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

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE MEDICAL EXAMINER (DME) TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT
WITH ONE LEGACY FOR TISSUE COLLECTION SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The DME requests that your Board authorize the Chief Medical Examiner, or designee, to execute an agreement with One Legacy for Tissue Collection Services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Chief Medical Examiner, or his designee, to execute an Agreement, substantially similar to Exhibit I, with One Legacy for Tissue Collection Services to occur Countywide at both DME and Department of Health Services (DHS) facilities, at no net County cost.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Medical Examiner, or his designee, to exercise three, one-year renewal options, the option to extend the Agreement on a month-to-month basis up to an additional six month, and to execute amendments that adjust the level of reimbursable County costs.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow the DME to enter into an Agreement with One Legacy for the continued provision of Tissue Collection Services.

The County of Los Angeles (County) requires a regular supply of tissue, such as heart valves, corneas, skin, and bone to meet the humanitarian needs of the general public and persons requiring tissue that would otherwise be unavailable.

In Southern California, and in the County, the need for human tissue and organs for therapy and transplantations far exceeds the supply. DHS facilities, in particular, require a large regular supply of corneal and other types of human tissue and organs to meet the community's medical needs. Additionally, the DME and DHS provide timely access to the largest source of human tissue and organ procurement in the County.

The County does not have the available expertise to perform the highly specialized tissue collection services needed and has determined that contracting these services is in the best interest of the County. With this Agreement, the DME will continue to maximize tissue collection and distribution to patients in County hospitals or in hospitals throughout the community who are in immediate need. Similar to the previous agreement, which will expire on 05/31/24, this Agreement will ensure the following:

- A single Agreement with one Contractor who is certified by the American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB) and the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA).
- The Agreement shall be administered solely by the DME.
- The Contractor will perform all Tissue Collection Services at DME and DHS facilities.
- The Agreement includes reporting requirements for tissue collection within County facilities and distribution of tissues to County hospitals and other medical facilities.
- The Agreement contains a breakdown of County reimbursable costs for tissue recovery.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the County's Strategic Plan Goal III, via Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability by ensuring that resources are available to assist the DME in carrying out its mission and providing essential services to the public effectively and efficiently.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

As with the previous contracts for Tissue Collection Services, One Legacy will continue to reimburse the County for the costs incurred by DHS and DME in providing One Legacy transplant technicians with timely access to human tissues. The County's costs are based on DME and DHS determinations of the average costs per case.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This Agreement is a cooperative agreement that is necessary to support the DME's continued efforts to assist and address the health and welfare of County residents.

The award of this Agreement will not result in a reduction of County Services. (County Code Section 2.121.390).

The DME has determined that this Agreement is exempt from Proposition A requirements under County Code Section 2.121.250.

This Agreement complies with County contracting policies and procedures, as set forth by your Board.

County Counsel has reviewed this Board Letter and recommends approval.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on August 23, 2023, to solicit qualified vendors to provide Tissue Collection Services to be administered to both DME and DHS facilities.

Notices of the RFP release were posted on the County's Purchasing website and published in the American Association of Tissue Bank's (AATB) Newsletter for two weeks. On September 22, 2023, one proposal was submitted by One Legacy. No other proposals were received.

The selection process was a two-phased approach as follows:

Phase I: The proposal was reviewed and rated by DME Contracts and Fiscal staff for administrative compliance with RFP requirements on a pass/fail basis.

Phase II: An Evaluation Committee consisting of five (5) DME representatives evaluated the proposal using the Informed Averaging Scoring Methodology.

The overall evaluation results indicated that One Legacy is a sound contractor with experience in providing Tissue Collection Services. After the final evaluation rankings, One Legacy was selected. The last three RFPs have resulted in One Legacy being the highest-ranked proposer. One Legacy has been the sole provider of Tissue Collection Services in the County since 2011.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow tissue collection to continue, for distribution to patients in County hospitals or in hospitals throughout the community who are in immediate need.

CONCLUSION

When approved, the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors is requested to return one signed copy of the approved Board Letter to the Department of Medical Examiner, addressed to the attention of Silvia Gonzalez, Administrative Services Manager II.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

6/4/2024

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Odey Ukpo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Odey" and last name "Ukpo" clearly distinguishable.

