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*Library Director*



January 07, 2025

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:

**AWARD A CONTRACT FOR ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES  
FOR LA COUNTY LIBRARY  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

LA County Library (Library) is seeking Board approval to award a contract to Brainfuse, Inc., to provide online tutoring services for Library cardholders.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15378.
2. Approve and instruct the Chair to sign the attached contract (Attachment A) with Brainfuse, Inc., to provide the Library online tutoring services for a maximum period of five (5) years and six (6) months for an aggregate total of \$2,701,875. The contract will become effective January 28, 2025, or three weeks following your Board's approval, whichever is later.
3. Authorize and delegate authority to the County Librarian, or designee, to approve unanticipated work within the scope of the contract.
4. Authorize and delegate authority to the County Librarian, or designee, to execute amendments to exercise renewal options and/or amend terms and conditions in the contract, as may be required by the Board or Chief Executive Office.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Online tutoring services allow Library cardholders to receive free, one-on-one homework help in core academic subjects including math, science, social studies and English, via the Library's website and mobile application. For adult learners, the program also provides career building services, GED and citizenship test preparation. Online tutoring is a vital resource that improves the educational and literacy levels of our communities and provides a convenient, accessible, and flexible way to obtain assistance.

The current contract with Brainfuse, Inc. expired on December 31, 2024. Approval of the recommended actions will allow Library to provide online tutoring services under a new contract with Brainfuse, Inc.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The County Strategic Plan directs the provisions of North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal F, Community Connections. The recommended actions support the Strategic Plan by increasing support for student and family school engagement and well-being through expansion of integrated student support programs.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Under the terms of the recommended contracts, the Contractor will provide online tutoring services over a term of four (4) base years plus one (1) option year and a maximum of six (6) month-to-month extensions for a total of five (5) years and six (6) months.

The Contractor's annual fee for each base year and option year is \$345,000, and \$172,500 for the six (6) month-to-month extensions. Further, the annual unanticipated work for each base year and option year is \$146,250, and \$73,125 for the six (6) month-to-month extensions. The aggregate total amount is \$2,701,875.

Pursuant to Board Policy 5.030 (Low-Cost Labor Resource Program), Library took into consideration other low-cost resource options and found that the low-cost labor resource providers/programs do not provide online tutoring services.

Funding for Library's online tutoring services is available within the Library's annual operating budget, beginning with FY 2024/25, and will be encumbered annually.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Proposals for online tutoring services were solicited in accordance with the provisions of Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.121 – Contracting with Private Business.

The recommended contract was reviewed and approved, as to form, by County Counsel and contains all required Board policy provisions, including Campaign Contribution Prohibition, Child Support Compliance, Defaulted Property Tax Reduction, Jury Service, Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and consideration of qualified START/GROW participants for employment openings.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they do not constitute a project according to Section 15378 of CEQA.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On October 7, 2024, the Library released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for online tutoring services. The RFP was posted on the County's "Doing Business with Us" website, the Library's social media accounts, and sent to vendors listed in the County Office of Affirmative Action Compliance's Community Business Enterprise (CBE) Database. Advertisements were also placed in the LA Daily News, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Press Telegram, and Torrance Daily Breeze.

On October 28, 2024, Library received a total of three (3) proposals and one proposal was disqualified for failure to adhere to proposal submission requirements. The remaining two proposals, from StudentNest, Inc. and Brainfuse, Inc. were evaluated by an evaluation committee consisting of Library staff. Proposals were evaluated utilizing the informed averaging scoring method and rated on the following criteria: proposer's qualifications; proposer's approach to providing required services; proposer's quality control plan; and cost. Proposer's past performance were also reviewed. All related evaluation materials and scoring documents were retained.

The Library has reviewed available resources to assess the recommended contractor's past performance and the Contractor's Alert Reporting Database (CARD). On final analysis and consideration of the awards, the recommended contractor was selected without regard to gender, race, color, creed, or national origin.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Award of this contract will allow the Library to provide online tutoring services for Library cardholders.

## **CONCLUSION**

Please return to the Library, an adopted Board Letter and fully conformed contract.

If there are any questions or a need for additional information, please contact Yolanda Pina at (562) 940-8412.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

1/7/2025

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SKYE PATRICK', with a stylized flourish at the end.

SKYE PATRICK

County Librarian

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Enclosures

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



**CONTRACT**

**BY AND BETWEEN**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**AND**

**BRAINFUSE, INC.**

**FOR ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES**

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**CONTRACT BETWEEN  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
AND  
BRAINFUSE, INC.  
FOR  
ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES**

This Contract (“Contract”) made and entered into on \_\_\_\_\_ (“Execution Date”) by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as “County” and Brainfuse, Inc. hereinafter referred to as “Contractor”. Brainfuse, Inc. is located at 271 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the County may contract with private businesses for Online Tutoring Services when certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a private firm specializing in providing Online Tutoring Services; and

WHEREAS, this Contract is therefore authorized under California Government Section Code 31000; and

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

## 1.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

Exhibits A through I are attached to and form a part of this Contract. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the definition or interpretation of any word, responsibility, schedule, or the contents or description of any task, deliverable, goods, service, or other work, or otherwise between the base Contract and the Exhibits, or between Exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency will be resolved by giving precedence first to the terms and conditions of the Contract and then to the Exhibits according to the following priority.

### Standard Exhibits:

Exhibit A	Statement of Work and Attachments
Exhibit B	Pricing Schedule
Exhibit C	Contractor's Proposed Schedule
Exhibit D	County's Administration
Exhibit E	Contractor's Administration
Exhibit F	Contractor Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement
Exhibit G	Safely Surrendered Baby Law

### Unique Exhibits:

Exhibit H	California Online Privacy Protection Act of 2003
Exhibit I	Children's Online Privacy Protection Act

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 will be valid unless prepared pursuant to Paragraph 8.1 (Amendments) and signed by both parties.

## 2.0 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 Board of Supervisors (Board):** The Board of Supervisors of the County acting as governing body.

**2.1.2 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.

- 2.1.3 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.
- 2.1.4 Contractor's Project Manager:** The person designated by the Contractor to administer the Contract operations under this Contract.
- 2.1.5 County:** County of Los Angeles
- 2.1.6 County Librarian:** Head of the LA County Library
- 2.1.7 County's Contract Analyst:** The person designated by the County to manage and facilitate the administrative functions of the Contract.
- 2.1.8 County's 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.
- 2.1.9 County's Project Manager:** Person designated by County's Project Director to manage the operations under this Contract.
- 2.1.10 County's 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.
- 2.1.11 County Observed Holidays: Days** on which County departments are closed for business in observance of significant events. A list of County observed holidays may be found on the County's website <https://lacounty.gov/government/about-la-county/about/>.
- 2.1.12 Customer(s):** Individual(s) having a current LA County Library card.
- 2.1.13 Day(s):** Calendar Day(s) unless otherwise specified.
- 2.1.14 Department:** LA County Library, which is entering into this Contract on behalf of the County of Los Angeles.
- 2.1.15 Expert:** A person who is at level of college sophomore or higher and possesses a strong level of skill in or knowledge of a particular field.
- 2.1.16 Fiscal Year:** The twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.
- 2.1.17 Library:** LA County Library
- 2.1.18 Online:** Connected to, served by, or available through a computer or telecommunications system (as the Internet).
- 2.1.19 Statement of Work (SOW):** A written description of the work to be performed by Contractor to meet the needs of the County, including special provisions pertaining to the method, frequency, manner, and place of performing the contract services.

