number of employees to perform the required work. At least one employee on site shall be authorized to act for Contractor in every detail and must speak and understand English.
9. Contractor shall be required to background check their employees as set forth in subparagraph 7.5 – Background and Security Investigations, of the Contract.

10. Contractor shall provide training as outlined in the Tasks and Deliverables.

County shall:

1. Monitor the Contractor's performance in the operation of this Contract using the quality assurance procedures as defined in this Contract, Paragraph 8, Standard Terms and Conditions, Paragraph 8.15, County's Quality Assurance Plan.
 - a. Contract Discrepancy Report (SOW Exhibit 1)
 - i. Verbal notification of a Contract discrepancy will be made to the Contract Project Monitor as soon as possible whenever a Contract discrepancy is identified. The problem shall be resolved within a time period mutually agreed upon by the County and the Contractor.
 - ii. The County Contract Project Monitor will determine whether a formal Contract Discrepancy Report shall be issued. Upon receipt of this document, the Contractor is required to respond in writing to the County Contract Project Monitor within five (5) workdays, acknowledging the reported discrepancies or presenting contrary evidence. A plan for correction of all deficiencies identified in the Contract Discrepancy Report shall be submitted to the County Contract Project Monitor within one (1) workday.

2. Prepare Amendments in accordance with the Contract, Paragraph 8. Standard Terms and Conditions, Sub-paragraph 8.1 Amendments.

III. UNSCHEDULED WORK

The County Project Manager or his designee may authorize the Contractor to perform unscheduled work, including, but not limited to, repairs and replacements when the need for such work arises out of extraordinary incidents such as vandalism, acts of God, and third party negligence; or to add to, modify or refurbish existing facilities.

Prior to performing any unscheduled work, the Contractor shall prepare and submit a written description of the work with an estimate of labor and materials. If the unscheduled work exceeds the Contractor's estimate, the County Project Director or his designee must approve the excess cost. In any case, no unscheduled work shall commence without written authorization.

When a condition exists wherein there is imminent danger of injury to the public or damage to property, Contractor shall contact County's Project Director for approval before beginning the work.

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A written estimate shall be sent within twenty-four (24) hours for approval. Contractor shall submit an invoice to County's Project Director within five (5) working days after completion of the work.

All unscheduled work shall commence on the established specified date. Contractor shall proceed diligently to complete said work within the time allotted.

The County reserves the right to perform unscheduled work itself or assign the work to another Contractor.

IV. PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

A Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) chart, Exhibit 2 of Exhibit A (SOW Exhibit), listing required services that will be monitored by the County during the term of this Contract is an important monitoring tool for the County. The chart should:

- reference section of the contract
- list required services
- indicate method of monitoring
- indicate the deductions/fees to be assessed for each service that is not satisfactory

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

V. TASKS AND DELIVERABLES

TASK 1 - PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Project planning and event management process are critical to track time-sensitive events that if not properly executed may compromise delivery and processing of VBM material. A comprehensive and detailed plan for each Election shall be developed by Contractor and delivered to County. This plan shall be known as the **Election Plan**.

County will meet with or submit a written request to Contractor no later than eighty-eight (88) days before the date of the Election (E-88) to formally request the use of Contractor's automated VBM Processing System. For Special Elections, County will submit a written request at least fifteen (15) days after the election date has been set. The written request shall include:

- The date of the Election
- Expected overall volume
- Expected average daily volume
- Expected highest peak in a twenty-four (24) hour processing day
- County's administrative, operational, and technical contacts (including name, phone number, and email address); and

- County's Project Director.

At the time of County's request, County will instruct Contractor on the sorting of VBM material by ballot type or precinct as mandated by state or federal legislation/law.

Contractor upon receiving County's written request shall prepare and deliver the Election Plan, with attachments as defined in this Statement of Work ("SOW"), no later than seventy-six (76) days before the date of the Election (E-76) or on date agreed upon by County and Contractor when operating in a Special Election timeline. County shall review and approve the Election Plan no later than sixty-six (66) days before the date of the Election (E-66) or on a date agreed upon by County and Contractor when operating in a Special Election timeline. County will monitor/oversee Contractor's progress based on the approved Election Plan, the Contract, SOW, and Amendments to the Contract.

The Election Plan shall incorporate all Contractor tasks and subtasks listed in the Contract, SOW, and any amendments to the Contract.

The Election Plan shall include the following:

1. Name of Contractor staff who will be assigned as the onsite Project Manager for the Election. Project Manager shall possess at least three years' experience performing similar VBM services in a jurisdiction with greater than seven hundred fifty thousand (750,000) registered voters.
2. A list of Contractor Staff who will be assigned to provide onsite and/or offsite support for the following areas: a) Operations b) Administrative and c) Technical. The list must include a short description of duties and responsibilities for each staff member.
3. A list of Contractor tasks and subtasks required to successfully support the Election. Start and end dates and responsibility assignments shall be included. At a minimum, all of the tasks and subtasks in the Contract, SOW, and amendments to the Contract shall be included in the list.
4. A list of tasks and subtasks that are to be executed by the County as determined by Contractor and after review and approval by County's Project Director.
5. A list of County approved subcontractor agencies that will be used by Contractor (including address, phone number, and main contact person) and a short description of services that shall be provided. County approval shall be obtained prior to any subcontractor performance pursuant to Paragraph 8.40 (Subcontracting) of the Contract.
6. A list of procedures for transfer of electronic files between the County and the Contractor and a preliminary schedule with cutoff dates. At a minimum, the list shall include transfer of initial batch of VBM records, daily transmittal of VBM records, software upgrades, patches or fixes, and any other files that Contractor deems necessary for successful completion of critical tasks. The preliminary schedule shall be reviewed and approved by the County before it is considered final. County is aware that changes to the approved schedule may be necessary and will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

7. A list of resources required by Contractor, to be provided by County, to successfully support the Election. Resources may include but not limited to office supplies, office space, administrative computers, printers, and other office or administrative related items.
8. A list of dates and location of periodic meetings that are to be held to review the Election Plan and report on status of critical tasks. The list must include a short description or agenda for each meeting.

County will be responsible for overall oversight and control of tasks identified in the Contract, SOW and amendments to the Contract. Contractor shall manage and coordinate all tasks and subtasks listed in the Election Plan. Contractor shall provide sufficient staff to complete its assigned tasks and subtasks as described in the Election Plan and report progress to County's Project Director in writing. Any delay in execution of any task that may materially or substantially delay legally mandated processing deadlines shall be reported to the County Project Director within twenty-four (24) hours of discovery. Any changes to the Election Plan must be reviewed and approved by the County's Project Director, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or denied.

DELIVERABLE 1

Contractor prepares an Election Plan in compliance with Project Management specifications set forth above and delivers it to County up to seventy-six (76) days before the date of the Election (E-76). County shall review the Election Plan and submit final changes no later than ten (10) days after receiving plan from Contractor. Contractor shall review the changes requested by County and be prepared to discuss in detail within forty-eight (48) hours.

TASK 2 - APPLICATION SOFTWARE (MBV 1.0.8.0)

Contractor shall provide its existing VBM processing Application Software that automates the functions required to handle the high volume of VBM in Los Angeles County. Contractor shall provide comprehensive and highly customized software that manages and controls the VBM incoming process. Application Software functionality shall include but not be limited to sound data integrity checks, exception reporting, integration with County election management system, and automated tools for transfer of data to/from County election management system. At a minimum, Application Software shall include:

1. **Basic Data Capture:** A software application that supports the Voter Signature Verification return data containing the County election management system VBM ID number in specified order or group in a tray. This database shall be delivered to RR/CC on electronic media.
2. **Signature Capture:** A software application that will support Item #1 above plus provide additional data elements consisting of signature clips associated with the tray envelopes. The form of the data will be compressed TIFF files named with the VBM ID.
3. **Automated Signature Recognition (ASR):** An Application Software interface that allow operators to easily select trays (from a list of available trays). One, several, or all trays may be selected for processing. A tray is considered a batch and a unique batch number is

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assigned to each tray for tracking purposes. The Application Software must provide capability to allow specification of envelope, count per batch, and is usually set at or above three hundred (300) in Los Angeles County.

4. Contractor shall provide a report that list individual VBM ID numbers and envelope sequence numbers (by tray) and shall be available for on-demand printing. The report is to be organized into separate groupings by tray and by the following categories: a) challenged signatures and b) signatures that meet or exceed pre-determined verification thresholds. Both "A" and "B" will be provided in separate reports. A report that sorts by VBM ID number is available at the County election management system level after scanner data is uploaded.
5. The ASR Application Software shall enhance the Incoming VBM Ballot Material Process by reducing the current workflow; specifically by minimizing any manual side-by-side signature verifications which are processed utilizing County election management system. All signatures that meet or exceed pre-determined signature verification threshold will not be presented for side-by-side manual verification and will be electronically sent to County election management system for automatic updating of VBM envelope return envelope status.
6. County agrees to provide access to a network folder that contains signatures exported from County election management system. An existing utility in County election management system shall be used to export signatures. After the first initial load of all available signatures on file, daily updates will be appended to the main file.
7. In order to allow operator to correct mis-scans, misfeeds, or any other physical or logical condition that causes the Application Software to challenge envelopes in a tray, the Application Software shall alert operator by sending the challenged envelopes into the error tray located on the backside of the output bin. The ASR Application Software provides a process for rescanning just the challenged VBM envelopes, rather than the entire tray.
8. ASR Application Software and associated physical components shall be scalable and able to meet County's requirement of being able to process one hundred thousand (100,000) incoming envelopes within an eight (8) hour workday. Processing in this context is defined as going through the following series of discrete steps: a) scanning/endorsement; b) image recognition and storage; c) signature verification; d) file export; e) error and exception handling of challenged envelopes until they are deemed corrected or manually reconciled
9. ASR Acceptance Testing by County shall consist of conducting a test using files from a specified Election and Contractor agrees to provide a working version of the System (both hardware and software) and provide on-site/telephone technical and operational support. Scope of Acceptance Testing shall include end-to-end processing of envelopes from scanning to file export.

DELIVERABLE 2

Contractor provides its existing ASR Application Software which manages and controls, to the highest extent possible and commercially reasonable the VBM incoming process, including sound

data integrity checks, exception reporting, and integration with County election management system for the transfer of data.

