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March 21, 2023

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

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH HCI ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICE FOR AS-NEEDED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CLEANUP SERVICES (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting Board of Supervisors (Board) approval to establish a service contract with HCI Environmental & Engineering Service (HCI), to provide hazardous materials cleanup services to the District's Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD) on an as-needed and intermittent basis.

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

1. Approve and instruct the Interim Fire Chief, or his designee to sign the attached contract (Attachment A), which has been approved as to form by County Counsel, between the District and HCI, to provide as-needed hazardous materials cleanup services. The initial term of the contract will be for three years, with two one-year extension options, for a maximum contract term of five years. This contract shall be effective July 1, 2023.
2. Authorize the maximum contract sum of \$500,000, including the initial contract term of three years, and two one-year extension options, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per year.

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CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3. Delegate authority to the Interim Fire Chief, or his designee, to execute amendments, suspensions, or termination if deemed necessary, including any extensions as described in recommendation two above, respectively, and in accordance with the approved contract terms and conditions, provided the amounts payable under such amendments do not exceed the \$100,000 annual budget and with County Counsel approval as to form.
4. Find that this contract is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

The recommended actions will enable the District's HHMD to promptly obtain as-needed emergency response hazardous materials cleanup services to protect public health and the environment. The services will ensure that hazardous waste spills/releases are properly cleaned, containerized, removed and transported to an approved treatment, storage or disposal facility.

As a component of the District's HHMD duties, staff responds to spills or releases of hazardous materials to provide technical support and to direct and oversee cleanup or remediation efforts. HHMD staff will utilize the contracted services when a qualified responsible party cannot be located, is unwilling or unable to pay for cleanup or remediation, alternative State/Federal funds are unavailable or following a major disaster involving spills or releases of hazardous materials.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. II, Strategy II.2: Support Wellness of our Communities by strengthening the County's capacity to effectively prevent, prepare for and respond to emergent environmental and natural hazards.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The District, as a Special District, is funded independently from the County's General Fund, and relies primarily on property tax revenue to provide essential fire protection and emergency medical services.

The maximum Contract expenditure for these services is \$100,000 per year. Sufficient funding is available in the District's Fiscal Year 2023-24 Recommended Budget. The District will continue to allocate the necessary funds to obtain the required services.

There is no impact to net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The District is authorized to contract for these services under California Public Contract Code Section 20812, and California Health and Safety Code 13861.

The Living Wage Ordinance provisions do not apply to this contract, as it is not a Proposition A contract and the services are on an as-needed and intermittent basis.

The selected vendor complies with all Board and Chief Executive Office (CEO) requirements, including Contractor Employee Jury Service, Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and the Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, and agrees to maintain compliance with all requirements throughout the term of the contract. The attached contract provides that the District has no obligation to pay for expenditures incurred by the selected vendor beyond the contract's pricing. The selected vendor is not guaranteed a minimum amount of work, as the services are provided on an as-needed and intermittent basis. Additionally, the selected vendor will not be asked to perform services that exceed the approved scope of work or contract term.

The CEO's Risk Management Branch reviewed this contract prior to the release of the solicitation and concurred with the provisions relating to insurance and indemnification. The contract has been signed by HCI and County Counsel. On final analysis and consideration of the award, the vendor was selected without regard to race, color, creed, or national origin.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The services provided will not have a significant effect on the environment; and therefore, these services are exempt from CEQA, pursuant to Section 15061 (b) (3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On September 29, 2022, the District issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) solicitation seeking highly qualified vendors to provide as-needed hazardous materials cleanup services. In addition to posting the announcement on the County's WebVen portal, the District advertised the solicitation in the Los Angeles Times. On November 3, 2022, the District received one proposal from HCI. The proposal was forwarded to an evaluation committee for review and scoring. The evaluation committee was comprised of subject matter experts from the District's HHMD. The committee's evaluation was based on criteria set forth in the RFP, which included price, qualifications, experience, references, approach, and quality control.

Upon completion of the evaluation and based on an informed averaging scoring process, it was determined that HCI possessed the qualifications, experience and knowledge to provide quality hazardous materials cleanup services to the District.

The District has reviewed the Contractor Alert Reporting Database to assess HCI's past performance, negative experiences, and complaints with other agencies and has found that there are currently no negative findings or complaints against the selected vendor that would prevent HCI from contracting with the District.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will enhance the District's ability to protect public health and the environment from spills or releases of hazardous materials.

Furthermore, the recommended actions will not result in a reduction of service and there is no change in risk exposure to the County.

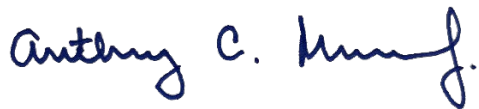
CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Honorable Board, please instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to return the adopted stamped Board Letter to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office - Business Operations
Attention: Marissa Martin, Administrative Services Manager II
1320 North Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Marissa.Martin@fire.lacounty.gov

The District's contact may be reached at (323) 881-6173.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthony C. Marrone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anthony" and last name "Marrone" clearly legible.