- 2.1.20 Subcontract:** An agreement by the Contractor to employ a subcontractor to provide services to fulfill this Contract.
- 2.1.21 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.
- 2.1.22 Tutor:** A person that instructs another in some branch of learning OR a private teacher, typically one who teaches a single student or very small group.
- 2.1.23 Unanticipated Work:** Additional as-needed services performed under the Contract when the need arises and requested by the County.

### **3.0 WORK**

- 3.1** Pursuant to the provisions of this Contract, the Contractor must fully perform, complete and deliver on time, all tasks, deliverables, goods, 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.

### **4.0 TERM OF CONTRACT**

- 4.1** The term of this Contract will be four (4) years commencing after execution by County's Board, or January 28, 2025, whichever is later, 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 one (1) additional one (1) year periods and six (6) month to month extensions, for a maximum total Contract term of five (5) years and six (6) months. Each such extension option may be exercised at the sole discretion of the County Librarian or their designee as authorized by the Board.

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 Department when this Contract is within six (6) months of the expiration of the term as provided for hereinabove. Upon occurrence of this event, the Contractor must send written notification to the Department at the address herein provided in Exhibit D (County's Administration).

## **5.0 CONTRACT SUM**

### **5.1 Total Contract Sum**

**5.1.1** The maximum annual Contract Sum under the terms of this Contract will be **\$491,250.00**, comprised of the Contractor's Fee of **\$345,000.00**, as specified in Exhibit C (Contractor's Proposed Schedule), and an annual estimate for unanticipated work of **\$146,250.00**, for additional online tutoring services sessions as authorized in Paragraph 9.0 (Unanticipated Work), of the Statement of Work (SOW).

**5.1.2** The use of the annual estimate for unanticipated work is not guaranteed by the County, and is contingent upon the Library's adopted budget and needs.

### **5.2 Written Approval for Reimbursement**

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 Notification of 75% of Total Contract Sum**

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

### **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.

### **5.5 Invoices and Payments**

**5.5.1** The Contractor must invoice the County only for providing the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work specified in Exhibit A (Statement of Work and Attachments) and elsewhere hereunder. The Contractor must prepare invoices, which will include the charges owed to the Contractor by the County under the terms of this Contract.

**5.5.2** The Contractor's invoices must be priced in accordance with Exhibit B (Pricing Schedule). Contractor will be paid only for the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work approved in writing by the County. If the County does not approve work in writing no payment will be due to the Contractor for that work.

**5.5.3** The Contractor must submit the monthly invoices to the County by the 15th calendar day of the month following the month of service.

**5.5.4** All invoices under this Contract must be submitted to Library at the following electronic email address:

[contractservices@library.lacounty.gov](mailto:contractservices@library.lacounty.gov), with a copy to the assigned County's Contract Monitor.

**5.5.5 County Approval of Invoices**

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

**5.5.6 Preference Program Enterprises - Prompt Payment Program (if applicable)**

Certified Prompt Payment Enterprises (PPEs) will receive prompt payment for services they provide to the County departments. Prompt payment is defined as fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of an approved, undisputed invoice which has been properly matched against documents such as a receiving, shipping, or services delivered report, or any other validation of receipt document consistent with Board Policy 3.035 ([Preference Program Payment Liaison and Prompt Payment Program](#)).

**5.6 Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA's) (Intentionally Omitted)**

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

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

**5.7.2** The Contractor must submit a direct deposit authorization request via the website <https://directdeposit.lacounty.gov> with banking and vendor information, and any other information that the A-C determines is reasonably necessary to process the payment and comply with all accounting, record keeping, and tax reporting requirements.

- 5.7.3 Any provision of law, grant, or funding agreement requiring a specific form or method of payment other than EFT or direct deposit will supersede this requirement with respect to those payments.
- 5.7.4 At any time during the duration of the Contract, a Contractor may submit a written request for an exemption to this requirement. Such request must be based on specific legal, business or operational needs and explain why the payment method designated by the A-C is not feasible and an alternative is necessary. The A-C, in consultation with the contracting department(s), will decide whether to approve exemption requests.

## **6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - COUNTY**

### **6.1 County's 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 changes as they occur.

### **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.

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 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 County's Project Monitor reports to the County's Project Manager.

#### **6.5 County's Contract Analyst**

The role of the County's Contract Analyst is to manage and facilitate the administrative functions of the Contract. The County's Contract Analyst reports to the County's Project Director.

### **7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - CONTRACTOR**

#### **7.1 Contractor's 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 changes as they occur.

#### **7.2 Contractor's 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 to Exhibit E (Contractor's Administration), as changes occur.

**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 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.

#### **7.5 Background and Security Investigations**

**7.5.1** Each of Contractor's staff performing services under this Contract, who is in a designated sensitive position, as determined by County in County's sole discretion, 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.

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.

- 7.5.2** County, in its sole discretion, may immediately deny or terminate facility access to any member of Contractor's staff that does not pass such investigation to the satisfaction of the County or whose background or conduct is incompatible with County facility access.
- 7.5.3** These terms will also apply to subcontractors of County contractors.
- 7.5.4** 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.

## **7.6 Confidentiality**

- 7.6.1** Contractor must maintain the confidentiality of all records and information in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures relating to confidentiality, including, without limitation, County policies concerning information technology security and the protection of confidential records and information.
- 7.6.2** Contractor must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting, or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with this Paragraph, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph will be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County will have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County will be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor will not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

- 7.6.3 Contractor must inform all of its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors providing services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Contract.
- 7.6.4 Contractor must sign and adhere to the provisions of Exhibit F (Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement).

## **8.0 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **8.1 Amendments**

- 8.1.1 For any change which affects the scope of work, contract 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 the County Librarian or their designee.
- 8.1.2 The Board or Chief Executive Officer (CEO) 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 Board or CEO. To implement such changes, an Amendment to the Contract must be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the County Librarian or their designee.
- 8.1.3 The County Librarian or their designee, may at their sole discretion, authorize extensions of time as defined in Paragraph 4.0 (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 the County Librarian or their 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 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 and maintain operating procedures for receiving, investigating and responding to complaints.

#### **8.5.1 Complaint Procedures**

- Within ten (10) business days after the Contract effective date, the Contractor must provide the County with the Contractor's procedures for receiving, investigating and responding to user complaints.
- The County will review the Contractor's procedures and provide the Contractor with approval of said procedures or with requested changes.

- If the County requests changes in the Contractor's procedures, the Contractor must make such changes and resubmit the procedures within five (5) business days for County approval.
- If, at any time, the Contractor wishes to change the Contractor's procedures, the Contractor must submit proposed changes to the County for approval before implementation.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Laws**

**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 this Paragraph 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**

- 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.
- 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 Contract.