Odey C. Ukpo, M.D., M.S.

Chief Medical Examiner

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APPENDIX A

SAMPLE CONTRACT



CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AND

(CONTRACTOR)

FOR

TISSUE COLLECTION SERVICES

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UNIQUE EXHIBITS

FORMS REQUIRED AT THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT INVOLVING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEVELOPED-DESIGNED BY CONTRACTOR

- H1** Intentionally Omitted
- H2** Intentionally Omitted
- H3** Intentionally Omitted

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) AGREEMENT

- I** Business Associate Agreement under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

SB 1262 – NONPROFIT INTEGRITY ACT OF 2004

- J** Charitable Contributions Certification

INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS

- K** Information Security and Privacy Requirements

Sample Contract

**CONTRACT BETWEEN
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AND**

**FOR
TISSUE COLLECTION SERVICES**

This Contract (“Contract”) made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 20___ by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as County and _____, hereinafter referred to as “Contractor”, for the establishment of a program to recover human body tissue from bodies of decedents under Department of Medical Examiner’s (hereinafter “DME”) and Department of Health Services’ (hereinafter DHS) jurisdiction.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Government Code Sections 27491.45 and 27491.47 and Health and Safety Code Section 7151.5(a), the DME is authorized and subject to certain conditions to permit the removal of tissue from bodies within the DME’s custody; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 1441 and 1445 of the California Health and Safety Code, County has established and operates various general acute care hospitals (hereinafter referred to as “DHS Facilities”);

WHEREAS, Contractor is a licensed procurement organization within the definition of Health and Safety Code Section 7150.1(j) and a non-profit agency within the definition of Government Code Section 27491.47 engaged in collection, storage and therapeutic transplantation of human tissue on behalf of doctors, surgeons and hospitals as specified in Health and Safety Code Section 7151.5(a)(1); and

WHEREAS, Contractor is certified by the national professional organization known as the Eye Bank Association of America (hereinafter “EBAA”), and has completed its accreditation process by the American Association of Tissue Banks (hereinafter “AATB”) and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Penal Code Section 367(f)(c)(2) and Health and Safety Code Section 7155(b) permit recovery of reasonable costs associated with removal, storage and transportation of human tissue intended for therapeutic transplantation; and

; and

WHEREAS, this Contract is therefore authorized under Section 44.7 of the Los Angeles County Charter and Los Angeles County Codes Section 2.121.250; 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 through K 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
- Exhibit B Contractor's Reimbursement of County's Expenses
- Exhibit C Intentionally Omitted
- Exhibit D County's Administration
- Exhibit E Contractor's Administration
- Exhibit F Forms Required at the Time of Contract Execution
- Exhibit G Safely Surrendered Baby Law

Unique Exhibits:

Intellectual Property Developed-Designed by Contractor Forms

- Exhibit H Intentionally Omitted

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

- Exhibit I Business Associate Agreement under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

SB 1262 - Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004

- Exhibit J Charitable Contributions Certification

Information Security and Privacy Requirements

- Exhibit K Information Security and Privacy Requirements

This Contract constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties, and supersedes all previous contracts, written and oral, and all communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Contract. No

change to this Contract shall be valid unless prepared pursuant to Paragraph 8.1 (Amendments) and signed by both parties.

2 DEFINITIONS

2.1 Standard Definitions:

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.