TASK 3 - INCOMING PROCESS

Contractor shall be required to process VBM envelopes returned by voters. The return process for the VBM ballot envelopes starts approximately twenty-nine (29) days before the date of the Election (E-29) in varying amounts depending upon return mail quantities and continues through the end of canvass, up to thirty (30) days after Election Day (E+30). The quantity of the incoming VBM envelopes typically increases with each day.

VBM envelopes (returned by voters) are grouped into batches and dropped in trays. Application Software provided by Contractor shall be used to manage and track scanning of returned VBM envelopes and extraction of data needed by County election management system to verify signature and validate voted VBM ballots. Contractor shall provide upgraded scanner software when and if the same is developed to County to process the returned mail ballots. Contractor shall arrange for maintenance/service technicians as needed.

1. Application Software together with System Hardware shall be capable of processing up to one hundred thousand (100,000) envelopes in an eight (8) hour processing period. Processing shall begin at the point envelopes are scanned and include time expended for handling error conditions such as duplicates, misprinting of endorser number, misfeeds or jams, and any other condition that triggers manual counting and viewing of individual envelopes in a batch to verify counts and integrity of data.
2. Application Software shall automatically read and interpret data from barcodes printed on the envelopes. A single electronic file containing VBM IDs within each batch, in the order they were scanned, shall be generated and automatically sent to County election management system for further processing. If applicable, upon County completion of necessary modifications to the County election management system, an automated interface shall be developed and implemented to allow automatic transmittal and processing of electronic file directly to the County election management system.
3. Application Software shall automatically read and save clipped signature images from scanned envelopes. A single electronic file containing signatures within each batch, in the order they were scanned, shall be generated and automatically sent to County election management system for further processing. If applicable, upon County completion of necessary modifications to County election management system, an automated interface shall be developed and implemented to allow automatic transmittal and processing of electronic file directly to the County election management system. Signature files created from this subtask shall be automatically linked to the VBM ID file described in item #2 above.
4. Application Software shall have a verification mechanism for ensuring that the number of envelopes scanned in each batch or tray matches the count of records saved to files described in items #2 and #3 above. The same verification mechanism shall also verify that the records in these files are stored in the same order as when the envelopes were physically scanned.

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5. After the VBM envelopes are scanned and tracking reports are printed for each tray, County shall put them back in tray in the same order they were scanned.
6. In the event the automated interface described in items #2 and #3 above challenges any of the files, a method shall be available for manually uploading the files to County election management system. Contractor shall include procedures for such manual method in the Election Plan.
7. Scanner Equipment and monitor(s) shall have scanning capability of at least two thousand four hundred (2,400) envelopes per hour.

DELIVERABLE 3

Contractor processes all VBM envelopes in conformance with the requirements of Incoming Process set forth above.

TASK 4 - REPORTS AND RECORDS

Contractor must produce a daily report, whose totals must balance to the number of records on the transaction file supplied by the RR/CC.

Contractor shall provide reports to County. These reports are needed to provide an audit trail of critical events and allow for quick identification of problems so that they can be resolved quickly. The reports shall also give the County, additional tools for reconciling/balancing workload and manually reconciling challenged records.

1. Report that shows count of signatures accepted, count of signatures challenged, reason signatures were challenged, and VBM identification numbers (VBM ID) of challenged signatures. This report shall be known as the "Summary Verification Report."
2. Contractor shall maintain a file delivery log that contains at a minimum, filenames, delivery dates/times, count of records accepted (by file), count of records challenged (by file), and total record count (running totals and grand total). A copy of such log shall be delivered to County daily by the end of daily operations and shall show all accumulated file deliveries as specified by the County.
3. Contractor shall retain records of the use of ASR to confirm that payments due have been made in accordance with the Contract terms. Contractor shall provide County with said records of ASR use, upon County's request.

DELIVERABLE 4

Contractor provides required reports with specified detail as described above to County on a daily basis.

TASK 5 - OPERATIONS/TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Contractor shall assist the County with the processing of VBM ballots where County shall provide Contractor staff access to County facilities for the purpose of training, on-site support, maintenance, and general management/supervision of the operation.

County designated staff reserves the right to stop the operation if at any time it appears that specifications are not being met until satisfied that the conditions are as specified. Any such stoppage will be resolved without undue delay so as to minimize the interruption of operations.

Contractor shall provide sufficient staff at locations approved by County's to ensure timely completion of tasks and subtasks listed in this Statement of Work.

1. Contractor shall provide personnel to provide project management support, operate scanning software/equipment, and operate ASR software.
2. Contractor shall provide personnel to operate and update software that controls scanning equipment and ASR software, file imports/exports, and associated peripheral equipment or operations that directly or indirectly support the automated VBM processing system. Contractor shall submit list of staff who will be working on-site, along with a short description of duties and responsibilities no later than sixty-six (66) days before the date of the Election (E-66).
3. Contractor staff must be physically present and available at all times during County working hours, including evenings, weekends and holidays when Contractor processes are operating. On or before twenty-nine (29) days before the date of the Election (E-29) until the end of canvass, Contractor staff shall report to County VBM processing facility , unless otherwise agreed upon between County and Contractor, and shall be ready to support County staff in performing tasks and subtasks identified in this SOW.
4. Contractor shall arrange service technicians that are capable of maintaining machine operations. Contractor shall be responsible for dispatching operator and/or technician within forty-eight (48) hours of a needed repair for a county wide election, or other such timeframe as may be agreed to between the parties, at a cost not to exceed price listed in Exhibit B (Pricing Schedule) of the Contract. For non-county wide elections, it is expected the County will use available onsite backup MBV units in the event that an MBV unit is taken out of service.
5. To ensure maximum effectiveness and efficiencies, it is essential that Contractor staff are onsite and physically present during County working hours unless otherwise agreed upon between the County and Contractor.

DELIVERABLE 5

Contractor provides personnel and support services as required under Task 5 (Operations/Technical Support) above to County's satisfaction.

TASK 6 - SECURITY

The processing of the VBM ballots will be performed by Contractor who will be assisted by County personnel. County will provide Contractor personnel access to VBM processing facility during working hours for the purpose of training, on-site support, maintenance and general management/supervision of the operation.

- 1) The County must maintain controlled access to storage spaces where the VBM ballots are stored with a record of all employees having access to the area and a sign-in/sign-out log for all persons entering the space, including Contractor personnel.
- 2) Contractor will provide County with a list of Contractor personnel requesting access to the VBM returned ballots and secure areas. The County must approve the list of employees.
- 3) Contractor personnel responsible for training and providing on-site support shall display on their person a valid photo identification card.

County reserves the right to stop any or all operations if at any time it appears that specifications are not being met until satisfied that the conditions are as specified. Any such stoppage will be resolved without undue delay so as to minimize the interruption of operations.

DELIVERABLE 6

Contractor provides County with a list of Contractor personnel requesting access to the VBM returned ballots and secure areas. Contractor staff displays photo ID badges and abides by all County security requirements at all times while on site.

CONTRACT DISCREPANCY REPORT

TO:
FROM:
DATES: **Prepared:** _____
 Returned by Contractor: _____
 Action Completed: _____

DISCREPANCY PROBLEMS: _____

Signature of County Representative

Date

CONTRACTOR RESPONSE (Cause and Corrective Action): _____

Signature of Contractor Representative

Date

COUNTY EVALUATION OF CONTRACTOR RESPONSE: _____

Signature of Contractor Representative

Date

COUNTY ACTIONS: _____

CONTRACTOR NOTIFIED OF ACTION:
County Representative’s Signature and Date _____
Contractor Representative’s Signature and Date _____

EXHIBIT A
Statement of Work, Exhibit 2

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY (PRS) CHART

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE REFERENCE	SERVICE	MONITORING METHOD	DEDUCTIONS/FEEES TO BE ASSESSED
Contract: Sub-paragraph 8.38 - Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement	Contractor to maintain all required documents as specified in Sub-paragraph 8.38	Inspection of files	\$50 per occurrence
TASK 3 - INCOMING PROCESS	Contractor ensures continuous processing of envelopes within hours of operation, without delays leading to extended hours of operation and additional labor costs to county	Onsite inspection and verification	\$500 per occurrence
TASK 4 - REPORTS AND RECORDS	Contractor provides required reports and records with specified detail for all the files maintained within the required 22 month retention period	Periodic auditing of files	\$250 per day
Contract Discrepancy Report	Upon receipt of a formal Contract Discrepancy Report, Contractor shall submit a plan for correction of all deficiencies identified in writing to County Project Manager within one (1) workday	Inspection & Discrepancy Report	As set forth in Section 8.26 (Liquidated Damages)

PRICING SCHEDULE
ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT MATERIAL PROCESSING
(INCOMING VOTE BY MAIL)

Pricing

Fee for Local Elections. Local Elections are any election where only a portion of the County voters are mailed a ballot.

Envelopes Processed		
From	To	Flat Fee
0	5,000	\$5,000.00
5,001	25,000	\$12,500.00
25,001	75,000	\$17,500.00
75,001	150,000	\$25,000.00
150,001	+	\$37,500.00

Fee for Countywide Elections. The fees for envelopes processed by the MBV system for countywide elections will be according to the following graduated pricing grid.

Cost Per Envelope		
Envelopes Processed		Pricing
0	200,000	\$0.19
200,001	500,000	\$0.17
500,001	1,000,000	\$0.15
1,000,001	1,500,000	\$0.12
1,500,001	2,000,000	\$0.08
2,000,001	2,500,000	\$0.05
2,500,001	5,000,000	\$0.04

Mail Ballot Verifier (MBV) Units Terms and Conditions:

In accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract, Contractor shall provide MBV units which shall replace the County's current Vote Remote units. Contract shall provide such MBV units in accordance with the following terms:

- Contractor shall provide and install no more than a cumulative total of eight (8) Mail Ballot Verifier (MBV) units on a schedule to be mutually agreed upon by the parties. The County may use some or all of the eight (8) MBV units for County elections during the Term in accordance with the license terms set forth in the Contract;
- The MBV units shall, at all times, remain the property of Contractor and the Contractor may remove some or all of the MBV units at its cost for use by Contractor's other customers during the Term, provided Contractor shall not remove any MBV units which are necessary for the conduct of an election in the County. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor shall remove all of the MBV units upon expiration of the Contract;
- Contractor shall package and deliver the Contractor MBV units to the VBM operation center location determined by County. Contractor shall be responsible for any damages that may occur to the MBV units during such move.
- The fees set forth above include installation, training, and hardware/software support for the MBV units; and
- Contractor agrees to extend the use and support of the Contractor owned server provided to County in 2016 through the Contract Term.

INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

CONTRACTOR'S EEO CERTIFICATION

Contractor Name

Address

Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

GENERAL CERTIFICATION

In accordance with Section 4.32.010 of the Code of the County of Los Angeles, the contractor, supplier, or vendor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by such firm, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and will be treated equally by the firm without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, or sex and in compliance with all anti-discrimination laws of the United States of America and the State of California.

CONTRACTOR'S SPECIFIC CERTIFICATIONS

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| 1. The Contractor has a written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. The Contractor periodically conducts a self analysis or utilization analysis of its work force. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. The Contractor has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Where problem areas are identified in employment practices, the Contractor has a system for taking reasonable corrective action, to include establishment of goals or timetables. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Authorized Official's Printed Name and Title

Authorized Official's Signature

Date

COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION

CONTRACT #: #21-005

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: Election Systems & Software (ES&S), LLC

CONTRACT TITLE: Incoming Vote by Mail (VBM) Automated Signature Verification (ASV) Services

COUNTY PROJECT DIRECTOR:

Monica Flores
(562) 462-2697
mflores@rrcc.lacounty.gov

COUNTY PROJECT MANAGERS/STAFF:

Artur Markosyan (562) 462-2798 amarkosyan@rrcc.lacounty.gov	Tanya Ramirez (562) 462-2910 tframirez@rrcc.lacounty.gov
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COUNTY CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

All notices to COUNTY shall be mailed and e-mailed to contracts@rrcc.lacounty.gov

FINANCE/INVOICES

E-mail all invoices to the project director, project managers, contractor administer listed above and accountspayable@rrcc.lacounty.gov

CONTRACTOR'S ADMINISTRATION

CONTRACT #: #21-005

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: Election Systems & Software (ES&S), LLC

CONTRACT TITLE: Incoming Vote by Mail (VBM) Automated Signature Verification (ASV) Services

CONTRACTOR'S STAFF:

Project Director Name: Brian Chisholm
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Email: brian.chisholm@essvote.com

Project Manager Name: Maria Infante
Job Title: Project Manager
Address: 8315 Jackson St, Paramount, CA 90723
Phone: 562-201-4014
Email: maria.infante@essvote.com

Bryan Hoffman
Job Title: VP of Corporate Sales - West
Address: 1727 Southwood Trail, St. Cloud, MN 56301
Phone: (320) 267-4631
Email: bryan.hoffman@essvote.com

CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

Authorized Official Name: Richard Jablonski, VP of Finance
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Phone: (402) 537-1103
Email: dick.jablonski@essvote.com

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

CONTRACTOR NAME _____ Contract No. _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Contractor referenced above has entered into a contract with the County of Los Angeles to provide certain services to the County. The County requires the Corporation to sign this Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement.

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Contractor understands and agrees that the Contractor employees, consultants, Outsourced Vendors and independent contractors (Contractor's Staff) that will provide services in the above referenced agreement are Contractor's sole responsibility. Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff must rely exclusively upon Contractor for payment of salary and any and all other benefits payable by virtue of Contractor's Staff's performance of work under the above-referenced contract.

Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff are not employees of the County of Los Angeles for any purpose whatsoever and that Contractor's Staff do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits of any kind from the County of Los Angeles by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced contract. Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff will not acquire any rights or benefits from the County of Los Angeles pursuant to any agreement between any person or entity and the County of Los Angeles.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

Contractor and Contractor's Staff may be involved with work pertaining to services provided by the County of Los Angeles and, if so, Contractor and Contractor's Staff may have access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County. In addition, Contractor and Contractor's Staff may also have access to proprietary information supplied by other vendors doing business with the County of Los Angeles. The County has a legal obligation to protect all such confidential data and information in its possession, especially data and information concerning health, criminal, and welfare recipient records. Contractor and Contractor's Staff understand that if they are involved in County work, the County must ensure that Contractor and Contractor's Staff, will protect the confidentiality of such data and information. Consequently, Contractor must sign this Confidentiality Agreement as a condition of work to be provided by Contractor's Staff for the County.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff hereby agrees that they will not divulge to any unauthorized person any data or information obtained while performing work pursuant to the above-referenced contract between Contractor and the County of Los Angeles. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to forward all requests for the release of any data or information received to County's Project Manager.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to keep confidential all health, criminal, and welfare recipient records and all data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County, design concepts, algorithms, programs, formats, documentation, Contractor proprietary information and all other original materials produced, created, or provided to Contractor and Contractor's Staff under the above-referenced contract. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to protect these confidential materials against disclosure to other than Contractor or County employees who have a need to know the information. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree that if proprietary information supplied by other County vendors is provided to me during this employment, Contractor and Contractor's Staff shall keep such information confidential.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to report any and all violations of this agreement by Contractor and Contractor's Staff and/or by any other person of whom Contractor and Contractor's Staff become aware.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff acknowledge that violation of this agreement may subject Contractor and Contractor's Staff to civil and/or criminal action and that the County of Los Angeles may seek all possible legal redress.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

PRINTED NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

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CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE

2.203.010 Findings.

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

2.203.020 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

- A. "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the county or a subcontract with a county contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more such contracts or subcontracts.
- B. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a contractor under the laws of California.
- C. "Contract" means any agreement to provide goods to, or perform services for or on behalf of, the county but does not include:
 - 1. A contract where the board finds that special circumstances exist that justify a waiver of the requirements of this chapter; or
 - 2. A contract where federal or state law or a condition of a federal or state program mandates the use of a particular contractor; or
 - 3. A purchase made through a state or federal contract; or
 - 4. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, or reseller, and must match and inter-member with existing supplies, equipment or systems maintained by the county pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-3700 or a successor provision; or
 - 5. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, Section 4.4.0 or a successor provision; or
 - 6. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-2810 or a successor provision; or
 - 7. A non-agreement purchase with a value of less than \$5,000 pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section A-0300 or a successor provision; or

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8. A bona fide emergency purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section PP-1100 or a successor provision.
- D. "Full time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if
1. The lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the chief administrative officer, or
 2. The contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full time.
- E. "County" means the county of Los Angeles or any public entities for which the board of supervisors is the governing body. (Ord. 2002-0040 § 1, 2002: Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.030 Applicability.

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

2.203.040 Contractor Jury Service Policy.

A contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from the contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the contractor or that the contractor deduct from the Employees' regular pay the fees received for jury service. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

2.203.050 Other Provisions.

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

2.203.060 Enforcement and Remedies.

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

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

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2.203.070. Exceptions.

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

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

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

2.203.090. Severability.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OR

Part II: Certification of Compliance

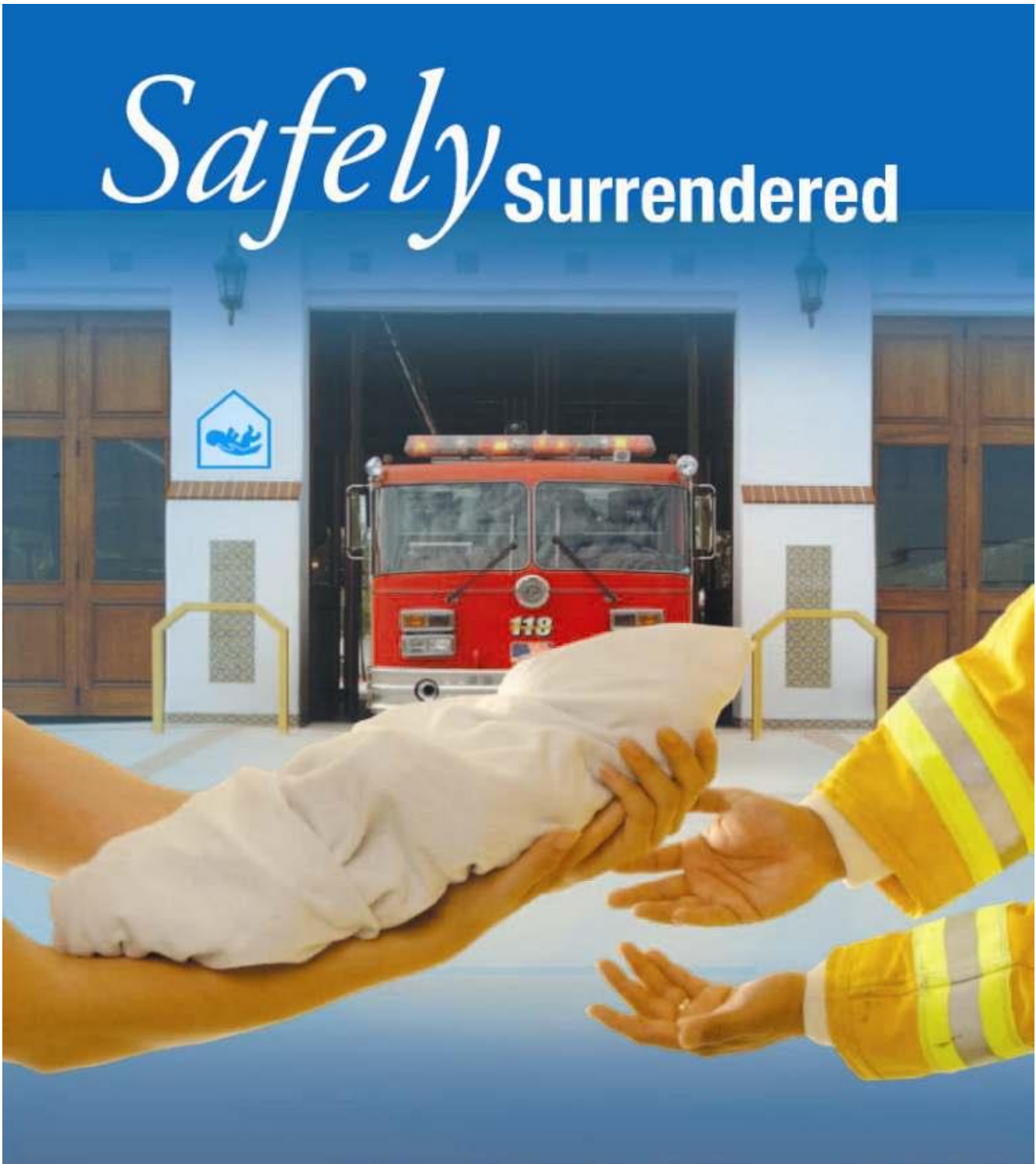
- My business has and adheres to a written policy that provides, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service for full-time employees of the business who are also California residents, or my company will have and adhere to such a policy prior to award of the contract.