- 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.
- 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/START 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 Skills and Training to Achieve Readiness for Tomorrow (START) 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/START participants by job category to the Contractor. Contractors must report all job openings with job requirements to: [gainstart@dpss.lacounty.gov](mailto:gainstart@dpss.lacounty.gov) and [BSERVICES@OPPORTUNITY.LACOUNTY.GOV](mailto:BSERVICES@OPPORTUNITY.LACOUNTY.GOV) and DPSS will refer qualified GAIN/START job candidates.

**8.11.2** In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN/START 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 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**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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. The Board will have the right to modify,

deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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. The Board 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**

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 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.

## **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**

- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- Certificates and copies of any required endorsements must be sent to the County's Contract Analyst at the electronic address herein provided in Exhibit D (County's Administration).
- 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, 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 will 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 must 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

- **Sexual Misconduct Liability**

Insurance covering actual or alleged claims for sexual misconduct and/or molestation with limits of not less than \$2 million per claim and \$2 million aggregate, and claims for negligent employment, investigation, supervision, training or retention of, or failure to report to proper authorities, a person(s) who committed any act of abuse,

molestation, harassment, mistreatment or maltreatment of a sexual nature.

- **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 Contract's expiration, termination or cancellation.

- **Technology Errors & Omissions Insurance**

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

- **Cyber Liability Insurance**

The Contractor must secure and maintain cyber liability insurance coverage with limits of \$2 million per occurrence and in the aggregate during the term of the Contract, including coverage for: network security liability; privacy liability; privacy regulatory proceeding, defense, response, expenses and fines; technology professional liability (errors and omissions); privacy breach expense reimbursement (liability arising from the loss or disclosure of County Information no matter how it occurs); system breach; denial or loss of service; introduction, implantation, or spread of malicious software code; unauthorized access to or use of computer systems; and Data/Information loss and business interruption; any other liability or risk that arises out of the Contract. The Contractor must add the County as an additional insured to its cyber liability insurance policy and provide to the County certificates of insurance evidencing the foregoing upon the County's request. The procuring of the insurance described herein, or delivery of the certificates of insurance described herein, will not be construed as a limitation upon the Contractor's liability or as full performance of its indemnification

obligations hereunder. No exclusion/restriction for unencrypted portable devices/media may be on the policy.

## **8.26 Liquidated Damages**

- 8.26.1** If, in the judgment of the County Librarian or their designee, the Contractor is deemed to be non-compliant with the terms and obligations assumed hereby, the County Librarian or their designee, at their 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 County Librarian or their designee, in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.
- 8.26.2** If the County Librarian or their designee, determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Contract that the County Librarian or their designee, deems are correctable by the Contractor over a certain time span, the County Librarian or their 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 County Librarian or their 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 two hundred dollars (\$200) per day per infraction, 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 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:

- That Contractor has a written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment.
- That Contractor periodically conducts a self-analysis or utilization analysis of its work force.
- That Contractor has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups.
- 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 Director 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 Director or 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 7921 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:

- The Contractor must develop all publicity material in a professional manner; and
- 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.

**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, 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 of 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 will constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract.

**8.38.4** 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 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:
- A description of the work to be performed by the subcontractor.
  - A draft copy of the proposed subcontract; and
  - Other pertinent information and/or certifications requested by the County.
- 8.40.3** 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 Librarian 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 the County Project Manager at the physical or electronic address herein provided in Exhibit D (County's Administration).

**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:

- Stop work under this Contract on the date and to the extent specified in such notice, and
- Complete performance of such part of the work as 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:

- Contractor has materially breached this Contract; or
- Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required either under this Contract; or
- Contractor fails to demonstrate a high probability of timely fulfillment of performance requirements under this Contract, 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 the Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of the Contract or the making of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to the Contract. In the event of such termination, the County will be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.

**8.44.2** The Contractor must immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee, or agent to solicit such improper consideration. The report must be made to the Los Angeles County Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861 or <https://fraud.lacounty.gov/>.

**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:

- 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;
- The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition regarding the Contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
- The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for the Contractor; or
- The execution by the Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.

**8.45.2** The rights and remedies of the 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 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 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program Compliance (Intentionally Omitted)**

### **8.56 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.

### **8.57 Compliance with the County Policy of Equity**

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

### **8.58 Prohibition from Participation in Future Solicitation(s)**

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

### **8.59 Injury and Illness Prevention Program**

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

### **8.60 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.

## **9.0 UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **9.1 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)**

### **9.2 Ownership of Materials, Software and Copyright**

**9.2.1** County will 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, must 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.

**9.2.2** During the term of this Contract and for five (5) years thereafter, the Contractor must maintain and provide security for all of the Contractor's working papers prepared under this Contract. County will 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.

**9.2.3** 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 must be plainly and prominently marked by the Contractor as "Proprietary" or "Confidential" on each appropriate page of any document containing such material.

**9.2.4** 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.

**9.2.5** 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 Patent, Copyright and Trade Secret Indemnification**

**9.3.1** The Contractor must indemnify, hold harmless and defend County from and against any and all liability, damages, costs, and expenses, including, but not limited to, defense costs and attorneys' fees, for or by reason of any actual or alleged infringement of any third party's patent or copyright, or any actual or alleged unauthorized trade secret disclosure, arising from or related to the operation and utilization of the Contractor's work under this Contract. County will inform the Contractor as soon as practicable of any claim or action alleging such infringement or unauthorized disclosure, and will support the Contractor's defense and settlement thereof.

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

- Procure for County all rights to continued use of the questioned equipment, part, or software product; or
- Replace the questioned equipment, part, or software product with a non-questioned item; or

- Modify the questioned equipment, part, or software so that it is free of claims.

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

**9.4 Data Destruction (Intentionally Omitted)**

**9.5 Contractor’s Charitable Activities Compliance (Intentionally Omitted)**

**9.6 Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Preference Program (If Applicable)**

**9.6.1** This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County’s ordinance entitled LSBE Preference Program, as codified in [Chapter 2.204 of the Los Angeles County Code](#).

**9.6.2** The Contractor will not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a LSBE.

**9.6.3** The Contractor will not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a LSBE.

**9.6.4** If the Contractor has obtained certification as a LSBE by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, will:

- Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County’s costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;
- In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than ten (10) percent of the amount of the contract; and
- Be subject to the provisions of [Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code](#) (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

The above penalties will also apply to any business that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the

State and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

## **9.7 Social Enterprise (SE) Preference Program (If Applicable)**

**9.7.1** This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled SE Preference Program, as codified in [Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code](#).

**9.7.2** Contractor must not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a SE.

**9.7.3** Contractor must not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a SE.

**9.7.4** If Contractor has obtained County certification as a SE by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, Contractor will:

- Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;
- In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1) above, the Contractor will be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the contract; and
- Be subject to the provisions of [Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code](#) (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

The above penalties will also apply to any entity that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

## **9.8 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Preference Program (If Applicable)**

**9.8.1** This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled DVBE Preference Program, as codified in [Chapter 2.211 of the Los Angeles County Code](#).