ANTHONY C. MARRONE, FIRE CHIEF

ACM:jc

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

CONTRACT



BY AND BETWEEN

**CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF
LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

AND

HCI ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICE

FOR

AS-NEEDED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CLEANUP SERVICES

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CONTRACT BETWEEN
CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
AND
HCI ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICE
FOR
AS-NEEDED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CLEANUP SERVICES

This Contract and Exhibits made and entered into this 1st day of July 2023 by and between the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, hereinafter referred to as "District" and HCI Environmental & Engineering Service, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor." Contractor is located at 1680 Commerce Street, Corona, CA 92880.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District may contract with private businesses for As-Needed Hazardous Materials Cleanup Services when certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a private firm specializing in providing As-Needed Hazardous Materials Cleanup Services; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that it is legal, feasible, and cost-effective to contract for As-Needed Hazardous Materials Cleanup Services; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by Health and Safety Code Section 13861 and Public Contract Code Section 20812 to contract for special services; and

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

Exhibits A, B, D, E, F, F1, and G 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 will 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:

- Exhibit A - Statement of Work and Attachments
- Exhibit B - Pricing Sheet
- Exhibit C - Intentionally Omitted
- Exhibit D - District's Administration
- Exhibit E - Contractor's Administration
- Exhibit F - Covid-19 Vaccination Certification of Compliance
- Exhibit F1 - Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement
- Exhibit G - Safely Surrendered Baby Law

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

The headings herein contained are for convenience and reference only and are not intended to define the scope of any provision thereof. The following words as used herein must be construed to have the following meaning, unless otherwise apparent from the context in which they are used.

- 2.1 Board of Supervisors (Board):** The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles; the governing body of the District and the County of Los Angeles.
- 2.2 Contract:** This agreement executed between District 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

- 2.3 Contractor:** The person or persons, sole proprietor, partnership, joint venture, corporation or other legal entity who has entered into an agreement with the District to perform or execute the work covered by this Contract.
- 2.4 Contractor Project Manager:** The person designated by the Contractor to administer the Contract operations under this Contract.
- 2.5 County:** The County of Los Angeles, a political subdivision of the State of California.
- 2.6 Day(s):** Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.
- 2.7 District:** The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County; a Special District within Los Angeles County.
- 2.8 District Project Director:** Person designated by District with authority for District on contractual or administrative matters relating to this Contract that cannot be resolved by the District's Project Manager.
- 2.9 District Project Manager:** Person designated by District's Project Director to manage the operations under this Contract.
- 2.10 Fiscal Year:** The twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.
- 2.11 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.

3 WORK

- 3.1** Pursuant to the provisions of this Contract, the Contractor must 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 will be deemed to be a gratuitous effort on the part of the contractor, and the contractor must have no claim whatsoever against the District.

4 TERM OF CONTRACT

- 4.1** The term of this Contract shall be three (3) years commencing after approval by the County's Board of Supervisors, and execution by the Fire Chief or his designee, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.

The District shall have the sole option to extend this Contract term for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods, for a maximum total Contract term of five (5) years, pursuant to the same terms and conditions. Each such extension option may be

exercised at the sole discretion of the Fire Chief or his designee as authorized by the County's Board of Supervisors.

- 4.2 The County maintains databases that track/monitor contractor performance history. Information entered into such databases may be used for a variety of purposes, including determining whether the District will exercise a contract term extension option.
- 4.3 The Contractor shall notify the District 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 the District at the address herein provided in Exhibit D - District's Administration.

5 MAXIMUM CONTRACT SUM

- 5.1 The amount the District shall expend from its own funds during the Contract's entire term for As-Needed Hazardous Materials Cleanup Services shall not exceed, in aggregate \$100,000 per year.

- 5.1.1 The Maximum Contract Sum shall be the maximum monetary amount available that is payable by the District to the Contractor for supplying all the Services, Deliverables, Work, etc.

This is not a commitment or offer on the part of the District to expend the Maximum Contract Sum. The Contractor shall perform and complete all Services required of the Contractor under this Contract as set forth in Exhibit B (Pricing Sheet), but in any event, not in excess of the Maximum Contract Sum.

- 5.1.2 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees the Maximum Contract Sum is an all-inclusive, not-to-exceed price that cannot be adjusted for any costs or expenses whatsoever of Contractor. This Contract includes the full amount of compensation and reimbursement the District will be asked to provide to the Contractor in order for the Contractor to fully perform all of its obligations under this Contract, with such amount of compensation and reimbursement subject to any executed Amendments if applicable. The Contractor understands the District is entering into this Contract in reliance upon the premise that the Contractor shall fully perform all of its obligations under this Contract without seeking any additional compensation or reimbursement beyond that already provided for in this Contract, subject to any Amendments, if applicable. It is the Contractor's risk and responsibility to achieve and timely deliver the Services in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.

5.2 Written Approval for Reimbursement

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 District's express prior written approval.

5.3 Notification of 75% of Total Contract Sum

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 the District at the address herein provided in Exhibit D, District's Administration.