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

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

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Safely Surrendered Baby Law

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

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

Every baby deserves a chance for a healthy life. If someone you know is considering abandoning a baby, let her know there are other options. For three days (72 hours) after birth, a baby can be surrendered to staff at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County.

How does it work?

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

What if a parent wants the baby back?

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

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

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

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

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

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

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

What happens to the baby?

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

What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

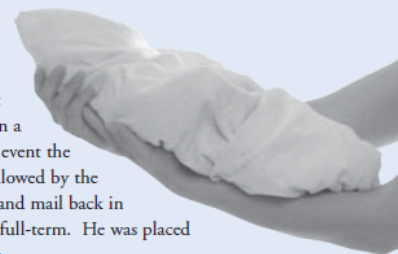
Once the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to hospital or fire station personnel, they may leave at any time.

Why is California doing this?

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

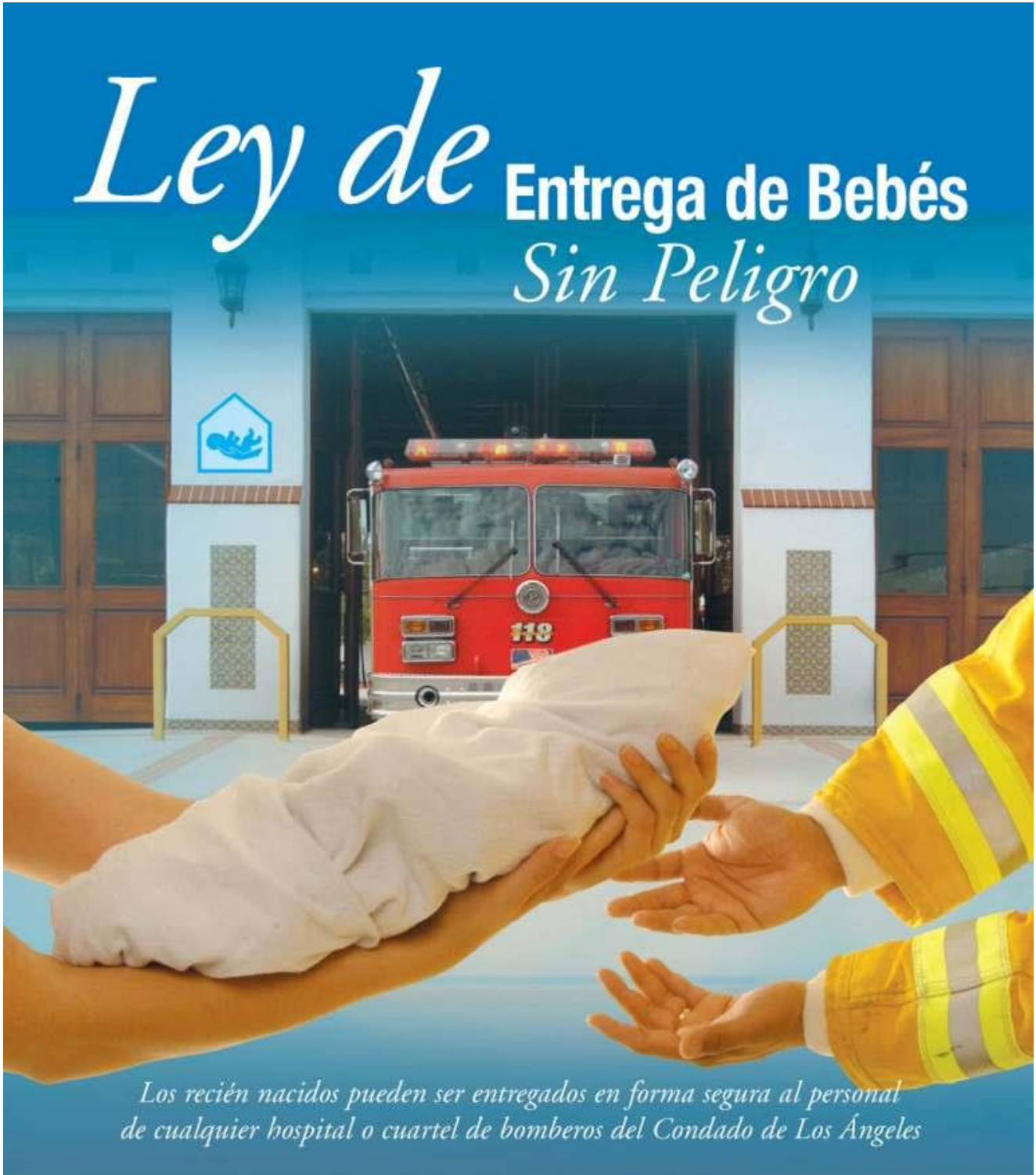
A baby's story

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



Safely Surrendered Baby Law

Ley de Entrega de Bebés *Sin Peligro*



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

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Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

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

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

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

¿Cómo funciona?

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

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

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

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

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

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

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

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

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

¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

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

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

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

¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California? ?

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

Historia de un bebé

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



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GLOSSARY

Definitions

All capitalized terms, words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them below whenever used in this Contract, including the body of the Contract and Statement of Work, and other exhibits hereto unless otherwise apparent from the context in which they are used.

A

Acceptance: As used herein, the term shall mean County's written approval of any tasks, subtasks, deliverables, goods, services or other Work, including Acceptance Tests, provided by Contractor to County pursuant to this Contract.

Automated Signature Recognition Software: Computer software used to capture signatures from Vote by Mail envelopes and compare that signature to the voter's signature on file in their voter record.

B

Board of Supervisors (Board): The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as governing body.

C

Contract: This contract executed between County and Contractor. Included are all supplemental agreements amending or extending the service to be performed. The Contract sets forth the terms and conditions for the issuance and performance of all tasks, deliverables, services and other work

Contractor: The person or persons, sole proprietor, partnership, joint venture, corporation or other legal entity who has entered into an contract with the County to perform or execute the work covered by this contract.

Contractor Project Manager: The person designated by the Contractor to administer the Contract operations under this Contract

County Project Manager: Person designated by County's Project Director to manage the operations under this contract.

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

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

D

Day(s): Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified

E

Election Management System (EMS): Individually and collectively, Intellectual Property, Software, hardware and firmware procured by the County that meets the functional, technical and other specifications and any performance or results required by the EMS Contract, provided in the Contractor Proposal, and as outlined in any Statement of Work including the Implementation Statement of Work, Hosting Statement of Work, and the Maintenance and Support Statement of Work. For the avoidance of doubt, the System does not include County Data that is collected, processed, stored, or distributed by the System.

F

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

I

Incoming Vote by Mail (VBM): Voted ballots received from voters either via mail or drop-off.

K

County Information: Any County information, data, records, and information to which a Contractor has access or possession or that have otherwise been provided to a Contractor, whether or not intended under or for the purposes of the Contract, and includes any information that identifies, relates to, describes, is capable of being associated with, or could reasonably be linked, directly or indirectly, with a particular individual or household including name, address, e-mail address, passwords, account numbers, social security numbers, credit card information, personal financial or healthcare information, personal preferences, demographic data, geographic location, marketing data, credit data, or any other identification data.

For the avoidance of doubt, County Data shall include (a) all “nonpublic information,” as defined by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (15 USC § 6801 et seq.), (b) personal information as defined by California Civil Code §§ 1798.29, 1798.8082, and 1798.140 (California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018, effective January 1, 2020) as amended and supplemented by the California Privacy Rights Act of 2020 (effective December 16, 2020; operative January 1, 2023), (c) protected health information or individually identifiable health information as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HiTECH) Act or as defined by the Code of Federal Regulations (45 CFR § 160.103), (d) personal data as defined by the EU General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), and/or (e) affidavits of voter registration, voter registration information, and voter registration records as set forth in California Government Code section 6254.4 and California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 19001.

M

Mail Ballot Verifier Units: System consisting of hardware and software to scan, capture and process images of VBM envelopes.

Maintenance and Support (Software and Hardware): The stage in which the Contractor will fix deficiencies for the County.

S

Statement of Work: The directions, provisions, and requirements provided herein and special provisions pertaining to the method, frequency, manner and place of performing the contract services.

Subcontract: An contract by the contractor to employ a subcontractor to provide services to fulfill this contract.

Subcontractor: Any individual, person or persons, sole proprietor, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other legal entity furnishing supplies, services of any nature, equipment, and/or materials to contractor in furtherance of contractor's performance of this contract, at any tier, under oral or written agreement.

V

Vote by Mail (VBM): Program which allows voters to mark and submit a paper ballot to the County to cast their votes in an election.

EXHIBIT L Background Check Form

EXHIBIT L – Background Check Form



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BCIA 8016
(orig. 04/2001; rev. 01/2011)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REQUEST FOR LIVE SCAN SERVICE

[Print Form](#)

[Reset Form](#)

Applicant Submission

A1500 Employment
 ORI (Code assigned by DOJ) Authorized Applicant Type

Type of License/Certification/Permit OR Working Title (Maximum 30 characters - if assigned by DOJ, use exact title assigned)

Contributing Agency Information:

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-REGISTRAR-RECORDER 09167
 Agency Authorized to Receive Criminal Record Information Mail Code (five-digit code assigned by DOJ)
 12400 E. IMPERIAL HWY
 Street Address or P.O. Box Contact Name (mandatory for all school submissions)
 NORWALK CA 90650
 City State ZIP Code (562) 462-2285
 Contact Telephone Number

Applicant Information:

Last Name **First Name** **Middle Initial** **Suffix**
 Other Name (AKA or Alias) Last First Suffix
Date of Birth **Sex** Male Female **Driver's License Number**
Height **Weight** **Eye Color** **Hair Color**
Place of Birth (State or Country) **Social Security Number**
Home Address **Billing Number**
 Street Address or P.O. Box (Agency Billing Number)
City **State** **ZIP Code**
 Misc. Number
 (Other Identification Number)

Your Number:
OCA Number (Agency Identifying Number)

Level of Service: DOJ FBI

If re-submission, list original ATI number:
 (Must provide proof of rejection)

Original ATI Number

Employer (Additional response for agencies specified by statute):

Employer Name Mail Code (five digit code assigned by DOJ)
 Street Address or P.O. Box
 City State ZIP Code Telephone Number (optional)