- 9.8.2** Contractor must not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a DVBE.
- 9.8.3** Contractor must not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a DVBE.
- 9.8.4** If Contractor has obtained certification as a DVBE by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, Contractor will:
- Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;
  - In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1) above, the Contractor will be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent of the amount of the contract; and
  - Be subject to the provisions of [Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code](#) (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

Notwithstanding any other remedies in this Contract, the above penalties will also apply to any business that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the State and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

**9.9 Organic Waste Recycling (Intentionally Omitted)**

**9.10 Procurement of SB 1383-Compliant Compost and Mulch (Intentionally Omitted)**

**9.11 Edible Food Donation (Intentionally Omitted)**

**9.12 Compliance with County's Women in Technology Hiring Initiative (Intentionally Omitted)**

**9.13 Reduce Single-Use Plastics (Intentionally Omitted)**

**9.14 California Online Privacy Protection Act**

- 9.14.1** This Contract is subject to the provisions of the State of California's Online Privacy Protection Act as codified in Sections 22575 through

22579 of California Business and Professions Code, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit H and incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.

- 9.14.2** The Act requires operators of commercial Web sites or online services that collect personally identifiable information on California consumers through the Web site or online service to clearly post its privacy policy on its Web site and to comply with the policy's provisions.
- 9.14.3** For the purposes of this Paragraph 9.14, the following definitions apply: **(A)** The term "personally identifiable information" means individually identifiable information about an individual consumer collected online by the operator from that individual and maintained by the operator in an accessible form, including any of the following: (1) A first and last name, (2) A home or other physical address, including street name and name of a city or town, (3) An e-mail address, (4) A telephone number, (5) A social security number, (6) Any other identifier that permits the physical or online contacting of a specific individual, (7) Information concerning a user that the Web site or online service collects online from the user and maintains in personally identifiable form in combination with an identifier described in this subdivision. **(B)** The term "consumer" means any individual who seeks or acquires, by purchase or lease, any goods, services, money, or credit for personal, family, or household purposes. **(C)** The term "operator" means any person or entity that owns a Web site located on the Internet or an online service that collects and maintains personally identifiable information from a consumer residing in California who uses or visits the Web site or online service if the Web site or online service is operated for commercial purposes. It does not include any third party that operates, hosts, or manages, but does not own, a Web site or online service on the owner's behalf or by processing information on behalf of the owner.
- 9.14.4** It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to read and understand the California Online Privacy Protection Act in its entirety.
- 9.14.5** The State of California may bring enforcement actions and impose civil penalties for violations under this Act. In addition, the County may assess liquidated damages in accordance with Paragraph 8.26 (Liquidated Damages) of the Contract. Further, the County reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate this Contract for failure to comply with this Paragraph 9.14.
- 9.14.6** The Contractor acknowledges that the State of California regularly reviews and revises and/or updates legislation as necessary. The Contractor further acknowledges that Contractor is solely responsible to maintain compliance with **all** revised and/or updated requirements subject to such legislation no later than thirty (30) days of release of a revision and/or update in requirements. The County will bear no responsibility in providing revisions and/or updates to the Contractor, for

any purpose, but will hold the Contractor responsible for failure to maintain compliance as required under this Contract.

## **9.15 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act**

**9.15.1** This Contract is subject to the provisions of the United States Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Children's Online Privacy Protection Act. A copy of the Act is attached as Exhibit I and is incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract. Under this Act, the FTC sets requirements regarding the collection, use and/or disclosure of personal information for a child.

**9.15.2** In accordance with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, the Contractor will post a link to a privacy notice of its information practices on the homepage of its website and at each area where personal information is collected from a child. The link to the privacy notice must be clear and prominent. A link in small print at the bottom of the homepage is not considered clear and prominent.

**9.15.3** The privacy notice must be clearly written and understandable; it will not include any unrelated or confusing material. It must state the following:

- a. the name and contact information of all operators collecting or maintaining personal information on a child through the website;
- b. the kinds of personal information collected; and
- c. how personal information is collected and its uses; and
- d. whether information is disclosed to third parties; and
- e. that the parent has the option to agree/not agree to collection and use of the child's personal information; and
- f. that the parent can review the child's personal information, ask to have it deleted and refuse to allow any further collection or use of the child's information to include the procedure for parent to follow in doing this.

**9.15.4** For the purposes of this Paragraph 9.15, the following definitions apply: (1) the term "child" means an individual under the age of thirteen, (2) The term "personal information" means individually identifiable information about an individual collected online, including a first and last name, home or other physical address, an e-mail address, a telephone number, a social security number, any other identifier that the FTC determines permits the physical or online contacting of a specific individual, (3) The term "operator" means any person who operates a website located on the Internet or an online service and who collects and maintains personal information from or about the users of or visitors to such website or online service, (4) the term "parent" includes legal guardian.

- 9.15.5** It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to read and understand the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act in its entirety.
- 9.15.6** The FTC may bring enforcement actions and impose civil penalties for violations under this Act. In addition, the County may assess liquidated damages in accordance with Paragraph 8.26 (Liquidated Damages) of the Contract. Further, the County reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate this Contract for failure to comply with this Paragraph 9.15.
- 9.15.7** The Contractor acknowledges that the FTC regularly reviews and revises and/or updates legislation as necessary. The Contractor further acknowledges that Contractor is solely responsible to maintain compliance with **all** revised and/or updated requirements subject to such legislation no later than thirty (30) days of release of a revision and/or update in requirements. The County will bear no responsibility in providing revisions and/or updates to the Contractor, for any purpose, but will hold the Contractor responsible for failure to maintain compliance as required under this Contract.

**9.16 Contractor’s Confidentiality Clause**

User Information Is Strictly Confidential Absent Extraordinary Circumstances. The Contractor will not disclose to any third party any personal information that would permit identification of a User without first obtaining the prior written consent of the Library.

**10.0 Survival**

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

- Paragraph 1.0      Applicable Documents
- Paragraph 2.0      Definitions
- Paragraph 3.0      Work
- Paragraph 5.4      No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration-Termination of Contract
- Paragraph 7.6      Confidentiality
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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:**

**BRAINFUSE, INC.**

By  Troy Weiman  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
Director of Accounts  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

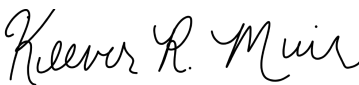
**ATTEST:**

EDWARD YEN  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

DAWYN R. HARRISON  
County Counsel

By   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Keever Rhodes Muir  
Senior Deputy County Counsel

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# STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)

## 1.0 SCOPE OF WORK

This Contract will cover a maximum of Seventy-Five Thousand (75,000) online tutoring/career sessions for each year of the Contract. However, LA County Library (Library) can authorize additional sessions as needed pursuant to Paragraph 9.0 (Unanticipated Work). Should the County determine that the annual anticipated number of sessions exceeds Seventy-Five Thousand (75,000), an amendment will be executed. Services will also be available through mobile applications. One-on-one tutoring sessions will be available to all Library customers that have a current library card, in age groups K-12, Early College and Adult Learners. Tutoring services will be available in English, Spanish, and at least one (1) Asian language; other languages may be requested on an as-needed basis. Tutors must be trained experts and must meet the required education as provided in Paragraph 10.0 (Education Requirements). Tutoring services will be available at days/times in accordance with Paragraph 7.0 (Hours/Days of Service).