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

The Contractor shall have no claim against District for payment of any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by the Contractor after the expiration or other termination of this Contract except to the extent any such services were authorized prior to Contract expiration or termination and/or knowingly accepted by the District. Any Work and/or Work Authorization Order in progress prior to the expiration or termination of the Contract shall be completed by the Contractor for full payment of services rendered. The District, may at its discretion, verbally and/or by written notice direct any authorized Work to stop and the Contractor shall stop the Work promptly. The Contractor shall be entitled to payment for Work completed prior to receipt of notice to stop and any Work performed to preserve and protect the District's property. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Contract.

5.5 Invoices and Payments

- 5.5.1 The Contractor shall invoice the District only for providing the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work specified in Exhibit A – (Statement of Work and Attachments) and elsewhere hereunder. The Contractor shall prepare invoices, which shall include the charges owed to the Contractor by the District under the terms of this Contract. The Contractor's payments shall be as provided in Exhibit B (Pricing Sheet) and the Contractor shall be paid only for the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work approved in writing by the District. If the District does not approve work in writing no payment shall be due to the Contractor for that work.
- 5.5.2 The Contractor's invoices shall be priced in accordance with Exhibit B (Pricing Sheet).
- 5.5.3 The Contractor's invoices shall contain the information set forth in Exhibit A (Statement of Work and Attachments) 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 their invoices to the District Project Manager as the services are completed. The invoices shall be submitted timely for payment processing.

5.5.5 Payment to Contractor shall be made on an arrears basis, upon acceptance of completed work by the District, provided that the Contractor is not in default under any provisions of this Contract. Contractor shall email one (1) copy of the invoice to the following:

1. Fernando Florez, District Project Manager
Email: Fernando.Florez@fire.lacounty.gov

Mario Tresieras, District Project Director
Email: Mario.Tresieras@fire.lacounty.gov

for review and approval of all invoices; and

2. Fire-InvoiceSubmission@fire.lacounty.gov for payment of all invoices.

The Contractor's invoices shall include the following:

- Contract Number
- Date(s) of Service
- A breakdown of labor hours and hourly rate
i.e.: 3 hours @ \$20/hour = \$60.00
- Employee Name and Employee Number of District Employee who ordered or authorized the service.
- Brief description of services.
- Attach equipment rental, laboratory, and/or disposal fee receipts.
- Copy of subcontractor or sublet invoice, if applicable.
- Labor, materials, equipment, laboratory and disposal fees must be listed as a separate line item on each invoice.
- Signature of authorized District employee. Contractor's failure to obtain the signature of District employee authorizing the work may result in a delay of payment.

5.5.6 District Approval of Invoices

All invoices submitted by the Contractor for payment must have the written approval of the District's Project Manager prior to any payment thereof. In no event shall the District be liable or responsible for any payment prior to

such written approval. Approval for payment will not be unreasonably withheld.

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

- 5.6.1 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).
- 5.6.2 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.
- 5.6.3 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.
- 5.6.4 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.

5.7 Travel/Portal-to-Portal

All travel related costs, including but not limited to portal-to-portal costs, are the responsibility of the Contractor. The District will not be responsible for paying or reimbursing Contractor for any travel related costs.

6 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT – DISTRICT

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

6.1 District's Project Director

The responsibilities of the District's Project Director include:

- 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

- Upon request of the Contractor, providing direction to the Contractor, as appropriate in areas relating to District 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.

6.2 District's Project Manager

The role of the District's Project Manager 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 District's Project Manager's responsibilities include:

- Meeting with the Contractor's Project Manager on a regular basis; and
- Inspecting any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work provided by or on behalf of the Contractor; 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 District's Project Manager is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Contract and is not authorized to further obligate District in any respect whatsoever.

6.3 District's Contract Administrator

The responsibilities of the District's Contract Administrator include:

- Ensuring that the objectives of this Contract are met; and
- Making changes in the terms and conditions of this Contract in accordance with Sub-paragraph 8.1, Amendments; and
- Providing direction to Contractor in the areas relating to District policy, information requirements, and procedural requirements.

7 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT – CONTRACTOR

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

7.2 Contractor's Project Manager

- 7.2.1 The Contractor's Project Manager is designated in Exhibit E (Contractor's Administration). The Contractor shall notify the District in writing of any

change in the name or address of the Contractor's Project Manager.

- 7.2.2 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 the District's Project Manager on a regular basis.

7.3 Approval of Contractor's Staff

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

7.4 Contractor's Staff Identification

Contractor 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, as determined by District in District's sole discretion, shall undergo and pass a background investigation to the satisfaction of District as a condition of beginning and continuing to perform services under this Contract. Such background investigation must be obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California Department of Justice to include State, local, and federal-level review, which may include, but shall not be limited to, criminal conviction information. The fees associated with the background investigation shall be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless 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, District may request that the member of Contractor's staff be removed immediately from performing services under the Contract. Contractor shall comply with District's request at any time during the term of the Contract. District will not provide to Contractor or to Contractor's staff any information obtained through the District's background investigation.

- 7.5.2 District shall immediately deny or terminate facility access to any member of Contractor's staff that does not pass such investigation to the satisfaction of the District or whose background or conduct is incompatible with District facility access.

- 7.5.3 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.