Live Scan Transaction Completed By:

Name of Operator Date
 Transmitting Agency LSID ATI Number Amount Collected/Billed

ORIGINAL - Live Scan Operator

SECOND COPY - Applicant

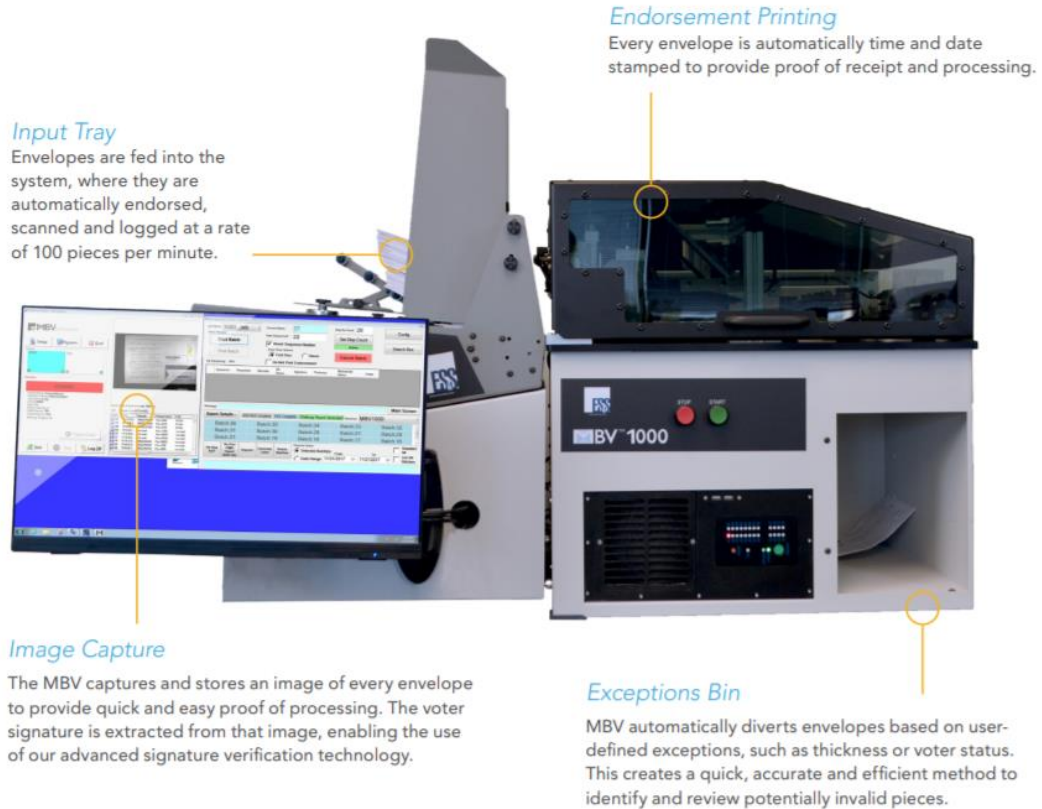
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EXHIBIT M – Intentionally Omitted



Mail Ballot Verifier[®]

Inbound Mail Ballot Processor



Input Tray

Envelopes are fed into the system, where they are automatically endorsed, scanned and logged at a rate of 100 pieces per minute.

Endorsement Printing

Every envelope is automatically time and date stamped to provide proof of receipt and processing.

Image Capture

The MBV captures and stores an image of every envelope to provide quick and easy proof of processing. The voter signature is extracted from that image, enabling the use of our advanced signature verification technology.

Exceptions Bin

MBV automatically diverts envelopes based on user-defined exceptions, such as thickness or voter status. This creates a quick, accurate and efficient method to identify and review potentially invalid pieces.



AUTOMATED SIGNATURE RECOGNITION (ASR):

Industry-proven software is used to automatically compare the voter signature captured from the envelope against the signature on file. Users set a confidence threshold and any signature matching that criteria is automatically flagged as verified, eliminating the need for a manual review.

Version 2
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MBV Solution

More and more, voters are using the mail to cast their ballots. While this is a convenient option for voters, processing and verifying mailed ballots can be time consuming and labor intensive for election officials. With the Mail Ballot Verifier (MBV), verifying and sorting mailed ballots can be fully automated. This reduces costs and labor involved in completing this time-sensitive function.

EFFICIENT AND SECURE



All envelopes are imaged and serialized by the MBV. This eliminates the need to handle voted ballots to verify them, and allows for more efficient and secure signature verification and better use of employee time.

ON-SCREEN, SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON



The MBV provides an on-screen comparison of unverified signatures by displaying both the voter's and reference signatures side-by-side on a screen. The user simply accepts or rejects the envelope with a couple clicks of their mouse. This process is 5-10 times faster than the traditional method of manually scanning envelopes. ES&S can provide this on-screen viewing capability, or the MBV can exchange data with a jurisdiction's existing voter registration system, if that functionality is already offered.

IN-LINE SORTING



Sort bins can be added to the MBV 1000, allowing users to automatically separate and sort mail based on a variety of criteria such as geography (precinct, district, ward, etc.), voter status and exception types (no signature, invalid, too thick, etc.). This eliminates manual sorting and ensures only valid envelopes are made available for verification.

COMPACT AND COST EFFECTIVE



Unlike other systems on the market, the MBV is compact, quiet and easy to use, making it an ideal solution for the office environments operated by election staff. Additionally, the price of the MBV is significantly less than any other solution on the market — making it cost effective even for jurisdictions processing as few as 10,000 mail ballots.

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INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS

The County of Los Angeles (“County”) is committed to safeguarding the Integrity of the County systems, Data, Information and protecting the privacy rights of the individuals that it serves. This Information Security and Privacy Requirements Exhibit (“Exhibit”) sets forth the County and the Contractor’s commitment and agreement to fulfill each of their obligations under applicable state or federal laws, rules, or regulations, as well as applicable industry standards concerning privacy, Data protections, Information Security, Confidentiality, Availability, and Integrity of such Information. The Information Security and privacy requirements and procedures in this Exhibit are to be established by the Contractor by the Effective Date of the Contract and maintained throughout the term of the Contract.

These requirements and procedures are a minimum standard and are in addition to the requirements of the underlying base agreement between the County and Contractor (the “Contract”) and any other agreements between the parties. However, it is the Contractor's sole obligation to: (i) implement appropriate and reasonable measures to secure and protect its systems and all County Information against internal and external Threats and Risks; and (ii) continuously review and revise those measures to address ongoing Threats and Risks. Failure to comply with the minimum requirements and procedures set forth in this Exhibit will constitute a material, non-curable breach of Contract by the Contractor, entitling the County, in addition to the cumulative of all other remedies available to it at law, in equity, or under the Contract, to immediately terminate the Contract. To the extent there are conflicts between this Exhibit and the Contract, this Exhibit shall prevail unless stated otherwise.

1. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise defined in the Contract, the definitions herein contained are specific to the uses within this exhibit.

- a. **Availability:** the condition of Information being accessible and usable upon demand by an authorized entity (Workforce Member or process).
- b. **Confidentiality:** the condition that Information is not disclosed to system entities (users, processes, devices) unless they have been authorized to access the Information.
- c. **County Information:** Any County information, data, records, and information to which a Contractor has access or possession or that have otherwise been provided to a Contractor, whether or not intended under or for the purposes of the Contract, and includes any information that identifies, relates to, describes, is capable of being associated with, or could reasonably be linked, directly or indirectly, with a particular individual or household including name, address, e-mail address, passwords, account numbers, social security numbers, credit card information, personal financial or healthcare information, personal preferences, demographic data, geographic location, marketing data, credit data, or any other identification data.

For the avoidance of doubt, County Data shall include (a) all “nonpublic information,” as defined by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (15 USC § 6801 et seq.), (b) personal information as defined by California Civil Code §§ 1798.29, 1798.8082, and 1798.140 (California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018, effective January 1, 2020) as amended and supplemented by the California Privacy Rights Act of 2020 (effective December 16, 2020; operative January 1, 2023), (c) protected health information or individually identifiable health information as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HiTECH) Act or as defined by the Code of Federal Regulations (45 CFR § 160.103), (d) personal data as defined by the EU General Data

akProtection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), and/or (e) affidavits of voter registration, voter registration information, and voter registration records as set forth in California Government Code section 6254.4 and California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 19001.

- d. For the further avoidance of doubt, County Data is not limited to proprietary or confidential information, and need not constitute trade secret information. **Data:** a subset of Information comprised of qualitative or quantitative values.
- e. **Incident:** a suspected, attempted, successful, or imminent Threat of unauthorized electronic and/or physical access, use, disclosure, breach, modification, or destruction of information; interference with Information Technology operations; or significant violation of County policy.
- f. **Information:** any communication or representation of knowledge or understanding such as facts, Data, or opinions in any medium or form, including electronic, textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative, or audiovisual.
- g. **Information Security Policy:** high level statements of intention and direction of an organization used to create an organization's Information Security Program as formally expressed by its top management.
- h. **Information Security Program:** formalized and implemented Information Security Policies, standards and procedures that are documented describing the program management safeguards and common controls in place or those planned for meeting the County's information security requirements.
- i. **Information Technology:** any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment that is used in the automatic acquisition, storage, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of Data or Information.
- j. **Integrity:** the condition whereby Data or Information has not been improperly modified or destroyed and authenticity of the Data or Information can be ensured.
- k. **Mobile Device Management (MDM):** software that allows Information Technology administrators to control, secure, and enforce policies on smartphones, tablets, and other endpoints.
- l. **Mail Ballot Verifier (MBV):** the hardware and software utilized by Contractor to perform mail ballot automated signature verification for the County of Los Angeles.
- m. **Privacy Policy:** high level statements of intention and direction of an organization used to create an organization's Privacy Program as formally expressed by its top management.
- n. **Privacy Program:** A formal document that provides an overview of an organization's privacy program, including a description of the structure of the privacy program, the resources dedicated to the privacy program, the role of the organization's privacy official and other staff, the strategic goals and objectives of the Privacy Program, and the program management controls and common controls in place or planned for meeting applicable privacy requirements and managing privacy risks.
- o. **Risk:** a measure of the extent to which the County is threatened by a potential circumstance or event, Risk is typically a function of: (i) the adverse impacts that would arise if the circumstance or event occurs; and (ii) the likelihood of occurrence.
- p. **Threat:** any circumstance or event with the potential to adversely impact County operations (including mission, functions, image, or reputation), organizational assets, individuals, or other organizations through an Information System via unauthorized access, destruction, disclosure, modification of Information, and/or denial of service.