- 2.1.1 **Contract:** This agreement executed between County and Contractor. Included are all supplemental agreements amending or extending the service to be performed. The Contract sets forth the terms and conditions for the issuance and performance of all tasks, deliverables, services and other work.
- 2.1.2 **Contractor:** The person or persons, sole proprietor, partnership, joint venture, corporation or other legal entity who has entered into an agreement with the County to perform or execute the work covered by this contract.
- 2.1.3 **The American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB):** Non-profit, peer group organization founded to ensure that the conduct of tissue banking meets acceptable norms of technical and ethical performance.
- 2.1.4 **Eye Bank Association of American Organizations (EBAA):** A non-profit organization of eye banks dedicated to the restoration of sight through the promotion and advancement of eye banking. EBAA has led the transplantation field with the establishment of medical standards for the distribution of eyes, training and certification programs.
- 2.1.5 **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.
- 2.1.6 **Facility or Facilities:** As used herein, the term “facility” or “facilities” shall mean property or properties owned and operated by the County of Los Angeles where services under this contract are to be performed.
- 2.1.7 **Tissue Bank Partner:** A tissue bank licensed by the California Department of Health Services that receives tissue from Contractor under this Contract.
- 2.1.8 **Subcontract:** An agreement by the contractor to employ a subcontractor to provide services to fulfill this contract.
- 2.1.9 **Subcontractor:** Any individual, person or persons, sole proprietor, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other legal entity furnishing supplies, services of any nature, equipment, and/or materials to

contractor in furtherance of contractor's performance of this contract, at any tier, under oral or written agreement.

- 2.1.10 Board of Supervisors (Board):** The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as governing body.
- 2.1.11 County Project Manager:** Person designated by County's Project Director to manage the operations under this contract.
- 2.1.12 County Contract Project Monitor:** Person with responsibility to oversee the day-to-day activities of this contract. Responsibility for inspections of any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services and other work provided by the contractor.
- 2.1.13 County Project Director:** Person designated by County with authority for County on contractual or administrative matters relating to this contract that cannot be resolved by the County's Project Manager.
- 2.1.14 Day(s):** Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.
- 2.1.15 Contractor Project Manager:** The person designated by the Contractor to administer the Contract operations under this Contract
- 2.1.16 Fiscal Year:** The twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.

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 County.

4 TERM OF CONTRACT

- 4.1** The term of this Contract will be five (5) years commencing after execution by County's Board of Supervisors, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.
- 4.2** The County will have the sole option to extend this Contract term for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods and six (6) month to month extensions, for a maximum total Contract term of seven (7) years and six (6) months. Each such extension option may be exercised at the sole discretion of the Department Head or his/her designee as authorized by the Board of Supervisors.

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

- 4.3 The Contractor must notify DME 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 must send written notification to DME at the address herein provided in Exhibit D (County's Administration).

5 BILLING AND PAYMENT

- 5.1 Contractor agrees to compensate County for actual costs incurred by the DME and DHS in conjunction with Tissue Collection Services, provided a Contractor's representative has accepted the donor for Tissue Collection Services. DME's and DHS' billing shall be the cost of its services hereunder as listed in Exhibit B. Contractor, following receipt of a complete and accurate billing, shall pay the County the appropriate billed amount for each tissue donor within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of invoice.
- 5.2 The Contractor will 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, must not occur except with the County's express prior written approval.
- 5.3 The Contractor shall maintain a system of record keeping that will identify all donors for tissue collection. The Contractor shall provide a written listing to the County on a monthly basis.
- 5.4 **No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration-Termination of Contract**

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

6 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - COUNTY

6.1 County Administration

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

6.2 County's Project Director

The role of the County's Project Director may include:

6.2.1 Coordinating with Contractor and ensuring Contractor's performance of the Contract; however, in no event will Contractor's obligation to fully satisfy all of the requirements of this Contract be relieved, excused or limited thereby; and

6.2.2 Upon request of the Contractor, providing direction to the Contractor, as appropriate in areas relating to County policy, information requirements, and procedural requirements; however, in no event, will Contractor's obligation to fully satisfy all of the requirements of this Contract be relieved, excused or limited thereby.

6.3 County's Project Manager

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

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

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

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

6.4 County's Contract Project Monitor

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

7 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - CONTRACTOR

7.1 Contractor Administration

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

7.2 Project Manager

7.2.1 The Contractor's Project Manager is designated in Exhibit E (Contractor's Administration). The Contractor must notify the County in writing of any change in the name or address of the Contractor's Project Manager.

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

7.3 Approval of Contractor's Staff

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

7.4 Contractor's Staff Identification

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

7.4.1 Contractor is responsible to ensure that employees have obtained a Photo ID badge before they are assigned to work in a County facility. Contractor personnel may be asked by a County representative to leave a County facility if they do not have the proper Photo ID badge on their person and Contractor personnel must immediately comply with such request.