## 2.0 ADDITION AND/OR DELETION OF FACILITIES, SPECIFIC TASKS AND/OR WORK HOURS

2.1 The County reserves the right to amend the Contract to reflect any changes by an increase or decrease in services, the number of service days and/or hours as provided in Paragraph 7.0 (Hours/Days of Service). Due to budget considerations, services and service days and/or hours may vary throughout the contract term. The County will notify the Contractor of any such variation, in writing, at least ten (10) business days prior to the effective date of the modification. Contractor will be compensated for additional services and additional hours/days of service designated after the Contract's commencement date based on the submission of an approved cost per additional service. Payment adjustments will be made to reflect such modification in services on a pro-rata basis commensurate with the increase or decrease in services and/or days/hours. The County will determine the need for modification referenced herein. Upon Board of Supervisors (Board) delegation, the County Librarian or their designee has the authority to sign the amendment for the County. All standard terms and conditions in the current Contract will extend to any additional services added by way of amendment.

2.2 All changes must be made in accordance with Paragraph 8.1 (Amendments) of the Contract.

## 3.0 QUALITY CONTROL

The Contractor must establish and utilize a comprehensive Quality Control Plan (QCP) to ensure the County receives a consistently high level of service throughout the term of the Contract. The QCP must be submitted to the County's Project Monitor for review. The QCP must include, but may not be limited to, the following:

3.1 Method of monitoring to ensure that Contract requirements are being met;

3.2 A record of all inspections conducted by the Contractor, any corrective action taken, the time a problem was first identified, a clear description of the problem,

and the time elapsed between identification and completed corrective action, must be provided to the County upon request.

## **4.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN**

The County will evaluate the Contractor's performance under this Contract using the quality assurance procedures as defined in Paragraph 8.15 (County's Quality Assurance Plan) of the Contract.

### **4.1 Meetings**

Contractor is required to attend any scheduled meeting (as needed). Advance notification will be given at least one (1) business day prior; however, depending on the importance of the issue, a meeting may be scheduled during the same business day. Failure to attend will cause an assessment of two hundred dollars (\$200).

### **4.2 Contract Discrepancy Report (CDR)**

Verbal notification of a Contract discrepancy will be made to the County's Project Monitor as soon as possible whenever a Contract discrepancy is identified. The problem must be resolved within a time mutually agreed upon by the County and the Contractor.

The County's Project Monitor will determine whether a formal CDR (SOW Attachment 1) will be issued. Upon receipt of this document, the Contractor is required to respond in writing to the County's Project Monitor within five (5) business days, acknowledging the reported discrepancies or presenting contrary evidence. A plan for correction of all deficiencies identified in the CDR must be submitted to the County's Project Monitor within ten (10) business days.

### **4.3 County Observations**

In addition to departmental contracting staff, other County personnel may observe performance, activities, and review documents relevant to this Contract at any time during normal business hours. However, these personnel may not unreasonably interfere with the Contractor's performance.

## **5.0 DEFINITIONS**

Throughout this SOW, references are made to certain persons, groups, or Departments/Agencies. For convenience, a description of specific definitions can be found in Paragraph 2.0 (Definitions) of the Contract. The headings are for convenience and reference only and are not intended to define the scope of any provision thereof.

## **6.0 RESPONSIBILITIES**

The County's and the Contractor's responsibilities are as follows:

### **COUNTY**

#### **6.1 Personnel**

The County will administer the Contract according to the Contract, Paragraph 6.0 (Administration of Contract – County). Specific duties will include:

- 6.1.1 Monitoring the Contractor's performance in the daily operation of this Contract.
- 6.1.2 Providing direction to the Contractor in areas relating to policy, information and procedural requirements.
- 6.1.3 Preparing Amendments in accordance with the Contract, Paragraph 8.1 (Amendments).

## **6.2 County Orientation**

The County will conduct an orientation to the successful Contractor prior to the effective date of the Contract. The County and the Contractor will review the terms and conditions of the Contract to ensure the Contractor understands its obligations and work to be performed.

## **CONTRACTOR**

### **6.3 Contractor's Project Manager**

- 6.3.1 Contractor must provide a full-time Contractor's Project Manager or designated alternate. County must have access to the Project Manager during all hours, 365 days per year. Contractor must provide a telephone number where the Project Manager may be reached on a twenty-four (24) hour per day basis.
- 6.3.2 Contractor's Project Manager must act as a central point of contact with the County.
- 6.3.3 Contractor's Project Manager must have three (3) years of experience of demonstrated experience in providing online tutoring services over the Internet to include, but not limited to, overseeing of the day-to-day online and internal operations, technical support, troubleshooting skills, delivery of service, quality control and customer relations.
- 6.3.4 Contractor's Project Manager/alternate must have full authority to act for Contractor on all matters relating to the daily operation of the Contract. Contractor's Project Manager/alternate must be able to effectively communicate, in English, both orally and in writing.

### **6.4 Personnel**

- 6.4.1 Contractor will assign fully trained and qualified personnel and must meet the education requirements as set forth in Paragraph 10.0 (Education Requirements).
- 6.4.2 Contractor will assign enough staff to perform the required work. At least one staff on site must be authorized to act for Contractor in every detail and must speak and understand English.
- 6.4.3 Contractor will be required to background check their staff as set forth in Paragraph 7.5 (Background and Security Investigations), of the Contract. Employees performing services under this Contract must pass a background investigation to the satisfaction of the County as a condition of beginning and continuing to perform services under this Contract. Contractor will submit SOW Attachment 2 (Certification for



Contractor Employee Background Investigations) to the County's Project Manager within ten (10) business days of the Contract start date and whenever new employees are hired.

## **6.5 Qualified Personnel**

In the event a Contractor employee is unable to perform the prescribed services under this Contract and/or it is discovered subsequent to hire, that an employee working on the Contract does not meet the education requirements, then the Contractor will immediately remove that employee from working on the Contract. Contractor will have twenty-four (24) hours to replace the unqualified employee. Replacements due to unqualified personnel does not alleviate the Contractor's obligation or responsibility to provide services.

## **6.6 Materials and Equipment**

**6.6.1** The purchase of all materials/equipment to provide the needed services is the responsibility of the Contractor. Contractor must use materials and equipment that are safe for the environment and safe for use by the employee.

**6.6.2** Contractor will provide a web-based (Internet) site for Library customers to access the services provided under the Contract from anywhere with an Internet connection and/or a properly equipped telecommunication device.

**6.6.3** Contractor is responsible for ensuring that each employee working under the Contract has the necessary computer and computer equipment to provide services. Maintenance and repair of computers and computer equipment is the responsibility of the Contractor and/or its employees.

**6.6.4** Contractor is responsible for ensuring that the computers and computer equipment used to provide services is safe for use and equipped with anti-virus software and is free of viruses.

**6.6.5** Contractor will provide immediate notification to the County's Project Manager, in the event, any computer used by the Contractor or its employees to provide services is discovered to have a virus. Contractor will immediately terminate all online services from the effected computer until computer is repaired and free of virus.