- q. **Vulnerability:** a weakness in a system, application, network or process that is subject to exploitation or misuse.
- r. **Workforce Member:** employees, volunteers, and other persons whose conduct, in the performance of work for Los Angeles County, is under the direct control of Los Angeles County, whether or not they are paid by Los Angeles County. This includes, but may not be limited to, full and part time elected or appointed officials, employees, affiliates, associates, students, volunteers, and staff from third party entities who provide service to the County.

2. INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY PROGRAMS

- a. **Information Security Program.** The Contractor shall maintain a company-wide Information Security Program designed to evaluate Risks to the Confidentiality, Availability, and Integrity of the County Information covered under this Contract.

Contractor's Information Security Program shall include the creation and maintenance of Information Security Policies, standards, and procedures. Information Security Policies, standards, and procedures will be communicated to all Contractor employees in a relevant, accessible, and understandable form and will be regularly reviewed and evaluated to ensure operational effectiveness, compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, and addresses new and emerging Threats and Risks.

The Contractor shall exercise the same degree of care in safeguarding and protecting County Information that the Contractor exercises with respect to its own Information and Data, but in no event less than a reasonable degree of care. The Contractor will implement, maintain, and use appropriate administrative, technical, and physical security measures to preserve the Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability of County Information.

The Contractor's Information Security Program shall:

- Protect the Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability of County Information in the Contractor's possession or control;
 - Protect against any anticipated Threats or hazards to the Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability of County Information;
 - Protect against unauthorized or unlawful access, use, disclosure, alteration, or destruction of County Information;
 - Protect against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, County Information; and
 - Safeguard County Information in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations which apply to the Contractor.
- b. **Privacy Program.** The Contractor shall establish and maintain a company-wide Privacy Program designed to incorporate Privacy Policies and practices in its business operations to provide safeguards for Information, including County Information. The Contractor's Privacy Program shall include the development of, and ongoing reviews and updates to Privacy Policies, guidelines, procedures and appropriate workforce privacy training within its organization. These Privacy Policies, guidelines, procedures, and appropriate training will be provided to all Contractor employees, agents, and volunteers. The Contractor's Privacy Policies, guidelines, and procedures shall be periodically reviewed and updated for effectiveness and compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and to appropriately respond to new and emerging Threats and Risks. The Contractor's Privacy Program shall perform periodic monitoring and audits of operations to identify and mitigate privacy Threats.

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The Contractor shall exercise the same degree of care in safeguarding the privacy of County Information that the Contractor exercises with respect to its own Information, but in no event less than a reasonable degree of care. The Contractor will implement, maintain, and use appropriate privacy practices and protocols to preserve the Confidentiality of County Information.

The Contractor's Privacy Program shall include:

- A Privacy Program framework that identifies and ensures that the Contractor complies with all applicable laws and regulations;
- External Privacy Policies, and internal privacy policies, procedures and controls to support the privacy program;
- Protections against unauthorized or unlawful access, use, disclosure, alteration, or destruction of County Information;
- A training program that covers Privacy Policies, protocols and awareness;
- A response plan to address privacy Incidents and privacy breaches; and
- Ongoing privacy assessments and audits.

3. PROPERTY RIGHTS TO COUNTY INFORMATION

All County Information is deemed property of the County, and the County shall retain exclusive rights and ownership thereto. County Information shall not be used by the Contractor for any purpose other than as required under this Contract, nor shall such or any part of such be disclosed, sold, assigned, leased, or otherwise disposed of, to third parties by the Contractor, or commercially exploited or otherwise used by, or on behalf of, the Contractor, its officers, directors, employees, or agents. The Contractor may assert no lien on or right to withhold from the County, any County Information it receives from, receives addressed to, or stores on behalf of, the County. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor may aggregate, compile, and use County Information in order to improve, develop or enhance the System Software and/or other services offered, or to be offered, by the Contractor, provided that (i) no County Information in such aggregated or compiled pool is identifiable as originating from, or can be traced back to the County, and (ii) except only as necessary to carry out its obligations under this Contract, such Data or Information cannot be associated or matched with the identity of an individual alone, or linkable to a specific individual. The Contractor specifically consents to the County's access to such County Information held, stored, or maintained on any and all devices Contractor owns, leases or possesses.

4. CONTRACTOR'S USE OF COUNTY INFORMATION

The Contractor may use County Information only as necessary to carry out its obligations under this Contract. The Contractor shall collect, maintain, or use County Information only for the purposes specified in the Contract and, in all cases, in compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations governing the collection, maintenance, transmission, dissemination, storage, use, and destruction of County Information, including, but not limited to, (i) any state and federal law governing the protection of personal Information, (ii) any state and federal security breach notification laws, and (iii) the rules, regulations and directives of the Federal Trade Commission, as amended from time to time.

5. SHARING COUNTY INFORMATION AND DATA

The Contractor shall not share, release, disclose, disseminate, make available, transfer, or otherwise communicate orally, in writing, or by electronic or other means, County Information to a third party for monetary or other valuable consideration.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY

- a. **Confidentiality of County Information.** The Contractor agrees that all County Information is Confidential and proprietary to the County regardless of whether such Information was disclosed intentionally or unintentionally, or marked as "confidential".
- b. **Disclosure of County Information.** The Contractor may disclose County Information only as necessary to carry out its obligations under this Contract, or as required by law, and is prohibited from using County Information for any other purpose without the prior express written approval of the County's contract administrator in consultation with the County's Chief Information Security Officer and/or Chief Privacy Officer. If required by a court of competent jurisdiction or an administrative body to disclose County Information, the Contractor shall notify the County's contract administrator immediately and prior to any such disclosure, to provide the County an opportunity to oppose or otherwise respond to such disclosure, unless prohibited by law from doing so.
- c. **Disclosure Restrictions of Non-Public Information.** While performing work under the Contract, the Contractor may encounter County Non-public Information ("NPI") in the course of performing this Contract, including, but not limited to, licensed technology, drawings, schematics, manuals, sealed court records, and other materials described and/or identified as "Internal Use", "Confidential" or "Restricted" as defined in [Board of Supervisors Policy 6.104 – Information Classification Policy](#) as NPI. The Contractor shall not disclose or publish any County NPI and material received or used in performance of this Contract. This obligation is perpetual.
- d. **Individual Requests.** The Contractor shall acknowledge any request or instructions from the County regarding the exercise of any individual's privacy rights provided under applicable federal or state laws. The Contractor shall have in place appropriate policies and procedures to promptly respond to such requests and comply with any request or instructions from the County within seven (7) calendar days. If an individual makes a request directly to the Contractor involving County Information, the Contractor shall notify the County within five (5) calendar days and the County will coordinate an appropriate response, which may include instructing the Contractor to assist in fulfilling the request. Similarly, if the Contractor receives a privacy or security complaint from an individual regarding County Information, the Contractor shall notify the County as described in Section 14 SECURITY AND PRIVACY INCIDENTS, and the County will coordinate an appropriate response.
- e. **Retention of County Information.** The Contractor shall not retain any County Information for any period longer than necessary for the Contractor to fulfill its obligations under the Contract and applicable law, whichever is longest.

7. CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES

The Contractor shall perform background and security investigation procedures in the manner prescribed in this section unless the Contract prescribes procedures for conducting background and security investigations and those procedures are no less stringent than the procedures described in this section.

To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Contractor shall screen and conduct background investigations on all Contractor employees and Subcontractors as appropriate to their role, with access to County Information for potential security Risks. Such background investigations must be obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California Department of Justice to include State, local, and federal-level review and conducted in accordance with the law, may include criminal and financial history to the extent permitted under the law, and will be repeated on a regular basis. The fees associated with the background investigation shall be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless of whether the member of the Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation. The Contractor, in compliance with its legal obligations, shall conduct an individualized assessment of their employees, agents, and volunteers regarding the nature and gravity of a criminal offense or conduct; the time that has passed since a criminal offense or conduct and completion of the sentence; and the nature of the access to County Information to ensure that no individual accesses County Information whose past criminal conduct poses a risk or threat to County Information.

The Contractor shall require all employees, agents, and volunteers to abide by the requirements in this Exhibit, as set forth in the Contract, and sign an appropriate written Confidentiality/non-disclosure agreement with the Contractor.

The Contractor shall supply each of its employees with appropriate, annual training regarding Information Security procedures, Risks, and Threats. The Contractor agrees that training will cover, but may not be limited to the following topics:

- a) **Secure Authentication:** The importance of utilizing secure authentication, including proper management of authentication credentials (login name and password) and multi-factor authentication.
- b) **Social Engineering Attacks:** Identifying different forms of social engineering including, but not limited to, phishing, phone scams, and impersonation calls.
- c) **Handling of County Information:** The proper identification, storage, transfer, archiving, and destruction of County Information.
- d) **Causes of Unintentional Information Exposure:** Provide awareness of causes of unintentional exposure of Information such as lost mobile devices, emailing Information to inappropriate recipients, etc.
- e) **Identifying and Reporting Incidents:** Awareness of the most common indicators of an Incident and how such indicators should be reported within the organization.
- f) **Privacy:** The Contractor's Privacy Policies and procedures as described in Section 2b. Privacy Program.

The Contractor shall have an established set of procedures to ensure the Contractor's employees promptly report actual and/or suspected breaches of security.

8. SUBCONTRACTORS AND THIRD PARTIES

The County acknowledges that in the course of performing its services, the Contractor may desire or require the use of goods, services, and/or assistance of Subcontractors or other third parties or suppliers. The terms of this Exhibit shall also apply to all Subcontractors and third parties. The Contractor or third party shall be subject to the following terms and conditions: (i) each Subcontractor and third party must agree in writing to comply with and be bound by the applicable terms and conditions of this Exhibit, both for itself and to enable the Contractor to be and remain in

compliance with its obligations hereunder, including those provisions relating to Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability, disclosures, security, and such other terms and conditions as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the Contract including this Exhibit; and (ii) the Contractor shall be and remain fully liable for the acts and omissions of each Subcontractor and third party, and fully responsible for the due and proper performance of all Contractor obligations under this Contract.

The Contractor shall obtain advanced approval from the County's Chief Information Security Officer and/or Chief Privacy Officer prior to subcontracting services subject to this Exhibit.

9. STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION

All County Information shall be rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Contractor will encrypt all workstations, portable devices (such as mobile, wearables, tablets,) and removable media (such as portable or removable hard disks, floppy disks, USB memory drives, CDs, DVDs, magnetic tape, and all other removable storage media) that store County Information in accordance with Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2 or otherwise approved by the County's Chief Information Security Officer.

The Contractor will encrypt County Information transmitted on networks outside of the Contractor's control with Transport Layer Security (TLS) or Internet Protocol Security (IPSec), at a minimum cipher strength of 128 bit or an equivalent secure transmission protocol or method approved by County's Chief Information Security Officer.

In addition, the Contractor shall not store County Information in the cloud or in any other online storage provider without written authorization from the County's Chief Information Security Officer. All mobile devices storing County Information shall be managed by a Mobile Device Management system. Such system must provide provisions to enforce a password/passcode on enrolled mobile devices. All workstations/Personal Computers (including laptops, 2-in-1s, and tablets) will maintain the latest operating system security patches, and the latest virus definitions. Virus scans must be performed at least monthly. Request for less frequent scanning must be approved in writing by the County's Chief Information Security Officer.

10. RETURN OR DESTRUCTION OF COUNTY INFORMATION

The Contractor shall return or destroy County Information in the manner prescribed in this section unless the Contract prescribes procedures for returning or destroying County Information and those procedures are no less stringent than the procedures described in this section.

- a. **Return or Destruction.** Upon County's written request, or upon expiration or termination of this Contract for any reason, Contractor shall (i) promptly return or destroy, at the County's option, all originals and copies of all documents and materials it has received containing County Information; or (ii) if return or destruction is not permissible under applicable law, continue to protect such Information in accordance with the terms of this Contract; and (iii) deliver or destroy, at the County's option, all originals and copies of all summaries, records, descriptions, modifications, negatives, drawings, adoptions and other documents or materials, whether in writing or in machine-readable form, prepared by the Contractor, prepared under its direction, or at its request, from the documents and materials referred to in Subsection (i) of this Section. For all documents or materials referred to in Subsections (i) and (ii) of this Section that the County requests be returned to the County, the Contractor shall provide a written attestation on company letterhead certifying that all documents and materials have been delivered to the

County. For documents or materials referred to in Subsections (i) and (ii) of this Section that the County requests be destroyed, the Contractor shall provide an attestation on company letterhead and certified documentation from a media destruction firm consistent with subdivision b of this Section. Upon termination or expiration of the Contract or at any time upon the County's request, the Contractor shall return all hardware, if any, provided by the County to the Contractor. The hardware should be physically sealed and returned via a bonded courier, or as otherwise directed by the County.

- b. **Method of Destruction.** The Contractor shall destroy all originals and copies by (i) cross-cut shredding paper, film, or other hard copy media so that the Information cannot be read or otherwise reconstructed; and (ii) purging, or destroying electronic media containing County Information consistent with NIST Special Publication 800-88, "Guidelines for Media Sanitization" such that the County Information cannot be retrieved. The Contractor will provide an attestation on company letterhead and certified documentation from a media destruction firm, detailing the destruction method used and the County Information involved, the date of destruction, and the company or individual who performed the destruction. Such statement will be sent to the designated County contract manager within ten (10) days of termination or expiration of the Contract or at any time upon the County's request. On termination or expiration of this Contract, the County will return or destroy all Contractor's Information marked as confidential (excluding items licensed to the County hereunder, or that provided to the County by the Contractor hereunder), at the County's option.

11. PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY

To the extent applicable, all Contractor facilities that process County Information will be located in secure areas and protected by perimeter security such as barrier access controls (e.g., the use of guards and entry badges) that provide a physically secure environment from unauthorized access, damage, and interference.

To the extent applicable, all Contractor facilities that process County Information will be maintained with physical and environmental controls (temperature and humidity) that meet or exceed hardware manufacturer's specifications.

12. OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS CONTINUITY, AND DISASTER RECOVERY

The Contractor shall: (i) monitor and manage all of its Information processing facilities, including, without limitation, implementing operational procedures, change management, and Incident response procedures consistent with Section 14 SECURITY AND PRIVACY INCIDENTS; and (ii) deploy adequate anti-malware software and adequate back-up systems to ensure essential business Information can be promptly recovered in the event of a disaster or media failure; and (iii) ensure its operating procedures are adequately documented and designed to protect Information and computer media from theft and unauthorized access.

The Contractor must have business continuity and disaster recovery plans. For purposes of business continuity and disaster recovery, Contractor will utilize RAID drive configurations for redundancy and backups for critical data. Contractor will back-up a copy of the database to a secondary server or one or more of the MBV units for additional redundancy. If the Contractor makes backups to removable media (as described in Section 9 STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION), all such backups shall be encrypted in compliance with the encryption requirements noted above in Section 9 STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION.

13. ACCESS CONTROL

Subject to and without limiting the requirements under Section 9 STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION, County Information (i) may only be made available and accessible to those parties explicitly authorized under the Contract or otherwise expressly approved by the County Project Director or Project Manager in writing; and (ii) if transferred using removable media (as described in Section 9 STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION) must be sent via a bonded courier and protected using encryption technology designated by the Contractor and approved by the County's Chief Information Security Officer in writing. The foregoing requirements shall apply to back-up media stored by the Contractor at off-site facilities.

On a date to be agreed to between the parties, no later than March 1, 2022, the Contractor shall implement formal procedures to control access to County systems, services, and/or Information, including, but not limited to, user account management procedures and the following controls:

- a. Network access to both internal and external networked services shall be controlled, including, but not limited to, the use of industry standard and properly configured firewalls;
- b. Operating systems will be used to enforce access controls to computer resources including, but not limited to, multi-factor authentication, use of virtual private networks (VPN), authorization, and event logging;
- c. The Contractor will conduct regular, no less often than semi-annually, user access reviews to ensure that unnecessary and/or unused access to County Information is removed in a timely manner;
- d. Applications will include access control to limit user access to County Information and application system functions;
- e. All systems will be monitored to detect deviation from access control policies and identify suspicious activity. The Contractor shall record, review and act upon all events in accordance with Incident response policies set forth in Section 14 SECURITY AND PRIVACY INCIDENTS; and
- f. In the event any hardware, storage media, or removable media (as described in Section 9 STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION) must be disposed of or sent off-site for servicing, the Contractor shall ensure all County Information, has been eradicated from such hardware and/or media using industry best practices as discussed in Section 9 STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION.

14. SECURITY AND PRIVACY INCIDENTS

In the event of a Security or Privacy Incident, the Contractor shall:

- a. Promptly notify the County's Chief Information Security Officer, the Departmental Information Security Officer, and the County's Chief Privacy Officer of any Incidents involving County Information, within twenty-four (24) hours of detection of the Incident. All notifications shall be submitted via encrypted email and telephone.

County Chief Information Security Officer and Chief Privacy Officer email
CISO-CPO_Notify@lacounty.gov

Chief Information Security Officer:
Ralph Johnson
Chief Information Security Officer

320 W Temple, 7th Floor
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(213) 253-5600

Chief Privacy Officer:

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320 W Temple, 7th Floor
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Registrar-Recorder County Clerk
12400 Imperial Hwy
Norwalk, CA 90650
Office (562) 462-2445
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- b. Include the following Information in all notices:
 - i. The date and time of discovery of the Incident,
 - ii. The approximate date and time of the Incident,
 - iii. A description of the type of County Information involved in the reported Incident, and
 - iv. A summary of the relevant facts, including a description of measures being taken to respond to and remediate the Incident, and any planned corrective actions as they are identified.
 - v. The name and contact information for the organizations official representative(s), with relevant business and technical information relating to the incident.
- c. Cooperate with the County to investigate the Incident and seek to identify the specific County Information involved in the Incident upon the County's written request, without charge, unless the Incident was caused by the acts or omissions of the County. As Information about the Incident is collected or otherwise becomes available to the Contractor, and unless prohibited by law, the Contractor shall provide Information regarding the nature and consequences of the Incident that are reasonably requested by the County to allow the County to notify affected individuals, government agencies, and/or credit bureaus.
- d. Immediately initiate the appropriate portions of their Business Continuity and/or Disaster Recovery plans in the event of an Incident causing an interference with Information Technology operations.
- e. Assist and cooperate with forensic investigators, the County, law firms, and and/or law enforcement agencies at the direction of the County to help determine the nature, extent, and source of any Incident, and reasonably assist and cooperate with the County on any additional disclosures that the County is required to make as a result of the Incident.
- f. Allow the County or its third-party designee at the County's election to perform audits and tests of the MBV operating environment located within the County-provided facility that may include, but are not limited to, interviews of relevant employees, review of documentation, or technical

inspection of systems, as they relate to the receipt, maintenance, use, retention, and authorized destruction of County Information.

Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Contract and Exhibit, the Contractor shall be (i) liable for all damages and fines, (ii) responsible for all corrective action, and (iii) responsible for all notifications arising from an Incident involving County Information caused by the Contractor's negligence, errors, or lack of Information Security or privacy controls.

15. NON-EXCLUSIVE EQUITABLE REMEDY

The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that due to the unique nature of County Information there can be no adequate remedy at law for any breach of its obligations hereunder, that any such breach may result in irreparable harm to the County, and therefore, that upon any such breach, the County will be entitled to appropriate equitable remedies, and may seek injunctive relief from a court of competent jurisdiction without the necessity of proving actual loss, in addition to whatever remedies are available within law or equity. Any breach of Section 6 CONFIDENTIALITY shall constitute a material breach of this Contract and be grounds for immediate termination of this Contract in the exclusive discretion of the County.

16. AUDIT AND INSPECTION

- a. **Self-Audits.** The Contractor shall periodically conduct audits, assessments, testing of the system of controls, and testing of Information Security and privacy procedures, including penetration testing, intrusion detection, and firewall configuration reviews of the MBV operating environment located within the County-provided facility. These periodic audits will be conducted by staff certified to perform the specific audit in question at Contractor's sole cost and expense through either (i) an internal independent audit function, (ii) a nationally recognized, external, independent auditor, or (iii) another independent auditor approved by the County.