7.6 Confidentiality

- 7.6.1 Contractor must 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 must 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 will be conducted by contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County will 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 will 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 will 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 must inform all of its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors providing services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Contract.
- 7.6.4 Contractor must sign and adhere to the provisions of Exhibit F1 (Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement).

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 the Fire Chief or his designee.

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

8.2 Assignment and Delegation/Mergers or Acquisitions

- 8.2.1 The contractor must notify the District of any pending acquisitions/mergers of its company unless otherwise legally prohibited from doing so. If the contractor is restricted from legally notifying the District of pending acquisitions/mergers, then it should notify the District of the actual acquisitions/mergers as soon as the law allows and provide to the District the legal framework that restricted it from notifying the District prior to the actual acquisitions/mergers.
- 8.2.2 The contractor must not assign, exchange, transfer, or delegate its rights or duties under this Contract, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of District, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment, delegation, or otherwise transfer of its rights or duties, without such consent will be null and void. For purposes of this paragraph, District consent will require a written Amendment to the Contract, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by the District to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Contract will be deductible, at District's sole discretion, against the claims, which the contractor may have against the District.
- 8.2.3 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 District's express prior written approval, will be a material breach of the Contract which may result in the termination of this Contract. In the event of such termination, District will be entitled to pursue the same remedies against contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by contractor.

8.3 Authorization Warranty

The contractor represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract for the contractor is an authorized agent who has actual authority to bind the contractor to each and every term, condition, and obligation of this Contract and that all requirements of the contractor have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

8.4 Budget Reductions

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

8.5 Complaints

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

8.5.2 Complaint Procedures

8.5.2.1 Within forty-five (45) business days after the Contract effective date, the contractor must provide the District with the contractor's policy for receiving, investigating and responding to user complaints.

8.5.2.2 The District 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 District requests changes in the contractor's policy, the contractor must make such changes and resubmit the plan within five (5) business days for District approval.

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

8.5.2.5 The contractor must preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the District's Project Manager of the status of the

investigation within five (5) business days of receiving the complaint.

8.5.2.6 When complaints cannot be resolved informally, a system of follow-through will be instituted which adheres to formal plans for specific actions and strict time deadlines.

8.5.2.7 Copies of all written responses must be sent to the District's Project Manager within three (3) business days of mailing to the complainant.

8.6 Compliance with Applicable Law

8.6.1 In the performance of this Contract, contractor must 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 must 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) will be conducted by contractor and performed by counsel selected by contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County will 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 will 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 will not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction or other equitable relief, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

8.7 Compliance with Civil Rights Laws

The contractor hereby assures that it will comply with Subchapter VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sections 2000 (e) (1) through 2000 (e) (17), to the end that no person will, 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. Additionally, contractor certifies to the District:

- 8.7.1 That contractor has a written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment.
- 8.7.2 That contractor periodically conducts a self-analysis or utilization analysis of its work force.
- 8.7.3 That Contractor has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups.
- 8.7.4 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.

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](#).

8.8.2 Written Employee Jury Service Policy

- 8.8.2.1 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 must have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees will 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.
- 8.8.2.2 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 will also be subject to the provisions of this paragraph. The provisions of this paragraph will be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program must be attached to the agreement.

8.8.2.3 If the contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Contract commences, the contractor will have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and the contractor must 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 must 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.

8.8.2.4 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, will 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 will 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 must 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 must immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to the County. Full written disclosure must 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 will 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

Should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract to perform the services set forth herein, the contractor must 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 will 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 will mean that the contractor will interview qualified candidates. The County will refer GAIN-GROW participants by job category to the contractor. Contractors must 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 must 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 District 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 will be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board will prepare a tentative proposed decision, which will contain a recommendation regarding whether the contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The contractor and the District will 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 will be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will 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 will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing will 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 will contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board will present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will 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 will also apply to subcontractors of County contractors.

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

The contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County contractors to voluntarily post the County's poster, Exhibit G (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) 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 <https://lacounty.gov/residents/family-services/child-safety/safe-surrender/>,

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 will during the term of this Contract, maintain 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 will implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding Orders or Child Support Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family or Spousal Support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code Section 5246(b).

8.15 District's Quality Assurance Plan

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

8.16 Damage to District Facilities, Buildings or Grounds

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

8.16.2 If the contractor fails to make timely repairs, District may make any necessary repairs. All costs incurred by District, as determined by District, for such repairs must 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 must 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 must retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law.

8.17.2 The contractor must 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 will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same Contract. The facsimile, email or electronic signature of the Parties will be deemed to constitute original signatures, and facsimile or electronic copies hereof will be deemed to constitute duplicate originals.

The District 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

The contractor must comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and must 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 will 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").
- 8.20.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a default by a subcontractor of contractor will 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 will 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 will 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 will be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

8.22 Independent Contractor Status

- 8.22.1 This Contract is by and between the District and the contractor and is not intended, and must not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between the District and the contractor. The employees and agents of one party must not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.
- 8.22.2 The contractor will be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract all compensation and benefits. The District will have no liability or responsibility for the payment of any salaries, wages, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, Federal, State, or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any personnel provided by or on behalf of the contractor.
- 8.22.3 The contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, solely employees of the contractor and not employees of the District. The contractor will 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 must adhere to the provisions stated in Paragraph 7.6 (Confidentiality).