## **6.7 Systems Requirements**

**6.7.1** Contractor must support Windows Operation System 10, with one of the following browser supports; Microsoft Edge, Firefox (2.0 or higher), Chrome (17.0 or higher), or Mac OS X with one of the following browser support; Safari (3.0 or higher), Firefox (2.0 or higher), or Chrome (17.0 or higher).

**6.7.2** Contractor must be able to authenticate library customers against library database via SIP2 or Web API.

**6.7.3** Contractor must have an existing mobile application for web-based one-on-one tutoring sessions that has been out of Beta-release for at least one (1) year as proven through build history and version number records.

## **6.8 Training and Testing**

- 6.8.1** Contractor will conduct comprehensive testing of all employees working under the Contract to ensure the employee is expertly skilled and has knowledge in all subjects tutored in by that employee. Testing records must be available for inspection at the request of the County.
- 6.8.2** Contractor will be available to provide virtual training to Library staff of the platform prior to platform launch.
- 6.8.3** Contractor must provide training programs for all employees assigned to this Contract on the duties and responsibilities of the SOW, including continuing in-service training for all staff.
- 6.8.4** All company training records must include a course outline of subjects trained in and a signature from the employee acknowledging training and understanding. Training records, including course materials, must be available for inspection at the request of the County.
- 6.8.5** Contractor will be responsible for ensuring that each Contractor employee is familiar with the services to be provided under the Contract and how and when they are to provide the service.

## **6.9 Contractor's Office**

Contractor must maintain an office with a telephone in the company's name where Contractor conducts business. The office must be staffed during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (PST), Monday through Thursday, by at least one employee who can respond to inquiries and complaints which may be received about the Contractor's performance of the Contract. When the office is closed, an answering service must be provided to receive calls. The Contractor must answer calls received by the answering service within thirty (30) minutes of receipt of the call.

## **6.10 Work Locations**

Services provided under this Contract will be done at varying locations such as home-based worksites as solely approved by the Contractor. Contractor acknowledges that Contractor is solely responsible for complying with any applicable Federal, State and local law pertaining to such worksites.

## **7.0 HOURS/DAY OF SERVICE**

- 7.1** Contractor will provide services on the days and hours specified by the Library. The daily service hours will be strictly adhered to and in no event are the hours to be altered to begin and/or conclude at an earlier or later time, unless authorized by the County.
- 7.2** Contractor will provide adequate staffing for uninterrupted service during the prescribed days and hours per week as established by the Library.
- 7.3** Contractor will identify the methodology for how the sessions will be allocated to ensure that the maximum of 75,000 sessions are available throughout the Contract year.

## **8.0 RECOGNIZED HOLIDAYS**

- 8.1** Contractor is not required to provide services on the following holidays:
- New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day
- 8.2** Contractor will post an alert to their access page indicating service is not provided on the listed holidays.
- 8.3** Contractor acknowledges that services are to be provided on all other holidays to include but not limited to holidays on which the Library is closed.

## **9.0 UNANTICIPATED WORK**

- 9.1** The County's Project Director or his/her designee may authorize the Contractor to perform unanticipated work such as increasing the maximum number of sessions, and/or additional hours/days of service, when the need for such work arises out of extraordinary Circumstances or a substantial increase in customers utilizing services under the Contract. Should the County determine that the annual anticipated number of sessions exceeds Seventy-Five Thousand (75,000), an amendment will be executed.
- 9.2** Prior to performing any unanticipated work, the Contractor will prepare and submit a written description of the work with an estimate. If the unanticipated work exceeds the Contractor's estimate, the County's Project Director or his/her designee must approve the excess cost. If immediate action is needed, a verbal authorization can be given to perform unanticipated work and a written description of the work completed, to include a breakdown of service and when/how service was provided and how many hours'/days service was provided, can be submitted within one (1) business day to the County. In any case, no unanticipated work will commence without written/verbal authorization from the County.
- 9.3** All unanticipated work will commence on the established specified date/time. Contractor will proceed diligently to complete said work within the time allotted.
- 9.4** County reserves the right to perform unanticipated work itself or assign the work to another Contractor.
- 9.5** Contractor, in no event will exceed the maximum number of online sessions (75,000) without receiving prior written/verbal approval from the County. Contractor must provide written notification to the County's Project Manager and the County's Contract Project Monitor upon reaching 70,000 sessions.

## **10.0 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

All tutors providing service under the contract must meet the following education requirements:

- Must be at the level of College Sophomore or Higher.
- A bachelor's degree is required for tutoring in college courses.
- Demonstrated proficiency in academic subject areas for which tutoring services will be provided.

### Desired Qualifications

- Teaching/tutoring experience.
- Previous work experience or possess strong content knowledge that easily demonstrates either skill in or knowledge of the content in the area of tutoring.
- Demonstrated ability to work with and effectively communicate ideas to students of all ages.

## **11.0 REQUIRED SUBJECT AREAS**

Contractor must provide tutors with the knowledge of the following subject areas:

- K-12: Math, Science, English, Social Studies and Writing
- College: Math, Science, English, Social Studies and Writing
- Adult: GED Preparation, Citizenship, Writing, Resume Preparation, Interviews

## **12.0 JOB DESCRIPTION**

**12.1** Tutors assist learners of all ages through comprehensive and guided study techniques in clarifying course content, skill building, careers services, preparing for the GED assessment and/or citizenship tests. Tutors providing service under the Contract must be fluent in the language tutored in and can effectively communicate in that language orally and in writing.

**12.2** The below listed duties and responsibilities are provided only as general functions of the tutor. Contractor acknowledges that duties and responsibilities of its employees are not limited to those listed below and that the list may be modified.

1. Be courteous and polite to customers.
2. Check customers work for accuracy or proper methodology.
3. Communicate at language levels that are in line with customer's ability to understand.
4. Communicate with Contractor or Contractor's designee on matters that impact the ability to provide services.
5. Facilitate cohesive one-on-one online sessions while assisting learners through the tutoring process as established by the Contractor.
6. Follow all Contractor policies and procedures as they relate to the Contract.
7. Guide, direct and assist customers with homework, studying, skill building, organizing and writing a paper or preparing for an exam, projects, and/or writing a resume or cover letter as appropriate.
8. Keep Contractor informed about tutoring experiences, job assignments or any concern.
9. Motivate and challenge customers while fostering a positive work environment.
10. Always observe confidentiality.

11. Operate computer equipment.
12. Participate in all tutoring training sessions and meetings as needed.
13. Report any inappropriate conduct by customer to Contractor's Project Manager.
14. Review resumes and provide career tips.
15. Tailor tutoring session to the individual needs of the customer.
16. Take on additional responsibilities as assigned.

### **13.0 REPORTING**

Contractor must provide monthly reports showing the following:

- Session use per month, week, day and hour;
- Wait times per month, week, day and hour;
- Number of users unable to be serviced per month, week, day and hour, including reasons;
- Ad Hoc reports as requested by the Library.

### **14.0 USE OF COUNTY SEAL OR LETTERHEAD**

Contractor or its employees will not use or display the County of Los Angeles or LA County Library official seal, letterhead or name of the County of Los Angeles or LA County Library in any communication without written approval.