The Contractor shall have a process for correcting control deficiencies that have been identified in the periodic audit of the MBV operating environment located within the County-provided facility, including follow up documentation providing evidence of such corrections. The Contractor shall provide the audit results and any corrective action documentation to the County promptly upon its completion at the County's request. With respect to any other report, certification, or audit or test results prepared or received by the Contractor that contains any County Information, the Contractor shall promptly provide the County with copies of the same upon the County's reasonable request, including identification of any failure or exception in the Contractor's Information systems, products, and services, and the corresponding steps taken by the Contractor to mitigate such failure or exception. Any reports and related materials provided to the County pursuant to this Section shall be provided at no additional charge to the County.

- b. **County Requested Audits.** At its own expense, the County, or an independent third-party auditor commissioned by the County, shall have the right to audit the MBV operating environment located within the County provided facility including its infrastructure, security and privacy practices, Data server, services and/or systems storing or processing County Information via an onsite inspection at least once a year. Upon the County's request the Contractor shall complete a questionnaire regarding Contractor's Information Security and/or program. The County shall pay for the County requested audit unless the auditor finds that the Contractor has materially breached this Exhibit, in which case the Contractor shall bear all costs of the audit; and if the audit reveals material non-compliance with this Exhibit, the County may exercise its termination rights underneath the Contract.

c.

Such audit shall be conducted during the Contractor's normal business hours with reasonable advance notice, in a manner that does not materially disrupt or otherwise unreasonably and adversely affect the Contractor's normal business operations. The County's request for the audit will specify the scope and areas (e.g., Administrative, Physical, and Technical) that are subject to the audit and may include, but are not limited to physical controls inspection, process reviews, policy reviews, evidence of external and internal Vulnerability scans, penetration test results, evidence of code reviews, and evidence of system configuration and audit log reviews of the MBV operating environment located within the County provided facility. It is understood that the results may be filtered to remove the specific Information of other Contractor customers such as IP address, server names, etc. The Contractor shall cooperate with the County in the development of the scope and methodology for the audit, and the timing and implementation of the audit. This right of access shall extend to any regulators with oversight of the County. The Contractor agrees to comply with all reasonable recommendations that result from such inspections, tests, and audits within reasonable timeframes.

When not prohibited by regulation, the Contractor will provide upon request by the County a summary of: (i) the results of any security audits, security reviews, or other relevant audits, conducted by the Contractor or a third party; and (ii) corrective actions or modifications, if any, the Contractor will implement in response to such audits.

17. CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Contractor shall secure and maintain cyber liability insurance coverage in the manner prescribed in this section unless the Contract prescribes cyber liability insurance coverage provisions and those provisions are no less stringent than those described in this section.

The Contractor shall secure and maintain cyber liability insurance coverage with limits of \$5 million in self-retention, followed by \$5 million insurance coverage, provided that ES&S shall submit proof, to County's satisfaction, of ES&S' financial ability to discharge its liabilities and obligations under this section per occurrence and in the aggregate during the term of the Contract, including coverage for: network security liability; privacy liability; privacy regulatory proceeding defense, response, expenses and fines; technology professional liability (errors and omissions); privacy breach expense reimbursement (liability arising from the loss or disclosure of County Information no matter how it occurs); system breach; denial or loss of service; introduction, implantation, or spread of malicious software code; unauthorized access to or use of computer systems; and Data/Information loss and business interruption; any other liability or risk that arises out of the Contract. The Contractor shall add the County as an additional insured to its cyber liability insurance policy and provide to the County certificates of insurance evidencing the foregoing upon the County's request. The procuring of the insurance described herein, or delivery of the certificates of insurance described herein, shall not be construed as a limitation upon the Contractor's liability or as full performance of its indemnification obligations hereunder. No exclusion/restriction for unencrypted portable devices/media may be on the policy.

18. PRIVACY AND SECURITY INDEMNIFICATION

In addition to the indemnification provisions in the Contract, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands liabilities, damages, judgments, awards, losses, costs, expenses or fees including reasonable attorneys' fees, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, and amounts paid in any settlement arising from, connected with, or relating to:

- The Contractor's violation of any federal and state laws in connection with its accessing, collecting, processing, storing, disclosing, or otherwise using County Information;
- The Contractor's failure to perform or comply with any terms and conditions of this Contract or related agreements with the County; and/or,
- Any Information loss, breach of Confidentiality, or Incident involving any County Information that occurs on the Contractor's systems or networks (including all costs and expenses incurred by the County to remedy the effects of such loss, breach of Confidentiality, or Incident, which may include (i) providing appropriate notice to individuals and governmental authorities, (ii) responding to individuals' and governmental authorities' inquiries, (iii) providing credit monitoring to individuals, and (iv) conducting litigation and settlements with individuals and governmental authorities).

Notwithstanding the preceding sentences, the County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to reimbursement from contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction or other equitable relief, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

ADDENDUM A: SOFTWARE AS A SERVICE (SaaS)

(INTENTIONALLY OMMITTED)

ADDENDUM B: CONTRACTOR HARDWARE CONNECTING TO COUNTY SYSTEMS

Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Contract, the Contractor shall ensure the following provisions and security controls are established for any and all Systems or Hardware provided under this contract.

- a. **Inventory:** The Contractor must actively manage, including through inventory, tracking, loss prevention, replacement, updating, and correcting, all hardware devices covered under this Contract. The Contractor must be able to provide such management records to the County at inception of the contract and upon request.
- b. **Access Control:** The Contractor agrees to manage access to all Systems or Hardware covered under this contract. This includes industry-standard management of administrative privileges including, but not limited to, maintaining an inventory of administrative privileges, changing default passwords, use of unique passwords for each individual accessing Systems or Hardware under this Contract, and minimizing the number of individuals with administrative privileges to those strictly necessary. Prior to effective date of this Contract, the Contractor must document their access control plan for Systems or Hardware covered under this Contract and provide such plan to the Department Information Security Officer (DISO) who will consult with the County's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for review and approval. The Contractor must modify and/or implement such plan as directed by the DISO and CISO.
- c. **Operating System and Equipment Hygiene:** The Contractor agrees to ensure that Systems or Hardware will be kept up to date by using only supported operating systems, applications, and programs, and patching or other solutions for vulnerabilities, within ninety (90) Days of the release of such updates, upgrades, or patches. The Contractor agrees to ensure that the operating system is configured to eliminate any unnecessary applications, services and programs. If for some reason the Contractor cannot do so within ninety (90) Days, the Contractor must provide a Risk assessment to the County's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO).
- d. **Vulnerability Management:** The Contractor agrees to continuously acquire, assess, and take action to identify and remediate vulnerabilities within the Systems and Hardware covered under this Contract. If such vulnerabilities cannot be addressed, the Contractor must provide a Risk assessment to the Department Information Security Officer (DISO) who will consult with the County's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). The County's CISO must approve the Risk acceptance and the Contractor accepts liability for Risks that result to the County for exploitation of any un-remediated vulnerabilities.
- e. **Media Encryption:** Throughout the duration of this Contract, the Contractor will encrypt all workstations, portable devices (e.g., mobile, wearables, tablets,) and removable media (e.g., portable or removable hard disks, floppy disks, USB memory drives, CDs, DVDs, magnetic tape, and all other removable storage media) associated with Systems and Hardware provided under this Contract in accordance with Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2 or otherwise required or approved by the County's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO).
- f. **Malware Protection:** The Contractor will provide and maintain industry-standard endpoint antivirus and antimalware protection on all Systems and Hardware as approved or required by the Department Information Security Officer (DISO) who will consult with the County's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) to ensure provided hardware is free, and remains free of malware. The Contractor agrees to provide the County documentation proving malware protection status upon request.

ADDENDUM C: APPLICATION SOURCE CODE REPOSITORY

To the extent applicable, the Contractor shall manage the source code in the manner prescribed in this Addendum unless the Contract prescribes procedures for managing the source code and those procedures are no less stringent than the procedures described in this addendum.

- a. **County Application Source Code.** To facilitate the centralized management, reporting, collaboration, and continuity of access to the most current production version of application source code, all code, artifacts, and deliverables produced under this Contract, (hereinafter referred to as “County Source Code”) shall be version controlled, stored, and delivered on a single industry-standard private Git repository, provided, managed, and supported by the County. Upon commencement of the contract period, the Contractor will be granted access to the County’s private Git repository.
- b. **Git Repository.** The Contractor will use the County Git repository during the entire lifecycle of the project from inception to final delivery. The Contractor will create and document design documents, Data flow diagrams, security diagrams, configuration settings, software or hardware requirements and specifications, attribution to third-party code, libraries and all dependencies, and any other documentation related to all County Source Code and corresponding version-controlled documentation within the Git repository. This documentation must include an Installation Guide and a User Guide for the final delivered source code such that County may download, install, and make full functional use of the delivered code as specified and intended.

SOLE SOURCE CHECKLIST

Department Name: _____

 New Sole Source Contract

 Existing Sole Source Contract Date Sole Source Contract Approved: _____

Check (✓)	JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS Identify applicable justification and provide documentation for each checked item.
	➤ Only one bona fide source (monopoly) for the service exists; performance and price competition are not available. A monopoly is an “ <i>Exclusive control of the supply of any service in a given market. If more than one source in a given market exists, a monopoly does not exist.</i> ”
	➤ Compliance with applicable statutory and/or regulatory provisions.
	➤ Compliance with State and/or federal programmatic requirements.
	➤ Services provided by other public or County-related entities.
	➤ Services are needed to address an emergent or related time-sensitive need.
	➤ The service provider(s) is required under the provisions of a grant or regulatory requirement.
	➤ Additional services are needed to complete an ongoing task and it would be prohibitively costly in time and money to seek a new service provider.
	➤ Services are needed during the time period required to complete a solicitation for replacement services; provided services are needed for no more than 12 months from the expiration of an existing contract which has no available option periods.
	➤ Maintenance and support services are needed for an existing solution/system during the time to complete a solicitation for a new replacement solution/system; provided the services are needed for no more than 24 months from the expiration of an existing maintenance and support contract which has no available option periods.
	➤ Maintenance service agreements exist on equipment which must be serviced by the original equipment manufacturer or an authorized service representative.
	➤ It is more cost-effective to obtain services by exercising an option under an existing contract.
	➤ It is in the best economic interest of the County (e.g., significant costs to replace an existing system or infrastructure, administrative cost savings and excessive learning curve for a new service provider, etc.) In such cases, departments must demonstrate due diligence in qualifying the cost-savings or cost-avoidance associated with the best economic interest of the County.

 Chief Executive Office

 Date