8.23 Indemnification

The contractor must 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 must 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 District

8.24.2.1 Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to District, 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, must be delivered to District at the address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under this Contract.

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

8.24.2.3 Certificates must 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 must match the name of the contractor identified as the contracting party in this Contract. Certificates must 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 District required endorsement forms.

8.24.2.4 Neither the District's failure to obtain, nor the District's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), will be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.

- 8.24.2.5 Certificates and copies of any required endorsements must be sent to:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of
Los Angeles County
Materials Management Division/Contracts Section
5801 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 100
Commerce, California 90040-4001

- 8.24.2.6 Contractor also must promptly report to District any injury or property damage accident or incident, including any injury to a contractor employee occurring on District property, and any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of District property, monies or securities entrusted to contractor. Contractor also must promptly notify District 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) must 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 must 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 must 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 must provide District with, or contractor's insurance policies must contain a provision that District will 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 must be provided to District at least ten (10) days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and thirty (30) days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance may constitute a material breach of the Contract, in the sole discretion of the District, upon which the District 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 will constitute a material breach of the Contract, upon which District immediately may withhold payments due to contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Contract. District, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from contractor resulting from said breach. Alternatively, the District may purchase the Required Insurance, and without further notice to contractor, deduct the premium cost from sums due to contractor or pursue contractor reimbursement.

8.24.6 Insurer Financial Ratings

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

8.24.7 Contractor's Insurance Must Be Primary

Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Contract, must be primary with respect to all other sources of coverage available to contractor. Any District maintained insurance or self-insurance coverage must 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 must 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 must include all subcontractors as insureds under contractor's own policies or must provide District with each subcontractor's separate evidence of insurance coverage. Contractor will be responsible for verifying each subcontractor complies with the Required Insurance provisions herein and must require that each subcontractor name the District and contractor as additional insureds on the subcontractor's General Liability policy. Contractor must obtain District'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 will not obligate the District to pay any portion of any contractor deductible or SIR. The District retains the right to require contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the District, or to provide a bond guaranteeing contractor's payment of all deductibles and SIRs, including all related claims investigation, administration and defense expenses. Such bond must 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 will precede the effective date of this Contract. Contractor understands and agrees it will 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 must 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 District reserves the right to review, and then approve, Contractor use of self-insurance, risk retention groups, risk purchasing groups, pooling arrangements and captive insurance to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions. The County and its Agents must be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.

8.24.15 District Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements

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

8.25 Insurance Coverage

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

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

- 8.25.2 Automobile Liability** insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CA 00 01) with limits of not less than \$1 million for bodily injury and property damage, in combined or equivalent split limits, for each single accident. Insurance must 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 must 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 must be provided to District at least ten (10) days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and thirty (30) days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also must be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.

8.25.4 Unique Insurance Coverage

8.25.4.1 Pollution Liability Insurance

Pollution (Environmental) Liability insurance that provides third-party coverage for bodily injury, property damage, defense, and cleanup as a result of pollution conditions (sudden/accidental and gradual) arising from contracting operations performed by or on behalf of the contractor, with limits of not less than \$1 million per claim and \$2 million aggregate.

8.26 Liquidated Damages

- 8.26.1** If, in the judgment of the Fire Chief, or his/her designee, the contractor is deemed to be non-compliant with the terms and obligations assumed hereby, the Fire Chief, or his/her designee, at his/her option, in addition to, or in lieu of, other remedies provided herein, may withhold the entire monthly payment or deduct pro rata from the contractor's invoice for work not performed. A description of the work not performed and the amount to be withheld or deducted from payments to the contractor from the District, will be forwarded to the contractor by the Fire Chief, or his/her designee, in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.
- 8.26.2** If the Fire Chief, or his/her designee, determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Contract that the Fire Chief, or his/her designee, deems are correctable by the contractor over a certain time span, the Fire Chief, 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 Fire Chief, or his/her designee, may: (a) Deduct from the contractor's payment, pro rata, those applicable portions of the Monthly Contract Sum; and/or (b) Deduct liquidated damages. The parties agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure of the contractor to correct a deficiency within the specified time frame. The parties hereby agree that under the current circumstances a reasonable estimate of such damages is one hundred dollars (\$100) per day per infraction, or as specified in Attachment 2 (Performance Requirements Summary (PRS)) Chart of Exhibit A (Statement of Work and Attachments) hereunder, and that the contractor will be liable to the District for liquidated damages in said amount. Said amount will be deducted from the District's payment to the contractor; and/or (c) Upon giving five (5) days notice to the contractor for failure to correct the deficiencies, the District may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by the District for completion of the work by an alternate source, whether it be District forces or separate private contractor, will be deducted and forfeited from the payment to the contractor from the District, as determined by the District.
- 8.26.3** The action noted in Paragraph 8.26.2 must not be construed as a penalty, but as adjustment of payment to the contractor to recover the District cost due to the failure of the contractor to complete or comply with the provisions of this Contract.
- 8.26.4** This Paragraph must not, in any manner, restrict or limit the District's right to damages for any breach of this Contract provided by law or as specified in the PRS or Paragraph 8.26.2, and must not, in any manner,

restrict or limit the District's right to terminate this Contract as agreed to herein.