# **EXHIBIT A**

## **STATEMENT OF WORK ATTACHMENT**

- **SOW Attachment 1** – Contract Discrepancy Report (CDR)
- **SOW Attachment 2** – Certification for Contractor Employee Background Investigations

# LA COUNTY LIBRARY CONTRACT DISCREPANCY REPORT

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Date Submitted to Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: (Contractor) **John Doe**  
**ABC 123, Inc.**

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FROM:	<b>Jane Smith</b> <b>Contract Services Unit</b>	<b>Phone No.:</b> (562) 940 – 8485
		<b>Fax No.:</b> (562) 803 – 1256

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CONTRACT NO.	<b>12345</b>	CONTRACT TITLE:	<b>ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES</b>
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TYPE OF DISCREPANCY:

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DISCREPANCY DETAILS:

CONTRACTOR RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Acknowledge the receipt of the Contract Discrepancy Report to the County Contract Project Manager within five (5) business days.
2. Review the discrepancy.
3. Review the Contract reference for compliance.
4. Identify the cause of the problem and determine a corrective action.
5. Respond to the Contract Discrepancy Report in writing by submitting a formal letter of response to the County Contract Project Monitor within ten (10) business days.

COUNTY EVALUATION OF CONTRACTOR RESPONSE:

County will evaluate the response and will reply to the Contractor indicating satisfactory or unsatisfactory completion of the corrective action.

**LA COUNTY LIBRARY**  
**CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS**  
**REPORTING PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year)**

Contractor:	Contract Name:	Contract No.:
	<b>ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES</b>	

*Complete the below information for all contractor employees that work on the Contract during the reporting period using additional sheets as necessary.*

Employee Name and Address	Last 4 Digits of SSN	State ID or DL Number	Date Began Working on Contract	Date Stopped Working on Contract OR CURRENT	Background Investigation Information	Monitored w/Subsequent Notification
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LA COUNTY LIBRARY
CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS
REPORTING PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year)

Table with 7 columns and 7 rows (7-13). Columns include employee ID, name, number, state issued in, status (PASS/FAIL), and date last done.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES THAT WORKED THIS REPORTING PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_

I have reviewed the information in this report and as the company owner or authorized agent for this company, I attest and sign under penalty of perjury that the information stated above is true and correct.

Print Name and Title

Signature

Date

# **PRICING SCHEDULE**

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By submission of this Proposal, Proposer certifies that the prices quoted herein have been arrived at independently without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Proposer or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.

The price indicated on this schedule will be inclusive of all cost associated with providing the required maximum number of online sessions (75,000) on the hours/days as prescribed under the Contract.

<b>MAXIMUM SESSIONS PER CONTRACT YEAR:</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
<u>75,000</u>	<u>\$345,000</u>
<b>ADDITIONAL SESSIONS:</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
<u>EACH ADDITIONAL 15,000 SESSIONS</u>	<u>\$146,250</u>

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# CONTRACTOR'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE

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HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

The undersigned offers to provide all labor and equipment necessary for online tutoring services for LA County Library as identified in the attached specifications.

Said work shall be done for the period prescribed and in the manner set forth in said specifications and compensation therefore shall be computed under the formula provided therein based upon the hereinafter proposal price. I agree that if my proposal is accepted by the County Board of Supervisors, I will commence LA County Library services on 15 days' notice.

I agree to provide the specified services for LA County Library in accordance with the attached specifications for the following submitted compensation which shall apply to weekday, weekend, holiday, overtime, and extra personnel coverage.

STANDARD SERVICE PROPOSALS

MONTHLY CONTRACTOR FEE FOR ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES:

\$ 28,750 per month
(numeric format)

ANNUAL CONTRACTOR FEE FOR ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES:

\$ 345,000 per year
(numeric format)

ADDITIONAL SERVICES: The Annual Contractor Fee indicated above covers a maximum of 75,000 online sessions. In addition to this amount, provide a "price per session" amount in increments of 15,000 AND/OR on a single "per session" cost. Prices for additional services that are not included in the annual fee may also be provided below.

Price indicated herein are firm and fixed for the term of the contract to include option years and month-to-month extensions.

Each additional 15,000 sessions \$ 146,250
(numeric format)

Respectfully Submitted,

By: Troy Weiman Title: Director of Accounts

Firm or Corporation Name: Brainfuse

Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/10/2024

List name(s) of all joint ventures, partners, subcontractors or others having any right or interest in this contract or the proceeds thereof.

# COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION

COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION

CONTRACT NO. : \_\_\_\_\_

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# **CONTRACTOR'S ADMINISTRATION**



COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION

CONTRACT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

**EXHIBIT F**

**CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

CONTRACTOR NAME Brainfuse Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

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

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

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

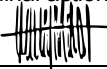
Contractor and Contractor's Staff may be involved with work pertaining to services provided by the County of Los Angeles and, if so, Contractor and Contractor's Staff may have access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County. In addition,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

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

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

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

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

SIGNATURE:  DATE: 11 / 19 / 24

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: Director of Accounts

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# Safely Surrendered Baby Law

## What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

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

## How does it work?

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

## What if a parent wants the baby back?

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

## Can only a parent bring in the baby?

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

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

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

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

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

## What happens to the baby?

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

## What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

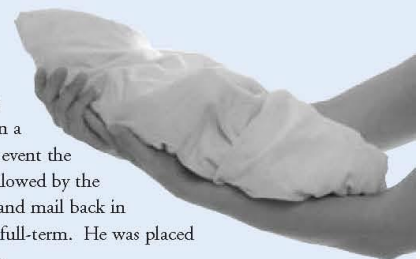
Once the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to hospital or fire station personnel, they may leave at any time.

## Why is California doing this?

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

## A baby's story

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



# *Ley de* Entrega de Bebés *Sin Peligro*



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# Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

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

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

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

## ¿Cómo funciona?

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

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

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

## ¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

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

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

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

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

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

## ¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

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

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

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

## ¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California? ?

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

## Historia de un bebé

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





**CALIFORNIA ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION  
ACT OF 2003**

## **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 22575-22579**

### **22575.**

(a) An operator of a commercial Web site or online service that collects personally identifiable information through the Internet about individual consumers residing in California who use or visit its commercial Web site or online service shall conspicuously post its privacy policy on its Web site, or in the case of an operator of an online service, make that policy available in accordance with paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section 22577. An operator shall be in violation of this subdivision only if the operator fails to post its policy within 30 days after being notified of noncompliance.

(b) The privacy policy required by subdivision (a) shall do all of the following:

(1) Identify the categories of personally identifiable information that the operator collects through the Web site or online service about individual consumers who use or visit its commercial Web site or online service and the categories of third-party persons or entities with whom the operator may share that personally identifiable information.

(2) If the operator maintains a process for an individual consumer who uses or visits its commercial Web site or online service to review and request changes to any of his or her personally identifiable information that is collected through the Web site or online service, provide a description of that process.

(3) Describe the process by which the operator notifies consumers who use or visit its commercial Web site or online service of material changes to the operator's privacy policy for that Web site or online service.

(4) Identify its effective date.