7.4.2 Contractor must notify the County within one business day when staff is terminated from working under this Contract.

7.4.3 If County requests the removal of Contractor's staff, Contractor must retrieve and return an employee's County ID badge to the County on the next business day after the employee has been removed from working on the County's Contract.

7.5 Medical Exams

7.5.1 Contractor shall ensure that each of its staff who performs tissue procurement services under this Contract is examined by a licensed physician (or other licensed medical practitioners such as physician assistants and nurse practitioners) on an annual or biannual basis, as required by the JCAHO Section 70723, Title 22, California Code of Regulations, and shall provide, County Project Director and/or County Project Manager upon request, with evidence that each such staff member is free of infectious/contagious disease(s) which would interfere with his or her ability to perform services hereunder or which could be transmitted in the workplace, is immunized against common communicable diseases, has received an initial x-ray, a Measles (Rubeola) and Rubella antibody titer demonstrating immunity and/or vaccination. In those instances where such staff have no demonstrated Hepatitis B immunity, and have refused vaccination, a waiver to that effect must be on file and provided upon request.

7.5.2 Written certification that such staff is free of infectious disease(s), has been tested and/or vaccinated as required above, and physically able to perform the duties described herein shall be retained by Contractor for at least five (5) years following the expiration or earlier termination of this Contract for purposes of inspection and audit, and during such period, as well as during the term of the Contract, shall be made available to DME and DHS upon request. Contractor personnel assigned to DME

and/or a DHS facility must have satisfactorily completed the above examination and testing prior to performing any work under this Contract.

7.6 Background and Security Investigations

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

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

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

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

7.7 Confidentiality

7.7.1 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.

7.7.2 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.

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

7.7.4 Contractor must sign and adhere to the provisions of Exhibit F1 (Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement).

7.8 Contractor Personnel Rules and Regulations

7.8.1 During the time that Contractor's staff are in the DME's and/or DHS' facilities, such persons shall be subject to the rules and regulations of those facilities. The County Project Manager or DHS Project Manager hereunder shall furnish a copy of all applicable rules and regulations to Contractor prior to execution of this Contract, and during this Contract, shall furnish Contractor with any changes thereto as from time to time may be adopted. It is the responsibility of Contractor to acquaint itself and such persons who may provide services hereunder with the County's rules and regulations. Contractor agrees to permanently withdraw any of its employees from the provision of services hereunder upon written notice from the County's Project Manager, DHS Project Manager or his/her designee that 1) such employee has violated such rules or regulations, or 2) such employee's actions, while on County premises, indicate that such employee may adversely affect the delivery of health care services. The Coroner or DHS Project Manager must submit with such notice a written statement of the facts supporting any such alleged violation or action. Contractor must sign and adhere to the provisions of Exhibit F1 (Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement).

7.9 Requirements and Representations of Contractor

Contractor represents and warrants to the County that it has met the following requirements:

- 7.9.1** Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) status.
- 7.9.2** California State Tissue Bank Licensure.
- 7.9.3** Accreditation by EBAA and AATB.
- 7.9.4** Technicians appropriately licensed and certified by EBAA and AATB.
- 7.9.5** Documented policy for distribution of gratis corneal tissues for indigent patients, in an amount determined to be reasonable by the Coroner and DHS.
- 7.9.6** A defined policy with regard to tissue distribution utilizing affiliated tissue banks (if any).
- 7.9.7** Professionally credentialed board certified medical director in the field or which access is sought, i.e. eyes, bone, skin.
- 7.9.8** All work performed by the Contractor shall be governed by the Statement of Work (Exhibit A).
- 7.9.9** Tissues shall be made available regardless of race, creed or color.
- 7.9.10** Tissues shall not be bought or sold.
- 7.9.11** Gratis corneas shall be provided in an amount determined to be reasonable by Coroner and DHS for those patients who are in need and have no insurance coverage.
- 7.9.12** Tissues shall be placed for surgery in Los Angeles County as a matter of first priority.
- 7.9.13** Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that its employees are certified and trained.
- 7.9.14** Contractor shall reimburse County in accordance with billing and payment as provided in Contractor's Reimbursement of County's Expenses (Exhibit B). Subject to the foregoing, Contractor reimbursement will be provided to County for County's Tissue Recovery Costs regardless of whether the tissue is in fact used, and such costs shall not be the responsibility of the donor, the donor's family, DME or DHS.