8.27 Most Favored Public Entity

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

8.28 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action

8.28.1 The contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and will 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 Contractor certifies to the District each of the following:

8.28.2.1 That contractor has a written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment.

8.28.2.2 That contractor periodically conducts a self-analysis or utilization analysis of its work force.

8.28.2.3 That Contractor has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups.

8.28.2.4 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.

8.28.3 The contractor must 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 must 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 will comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations to the end that no person will, 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 will 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 will constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the District 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 will 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 District will, at its sole option, be entitled to the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each such violation pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Contract.

8.29 Non Exclusivity

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

8.30 Notice of Delays

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

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

8.31 Notice of Disputes

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

8.32 Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit

The contractor must notify its employees, and will 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 must be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice No. 1015.

8.33 Notice to Employees Regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law

The contractor must notify and provide to its employees, and will 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 G (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) of this Contract. Additional information is available at <https://lacounty.gov/residents/family-services/child-safety/safe-surrender/>.

8.34 Notices

All notices or demands required or permitted to be given or made under this Contract must be in writing and will be hand delivered with signed receipt or mailed by first class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties as identified in Exhibits D (District's Administration) and E (Contractor's Administration). Addresses may be changed by either party giving ten (10) days prior written notice thereof to the other party. The Fire Chief or his designee shall have the authority to issue all notices or demands required or permitted by the District under this Contract.

8.35 Prohibition Against Inducement or Persuasion

Notwithstanding the above, the contractor and the District agree that, during the term of this Contract and for a period of one year thereafter, neither party will 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; as well as those documents which were required to be submitted in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) used in the solicitation process for this Contract, become the exclusive property of the County. All such documents become a matter of public record and will 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 will 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 must 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 will not inhibit the contractor from publishing its role under this Contract within the following conditions:
- 8.37.1.1** The contractor must develop all publicity material in a professional manner; and
 - 8.37.1.2** During the term of this Contract, the contractor will not, and will 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 District's Project Director. The District will not unreasonably withhold written consent.
- 8.37.2** The contractor may, without the prior written consent of District, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this

Contract with the County of Los Angeles, provided that the requirements of this Paragraph 8.37 (Publicity) will apply.

8.38 Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement

- 8.38.1** The contractor must maintain accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and which meet the requirements for contract accounting described in Auditor-Controller Contract Accounting and Administration Handbook. The contractor must 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, will 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, will be kept and maintained by the contractor and will 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 must 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 will 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 must 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 will 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 will 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 must 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 will be paid to the contractor by the County by cash payment, provided that in no event will the County's maximum obligation for this Contract exceed the funds appropriated by the County for the purpose of this Contract.

8.39 Recycled Bond Paper

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

8.40 Subcontracting

8.40.1 The requirements of this Contract may not be subcontracted by the contractor **without the advance written approval of the District**. Any attempt by the contractor to subcontract without the prior consent of the District may be deemed a material breach of this Contract.

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

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 District.

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 District's approval of the contractor's proposed subcontract.

8.40.5 The District's consent to subcontract shall not waive the District's right to prior and continuing approval of any and all personnel, including subcontractor employees, providing services under this Contract. The contractor is responsible to notify its subcontractors of this District right.

- 8.40.6 The District's Project Director is authorized to act for and on behalf of the District with respect to approval of any subcontract and subcontractor employees. After approval of the subcontract by the District, contractor shall forward a fully executed subcontract to the District for their files.
- 8.40.7 The contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for all payments or other compensation to all subcontractors and their officers, employees, agents, and successors in interest arising through services performed hereunder, notwithstanding the District's consent to subcontract.
- 8.40.8 The contractor shall obtain certificates of insurance, which establish that the subcontractor maintains all the programs of insurance required by the District from each approved subcontractor. Before any subcontractor employee may perform any work hereunder, contractor shall ensure delivery of all such documents to:

*Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Materials Management Division / Contracts Section
5801 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 100
Commerce, California 90040-4001*

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

Failure of the contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 8.14 (Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program) will 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 will be grounds upon which the District 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 District, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Termination of work hereunder will 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 will be no less than ten (10) days after the notice is sent.
- 8.42.2** After receipt of a notice of termination and except as otherwise directed by the District, the contractor must:

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 would not have been terminated by such notice.

8.42.3 All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the contractor under this Contract must 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 District may, by written notice to the contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Contract, if, in the judgment of District's Project Director:

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 District may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the District specifying such failure.

8.43.2 In the event that the District terminates this Contract in whole or in part as provided in Paragraph 8.43.1, the District may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the District may deem appropriate, goods and services similar to those so terminated. The contractor will be liable to the District for any and all excess costs incurred by the District, as determined by the District, for such similar goods and services. The contractor will 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 will 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 will 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 District has given notice of termination under the provisions of Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) it is determined by the District 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 will 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 District provided in this Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) will not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

8.44 Termination for Improper Consideration

8.44.1 The District may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate the right of 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 the Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment or extension of the Contract, or the making of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to the Contract. In the event of such termination, the County will 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 must immediately report any attempt by a County officer, or employee, or agent to solicit such improper consideration. The report must be made to the Los Angeles County Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861 or <http://fraud.lacounty.gov/>.