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 must be prepared and executed by the contractor and by Department Head or his/her designee.

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

8.1.3 The Department Head or his/her designee may at his/her sole discretion, authorize extensions of time as defined in Paragraph 4 (Term of Contract). The contractor agrees that such extensions of time will 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 must be prepared and executed by the contractor and by Department Head or his/her designee.

8.2 Assignment and Delegation/Mergers or Acquisitions

8.2.1 The contractor must notify the County of any pending acquisitions/mergers of its company unless otherwise legally prohibited from doing so. If the contractor is restricted from legally notifying the County of pending acquisitions/mergers, then it should notify the County of the actual acquisitions/mergers as soon as the law allows and provide to the County the legal framework that restricted it from notifying the County prior to the actual acquisitions/mergers.

8.2.2 The contractor 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 County, 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, County consent will require a written Amendment to the Contract, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by the County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Contract will be deductible, at County's sole discretion, against the claims, which the contractor may have against the County.

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 County'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, County 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 County'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

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

8.5.1 Complaint Procedures

- 8.5.1.1** Within ten (10) business days after the Contract effective date, the contractor must provide the County with the contractor's policy for receiving, investigating and responding to user complaints.
- 8.5.1.2** The County will review the contractor's policy and provide the contractor with approval of said plan or with requested changes.
- 8.5.1.3** If the County requests changes in the contractor's policy, the contractor must make such changes and resubmit the plan within ten (10) business days for County approval.
- 8.5.1.4** If, at any time, the contractor wishes to change the contractor's policy, the contractor must submit proposed changes to the County for approval before implementation.
- 8.5.1.5** The contractor must preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the County's Project Manager of the status of the investigation within five (5) business days of receiving the complaint.

8.5.1.6 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.

8.5.1.7 Copies of all written responses must be sent to the County'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 County:

- 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 Department will notify the contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise the contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.

8.12.4.2 The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The contractor and/or the contractor's representative 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 Department 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 County's Quality Assurance Plan

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

8.16 Damage to County Facilities, Buildings or Grounds

8.16.1 The contractor will repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, any and all damage to County facilities, buildings, or grounds caused by the contractor or employees or agents of the contractor. Such repairs 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, County may make any necessary repairs. All costs incurred by County, as determined by

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

8.19 Fair Labor Standards

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 County 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 County 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 County 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 County. 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 County

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

8.24.2.2 Renewal Certificates must be provided to County not less than ten (10) days prior to contractor's policy expiration dates. The County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified

copies of any required contractor and/or sub-contractor insurance policies at any time.

8.24.2.3 Certificates 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 County required endorsement forms.

8.24.2.4 Neither the County's failure to obtain, nor the County's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), 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:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Medical Examiner
1104 N. Mission Road
Los Angeles, CA 90033
Attention: Silvia Gonzalez, Contracts Manager

8.24.2.6 Contractor also must promptly report to County any injury or property damage accident or incident, including any injury to a contractor employee occurring on County property, and any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of County property, monies or securities entrusted to contractor. Contractor also must promptly notify County of any third party claim or suit filed against contractor or any of its subcontractors which arises from or relates to this Contract and could result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against contractor and/or County.

8.24.3 Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage

The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, employees and volunteers (collectively County and its Agents) 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 County with, or contractor's insurance policies must contain a provision that County 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 County at least ten (10) days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and thirty (30) days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance may constitute a material breach of the Contract, in the sole discretion of the County, upon which the County may suspend or terminate this Contract.

8.24.5 Failure to Maintain Insurance

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

8.24.6 Insurer Financial Ratings

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

8.24.7 Contractor's Insurance 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 County 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 County 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 County and contractor as additional insureds on the subcontractor's General Liability policy. Contractor must obtain County's prior review and approval of any subcontractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.