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

8.45 Termination for Insolvency

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

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

8.46 Termination for Non-Adherence of County Lobbyist Ordinance

The contractor, and each County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm as defined in [County Code Section 2.160.010](#) retained by the contractor, must 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 will constitute a material breach of this Contract, upon which the District may in its sole discretion, immediately terminate or suspend this Contract.

8.47 Termination for Non-Appropriation of Funds

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

8.48 Validity

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

8.49 Waiver

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

8.50 Warranty Against Contingent Fees

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

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

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

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

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

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

Failure of contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 8.51 "Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax

Reduction Program” will 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 will be grounds upon which District may terminate this contract and/or pursue debarment of contractor, pursuant to [Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.206](#).

8.53 Time Off for Voting

The contractor must notify its employees and must 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 must 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 District will 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 will 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, and its subcontractors, must comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in [California Government Code Section 12952](#). Contractor’s violation of this paragraph of the Contract may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, District 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 will 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 will survive the expiration, or other termination of this Agreement.

8.59 Injury and Illness Prevention Program

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

8.60 COVID-19 Vaccinations of County Contractor Personnel

8.60.1 At Contractor's sole cost, Contractor must comply with [Chapter 2.212](#) (COVID-19 Vaccinations of County Contractor Personnel) of County Code Title 2 - Administration, Division 4. All employees of Contractor and persons working on its behalf, including but not limited to, Subcontractors of any tier (collectively, "Contractor Personnel"), must be fully vaccinated against the novel coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19") prior to (1) interacting in person with County employees, interns, volunteers, and commissioners ("County workforce members"), (2) working on County owned or controlled property while performing services under this Contract, and/or (3) coming into contact with the public while performing services under this Contract (collectively, "In-Person Services").

8.60.2 Contractor Personnel are considered "fully vaccinated" against COVID-19 two (2) weeks or more after they have received (1) the second dose in a 2-dose COVID-19 vaccine series (e.g. Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), (2) a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine (e.g. Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen), or (3) the final dose of any COVID-19 vaccine authorized by the World Health Organization ("WHO").

8.60.3 Prior to assigning Contractor Personnel to perform In-Person Services, Contractor must obtain proof that such Contractor Personnel have been fully vaccinated by confirming Contractor Personnel is vaccinated through any of the following documentation: (1) official COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services, CDC or WHO Yellow Card), which includes the name of the person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided, and date of the last dose administered ("Vaccination Record Card"); (2) copy (including a photographic copy) of a Vaccination Record Card; (3) Documentation of vaccination from a licensed medical provider; (4) a digital record that includes a quick response ("QR") code that when scanned by a SMART HealthCard reader displays to the reader client name, date of birth, vaccine dates, and vaccine type, and the QR code confirms the vaccine record as an official record of the State of California; or (5) documentation of vaccination from Contractors who follow the CDPH vaccination records guidelines and standards. Contractor must also provide written notice to County before the start of work under this Contract that its Contractor Personnel are in compliance with the requirements of this section. Contractor must retain such proof of vaccination for the document retention period set forth in this Contract, and must provide such records to the County for audit purposes, when required by County.

8.60.4 Contractor will evaluate any medical or sincerely held religious exemption request of its Contractor Personnel, as required by law. If Contractor has determined that Contractor Personnel is exempt pursuant to a medical or sincerely held religious reason, the Contractor must also maintain records of the Contractor Personnel's testing results. The Contractor must provide such records to the County for audit purposes, when required by County. The unvaccinated exempt Contractor Personnel must meet the following requirements prior to (1) interacting in person with County workforce members, (2) working on County owned or controlled property while performing services under this Contract, and/or (3) coming into contact with the public while performing services under this Contract:

8.60.4.1 Test for COVID-19 with either a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or antigen test has an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the FDA or is operating per the Laboratory Developed Test requirements by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Testing must occur at least weekly, or more frequently as required by County or other applicable law, regulation or order.

8.60.4.2 Wear a mask that is consistent with CDC recommendations at all times while on County controlled or owned property, and while engaging with members of the public and County workforce members.

- 8.60.4.3 Engage in proper physical distancing, as determined by the applicable County department that the Contract is with.

In addition to complying with the requirements of this section, Contractor must also comply with all other applicable local, departmental, State, and federal laws, regulations and requirements for COVID-19. A completed Exhibit F (COVID-19 Vaccination Certification of Compliance) is a required part of any agreement with the County.

9 UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

9.1 Patent, Copyright and Trade Secret Indemnification

- 9.1.1** 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. District 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.
- 9.1.2** 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:
 - 9.1.2.1** Procure for County all rights to continued use of the questioned equipment, part, or software product; or
 - 9.1.2.2** Replace the questioned equipment, part, or software product with a non-questioned item; or
 - 9.1.2.3** Modify the questioned equipment, part, or software so that it is free of claims.
- 9.1.3** 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.