8.24.10 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)

Contractor's policies will not obligate the County to pay any portion of any contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the County, or to provide a bond guaranteeing contractor's payment of all deductibles and SIRs, including all related claims investigation, administration and defense expenses. Such bond 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 County reserves the right to review, and then approve, Contractor use of self-insurance, risk retention groups, risk purchasing groups,

pooling arrangements and captive insurance to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions. The County and its Agents must be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.

8.24.15 County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements

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

8.25 Insurance Coverage

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

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

8.25.2 Automobile Liability insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CA 00 01) with limits of not less than \$1 million for bodily injury and property damage, in combined or equivalent split limits, for each single accident. Insurance 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 County at least ten (10) days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and thirty (30) days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also 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 Professional Liability-Errors and Omissions

Insurance covering Contractor's liability arising from or related to this Contract, with limits of not less than \$1 million per claim

and \$2 million aggregate. Further, Contractor understands and agrees it must maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following this Agreement's expiration, termination or cancellation.

8.26 Liquidated Damages

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

8.26.2 If the Department Head, or his/her designee, determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Contract that the Department Head, or his/her designee, deems are correctable by the contractor over a certain time span, the Department Head, or his/her designee, will provide a written notice to the contractor to correct the deficiency within specified time frames. Should the contractor fail to correct deficiencies within said time frame, the Department Head, or his/her designee, may: (a) Deduct from the contractor's payment, pro rata, those applicable portions of the Monthly Contract Sum; 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 (100) dollars 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 County for liquidated damages in said amount. Said amount will be deducted from the County's payment to the contractor; and/or (c) Upon giving five (5) days notice to the contractor for failure to correct the deficiencies, the County may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by the County for completion of the work by an alternate source, whether it be County forces or separate private contractor, will be deducted and forfeited from the payment to the contractor from the County, as determined by the County.

8.26.3 The action noted in Paragraph 8.26.2 must not be construed as a penalty, but as adjustment of payment to the contractor to recover the County cost due to the failure of the contractor to complete or comply with the provisions of this Contract.

8.26.4 This Paragraph must not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to damages for any breach of this Contract provided by law or as specified in the PRS or Paragraph 8.26.2, and must not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to terminate this Contract as agreed to herein.

8.27 Most Favored Public Entity

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 County.

8.28 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action

8.28.1 The contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and 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 County 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 County may terminate or suspend this Contract. While the County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the contractor has violated Federal or State anti-discrimination laws or regulations 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 County 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 County 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 County's Project Manager and/or County's Project Director any dispute between the County and the contractor regarding the performance of services as stated in this Contract. If the County's Project Manager or County's Project Director is not able to resolve the dispute, the Department Head, or designee will 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/safely-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 (County's Administration) and E (Contractor's Administration). Addresses may be changed by either party giving ten (10) days prior written notice thereof to the other party. The Department Head or his/her designee will have the authority to issue all notices or demands required or permitted by the County under this Contract.

8.35 Prohibition Against Inducement or Persuasion

Notwithstanding the above, the contractor and the County agree that, during the term of this Contract and for a period of one year thereafter, neither party 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 County’s Project Director. The County will not unreasonably withhold written consent.

8.37.2 The contractor may, without the prior written consent of County, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this Contract with the County of Los Angeles, provided that the requirements of this Paragraph 8.37 (Publicity) 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. 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 approval of the County. Any attempt by the contractor to subcontract without the prior consent of the County may be deemed a material breach of this Contract.

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

8.40.2.1 A description of the work to be performed by the subcontractor.

8.40.2.2 A draft copy of the proposed subcontract; and

8.40.2.3 Other pertinent information and/or certifications requested by the County.

8.40.3 The contractor must 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 will remain fully responsible for all performances required of it under this Contract, including those that the contractor has determined to subcontract, notwithstanding the County's approval of the contractor's proposed subcontract.

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

8.40.6 The County's Project Director is authorized to act for and on behalf of the County with respect to approval of any subcontract and subcontractor employees. After approval of the subcontract by the County, contractor must forward a fully executed subcontract to the County for their files.

8.40.7 The contractor will be solely liable and responsible for all payments or other compensation to all subcontractors and their officers, employees, agents, and successors in interest arising through services performed hereunder, notwithstanding the County's consent to subcontract.

8.40.8 The contractor must obtain certificates of insurance, which establish that the subcontractor maintains all the programs of insurance required by the County from each approved subcontractor. Before any

subcontractor employee may perform any work hereunder, contractor must ensure delivery of all such documents to:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Medical Examiner
1104 N. Mission Road
Los Angeles, CA 90033
Attention: Silvia Gonzalez, Contracts Manager

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 County may terminate this Contract pursuant to Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) and pursue debarment of the contractor, pursuant to [County Code Chapter 2.202](#).

8.42 Termination for Convenience

8.42.1 This Contract may be terminated, in whole or in part, from time to time, when such action is deemed by the County, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Termination of work hereunder 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 County, 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 County may, by written notice to the contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Contract, if, in the judgment of County's Project Director:

8.43.1.1 Contractor has materially breached this Contract; or

- 8.43.1.2** Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required either under this Contract; or
- 8.43.1.3** Contractor fails to demonstrate a high probability of timely fulfillment of performance requirements under this Contract, or of any obligations of this Contract and in either case, fails to demonstrate convincing progress toward a cure within five (5) working days (or such longer period as the County may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the County specifying such failure.
- 8.43.2** In the event that the County terminates this Contract in whole or in part as provided in Paragraph 8.43.1, the County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the County may deem appropriate, goods and services similar to those so terminated. The contractor will be liable to the County for any and all excess costs incurred by the County, as determined by the County, for such similar goods and services. The contractor 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 County has given notice of termination under the provisions of Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) it is determined by the County that the contractor was not in default under the provisions of Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) or that the default was excusable under the provisions of subparagraph 8.43.3, the rights and obligations of the parties 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 County 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 County may, by written notice to the contractor, immediately terminate the right of the contractor to proceed under this Contract if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by the contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee, or agent with the intent of securing this Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of this Contract or the making of any determinations with respect to the contractor's performance pursuant to this Contract. In the event of such termination, the County 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 to solicit such improper consideration. The report must be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861.

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

8.45 Termination for Insolvency

- 8.45.1** The County may terminate this Contract forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:

- 8.45.1.1** Insolvency of the contractor. The contractor 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 County 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 County may in its sole discretion, immediately terminate or suspend this Contract.

8.47 Termination for Non-Appropriation of Funds

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the County will not be obligated for the contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Contract during any of the County's future fiscal years unless and until the County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for this Contract in the County's Budget for each such future fiscal year. In the event that funds are not appropriated for this Contract, then this Contract will terminate as of June 30 of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. The County 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 County of any breach of any provision of this Contract will constitute a waiver of any other breach or of such provision. Failure of the County to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Contract 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 County 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 County 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 County 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 Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Hiring 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, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract.

8.56 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.

8.57 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.

8.58 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.

9 UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

9.1 Disposition of Recovered Tissue

9.1.1 Tissue shall be made available to all patients in the community on an as-needed basis, and no person, hospital, doctor or other tissue bank shall be denied access to such tissue on grounds of race, religion,

ancestry national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age condition of physical handicap, marital status or political affiliation or 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 by this Contract.

- 9.1.2** CONTRACTOR is awarded the RFP for collection of corneal and other tissue for purposes of transplantation and research. Recognizing the importance of medical research and the unique research opportunities that may be presented to the County, the County reserves the right to connect legitimate research institutions with Contractor to facilitate tissue recovery on a case-by-case basis.
- 9.1.3** Contractor shall provide corneal tissue to all County hospitals and doctors on an as requested basis free of any charges, and in sufficient amounts to satisfy their needs for the tissue.
- 9.1.4** Contractor shall provide a Tissue Distribution Plan, subject to County approval, in which Contractor identifies all tissue bank partners (TBPs) that will be utilized in the distribution of tissue (if any TBPs exist). Contractor's Plan shall include the type and percentage of tissue to be distributed to each TBP (if TBPs exist). Any modifications to the Tissue Distribution Plan shall be approved by the County prior to implementation.
- 9.1.5** Contractor shall maintain complete records of all tissue distributed pursuant to the Tissue Distribution Plan, including which TBP (if any) received tissue, the dates on which it was distributed and the amount charged by Contractor for the tissue.