9.2 Mandatory Requirement to Register on County's WebVen

As a pre-condition to the award of this Contract, Contractor represents and warrants that it has registered in Los Angeles County's vendor registration system (hereafter "WebVen"). The WebVen contains Contractor's business profile and identifies the goods/services being provided by Contractor. Contractor shall ensure that it updates its vendor profile whenever changes occur to Contractor's operations by accessing the WebVen site located on-line at: <http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven>. County shall use the data obtained from Contractor's WebVen profile to ensure that Contractor's information is consistent with Contract records (e.g., Contractor's legal name, as reflected in its WebVen profile, shall be used in Contract documents).

9.3 Limitation on Corporate Acts

9.3.1 Contractor shall not amend its articles of incorporation or bylaws, move to dissolve or transfer any assets obtained using Contract Funds, or take any other steps which may materially affect the performance of this Contract without first notifying the District in writing no less than thirty (30) days prior to said action. Contractor shall notify the District's Contract Administrator immediately in writing of any change in Contractor's corporate name.

9.3.2 If, in the District's sole discretion, the steps taken by Contractor are determined to materially affect Contractor's performance of this Contract, the District may, at its sole discretion, take any (or all) of the following actions:

9.3.2.1 Require Contractor to remedy the areas that affect Contractor's ability to perform its obligations under this Contract.

9.3.2.2 Suspend Contractor from performing (and receiving payment for) Contract tasks until a remedy has been reached.

9.3.2.3 Terminate this Contract pursuant to Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default).

9.4 Modifications

This Contract fully expresses the agreement of the parties. Any modification to this Contract must be by means of a separate written document approved by the District. No oral conversation between any officer, employee or agent of the parties shall modify or otherwise amend this Contract in any way.

9.5 Remedies of Non-Compliance

Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements set forth in the entirety of this Contract as well as the requirements contained in any applicable directives, notices, guidelines and instructions used by the District. Contractor's failure to comply with such requirements shall subject Contractor to remedies which are available under this Contract and as provided by law. These remedies include but are not limited to the following: suspension of payment(s); suspension of Service(s); assessment and collection of liquidated damages; de-obligation of Contract Funds (for purposes of this Contract, de-obligation is the partial or full removal of Contract Funds from Contractor); debarment; and/or termination of Contract. The District shall have the sole discretion to determine which remedy(ies) will be applied as a result of Contractor's non-compliance.

9.6 Suspension

- 9.6.1 Contractor may be placed on suspension if District determines that Contractor is not in compliance with any Service, Work, task, deliverable or requirement outlined in this Contract and/or Contractor has demonstrated a consistent and significant lack of achievement of the Contract goals (including, but not limited to, meeting the requirements for work performance, the Pricing Sheet, staffing, administration, etc.). The District shall notify the Contractor in writing in the event that Contractor is placed on suspension.
- 9.6.2 Suspension as used herein shall mean a specified period of time (as determined by the District) during which the District shall withhold payment from Contractor. During the suspension, Contractor has a continuing obligation to remedy the areas of non-compliance which have been identified by the District or its duly authorized representative(s). The District shall monitor Contractor's adherence to such remedy(ies) during the suspension period. When applicable, the District may also provide the Contractor with a written determination stating whether or not the Contractor may continue to provide non-suspended Services, if any, during the suspension period.
- 9.6.3 District's written notice of suspension shall set forth the conditions of Contractor's non-compliance as well as the period in which Contractor must correct noted deficiencies. In response to the notice of suspension, Contractor shall submit a written Corrective Action Plan to the District's Contract Manager within ten (10) days of the date indicated on the notice from the District. Contractor's Corrective Action Plan shall address all of the deficiencies noted by the District.
- 9.6.4 The District shall review Contractor's Corrective Action Plan, and will determine whether it meets the requirements for District's approval. The District reserves the right to suspend/deduct payments for or to terminate all or any part of this Contract (and/or any Contractor's other contracts

with the District) when Contractor submits a Corrective Action Plan that is not acceptable to the District.

- 9.6.5 Contractor shall implement the Corrective Action Plan upon receiving District's final written approval of the Corrective Action Plan. Contractor's failure to comply with an approved Corrective Action Plan will be cause for material breach of Contract upon which the District may pursue the remedies for default of Contract.

9.7 Transition of Contract Services

9.7.1 Completion of Contract

Within sixty (60) calendar days prior to the expiration of this Contract (or shorter time period if notified in writing by District), Contractor shall allow the District or a newly selected contractor a transition period for orientation purposes and the orderly transition of Contractor's current Services without additional cost to the District. Contractor shall continue to provide Services timely and accurately so that the Services are current at the expiration of this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Contract to be executed by the Fire Chief of the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (or designee) and approved by County Counsel, and Contractor has caused this Contract to be executed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, this 1st day of July 2023.

CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

By _____
Interim Fire Chief

By Hunter Consulting Inc. dba HCI Environmental & Engineering Service

Contractor


Signed: *Greg Parker*

Printed: Gregory J Parker

Title: CEO

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
Interim County Counsel

By 
Senior Deputy County Counsel