9.2 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

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

9.3 Ownership of Materials, Software and Copyright

- 9.3.1** County shall be the sole owner of all right, title and interest, including copyright, in and to all software, plans, diagrams, facilities, and tools

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

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

9.3.3 Any and all materials, software and tools which are developed or were originally acquired by the Contractor outside the scope of this Contract, which the Contractor desires to use hereunder, and which the Contractor considers to be proprietary or confidential, must be specifically identified by the Contractor to the County's Project Manager as proprietary or confidential, and shall be plainly and prominently marked by the Contractor as "Proprietary" or "Confidential" on each appropriate page of any document containing such material.

9.3.4 The County will use reasonable means to ensure that the Contractor's proprietary and/or confidential items are safeguarded and held in confidence. The County agrees not to reproduce, distribute or disclose to non-County entities any such proprietary and/or confidential items without the prior written consent of the Contractor.

9.3.5 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the County will not be obligated to the Contractor in any way under subparagraph 9.2.4 for any of the Contractor's proprietary and/or confidential items which are not plainly and prominently marked with restrictive legends as required by subparagraph 9.2.3 or for any disclosure which the County is required to make under any state or federal law or order of court.

9.3.6 All the rights and obligations of this Paragraph 9.2 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract.

9.4 Contractor's Charitable Activities Compliance

The Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act regulates entities receiving or raising charitable contributions. The "Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004" (SB 1262, Chapter 919) increased Charitable Purposes Act requirements. By requiring Contractors to complete Exhibit J (Charitable Contributions Certification), the County seeks to ensure that all County contractors which receive or raise charitable contributions comply with California law in order to protect the County and its taxpayers. A Contractor which receives or raises charitable contributions without complying with its obligations under California law

commits a material breach subjecting it to either contract termination or debarment proceedings or both. ([County Code Chapter 2.202](#))

9.5 Campaign Contribution Prohibition Following Final Decision in Contract Proceeding

Pursuant to [Government Code Section 84308](#), Contractor and its Subcontractors, are prohibited from making a contribution of more than \$250 to a County officer for twelve (12) months after the date of the final decision in the proceeding involving this Contract. Failure to comply with the provisions of [Government Code Section 84308](#) and of this paragraph, may be a material breach of this Contract as determined in the sole discretion of the County.

10 Survival

In addition to any terms and conditions of this Agreement that expressly survive expiration or termination of this Agreement by their terms, the following provisions shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason:

Paragraph 1 (Applicable Documents)

Paragraph 2 (Definitions)

Paragraph 3 (Work)

Paragraph 5.4 (No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Termination of Agreement)

Paragraph 7.6 (Confidentiality)

Paragraph 8.1 (Amendments)

Paragraph 8.2 (Assignment and Delegation/Mergers or Acquisitions)

Paragraph 8.6.2

Paragraph 8.19 (Fair Labor Standards)

Paragraph 8.20 (Force Majeure)

Paragraph 8.21 (Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue)

Paragraph 8.23 (Indemnification)

Paragraph 8.24 (General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage)

Paragraph 8.25 (Insurance Coverage)

Paragraph 8.26 (Liquidated Damages)

Paragraph 8.34 (Notices)

Paragraph 8.38 (Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement)

Paragraph 8.42 (Termination for Convenience)

Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default)

Paragraph 8.48 (Validity)

Paragraph 8.49 (Wavier)

Paragraph 8.58 (Prohibition from Participation in Future Solicitation(s))

Paragraph 9.5 (Campaign Contribution Prohibition Following Final Decision in Contract Proceeding)

Paragraph 10 (Survival)

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

CONTRACTOR

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By

Name

Title

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By

Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Celia Zavala, Executive Officer
of the Board of Supervisors

By _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By _____
Principal Deputy County Counsel