### **22576.**

An operator of a commercial Web site or online service that collects personally identifiable information through the Web site or online service from individual consumers who use or visit the commercial Web site or online service and who reside in California shall be in violation of this section if the operator fails to comply with the provisions of Section 22575 or with the provisions of its posted privacy policy in either of the following ways:

(a) Knowingly and willfully.

(b) Negligently and materially.

**22577.**

For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(a) The term “personally identifiable information” means individually identifiable information about an individual consumer collected online by the operator from that individual and maintained by the operator in an accessible form, including any of the following:

- (1) A first and last name.
- (2) A home or other physical address, including street name and name of a city or town.
- (3) An e-mail address.
- (4) A telephone number.
- (5) A social security number.
- (6) Any other identifier that permits the physical or online contacting of a specific individual.
- (7) Information concerning a user that the Web site or online service collects online from the user and maintains in personally identifiable form in combination with an identifier described in this subdivision.

(b) The term “conspicuously post” with respect to a privacy policy shall include posting the privacy policy through any of the following:

- (1) A Web page on which the actual privacy policy is posted if the Web page is the homepage or first significant page after entering the Web site.
- (2) An icon that hyperlinks to a Web page on which the actual privacy policy is posted, if the icon is located on the homepage or the first significant page after entering the Web site, and if the icon contains the word “privacy.” The icon shall also use a color that contrasts with the background color of the Web page or is otherwise distinguishable.
- (3) A text link that hyperlinks to a Web page on which the actual privacy policy is posted, if the text link is located on the homepage or first significant page after entering the Web site, and if the text link does one of the following:
  - (A) Includes the word “privacy.”
  - (B) Is written in capital letters equal to or greater in size than the surrounding text.

(C) Is written in larger type than the surrounding text, or in contrasting type, font, or color to the surrounding text of the same size, or set off from the surrounding text of the same size by symbols or other marks that call attention to the language.

(4) Any other functional hyperlink that is so displayed that a reasonable person would notice it.

(5) In the case of an online service, any other reasonably accessible means of making the privacy policy available for consumers of the online service.

(c) The term “operator” means any person or entity that owns a Web site located on the Internet or an online service that collects and maintains personally identifiable information from a consumer residing in California who uses or visits the Web site or online service if the Web site or online service is operated for commercial purposes. It does not include any third party that operates, hosts, or manages, but does not own, a Web site or online service on the owner’s behalf or by processing information on behalf of the owner.

(d) The term “consumer” means any individual who seeks or acquires, by purchase or lease, any goods, services, money, or credit for personal, family, or household purposes.

**22578.**

It is the intent of the Legislature that this chapter is a matter of statewide concern. This chapter supersedes and preempts all rules, regulations, codes, ordinances, and other laws adopted by a city, county, city and county, municipality, or local agency regarding the posting of a privacy policy on an Internet Web site.

**22579.**

This chapter shall become operative on July 1, 2004.

# CHILDREN'S ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

**TITLE XIII-CHILDREN'S ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION**

**SEC. 1301. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the "Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998".

**SEC. 1302. DEFINITIONS.**

In this title:

(1) CHILD.—The term "child" means an individual under the age of 13.

(2) OPERATOR.—The term "operator"—

(A) means any person who operates a website located on the Internet or an online service and who collects or maintains personal information from or about the users of or visitors to such website or online service, or on whose behalf such information is collected or maintained, where such website or online service is operated for commercial purposes, including any person offering products or services for sale through that website or online service, involving commerce—

(i) among the several States or with 1 or more foreign nations;

(ii) in any territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia, or between any such territory and—

(I) another such territory; or

(II) any State or foreign nation; or

(iii) between the District of Columbia and any State, territory, or foreign nation; but

(B) does not include any nonprofit entity that would otherwise be exempt from coverage under section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45).

(3) COMMISSION.—The term "Commission" means the Federal Trade Commission.

(4) DISCLOSURE.—The term "disclosure" means, with respect to personal information—

(A) the release of personal information collected from a child in identifiable form by an operator for any purpose, except where such information is provided to a person other than the operator who provides support for the internal operations of the website and does not disclose or use that information for any other purpose; and

(B) making personal information collected from a child by a website or online service directed to children or with actual knowledge that such information was collected from a child, publicly available in identifiable form, by any means including by a public posting, through the Internet, or through—

(i) a home page of a website;

(ii) a pen pal service;

(iii) an electronic mail service;

(iv) a message board; or

(v) a chat room.

(5) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term "Federal agency" means an agency, as that term is defined in section 551(1) of title 5, United States Code.

(6) INTERNET.—The term "Internet" means collectively the myriad of computer and telecommunications facilities, including equipment and operating software, which comprise the interconnected world-wide network of networks that employ the Transmission Control Protocol/ Internet Protocol, or any predecessor or successor protocols to such protocol, to communicate information of all kinds by wire or radio.

(7) PARENT.—The term "parent" includes a legal guardian.

(8) PERSONAL INFORMATION.—The term "personal information" means individually identifiable information about an individual collected online, including—

(A) a first and last name;

(B) a home or other physical address including street name and name of a city or town;

(C) an e-mail address;

(D) a telephone number;

(E) a Social Security number;

(F) any other identifier that the Commission determines permits the physical or online contacting of a specific individual; or

(G) information concerning the child or the parents of that child that the website collects online from the child and combines with an identifier described in this paragraph.

(9) VERIFIABLE PARENTAL CONSENT.—The term "verifiable parental consent" means any reasonable effort (taking into consideration available technology), including a request for authorization for future collection, use, and disclosure described in the notice, to ensure that a parent of a child receives notice of the operator's personal information collection, use, and disclosure practices, and authorizes the collection, use, and disclosure, as applicable, of personal information and the subsequent use of that information before that information is collected from that child.

(10) WEBSITE OR ONLINE SERVICE DIRECTED TO CHILDREN.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "website or online service directed to children" means—

(i) a commercial website or online service that is targeted to children; or

(ii) that portion of a commercial website or online service that is targeted to children.

(B) LIMITATION.—A commercial website or online service, or a portion of a commercial website or online service, shall not be deemed directed to children solely for referring or linking to a commercial website or

online service directed to children by using information location tools, including a directory, index, reference, pointer, or hypertext link.

(11) PERSON.—The term "person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, trust, estate, cooperative, association, or other entity.

(12) ONLINE CONTACT INFORMATION.—The term "online contact information" means an e-mail address or an-other substantially similar identifier that permits direct contact with a person online.

**SEC. 1303. REGULATION OF UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE ACTS AND PRACTICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COLLECTION AND USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM AND ABOUT CHILDREN ON THE INTERNET.**

(a) ACTS PROHIBITED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—It is unlawful for an operator of a website or online service directed to children, or any operator that has actual knowledge that it is collecting personal information from a child, to collect personal information from a child in a manner that violates the regulations prescribed under subsection (b).

(2) DISCLOSURE TO PARENT PROTECTED.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), neither an operator of such a website or online service nor the operator's agent shall be held to be liable under any Federal or State law for any disclosure made in good faith and following reasonable procedures in responding to a request for disclosure of personal information under subsection (b)(1)(B)(iii) to the parent of a child.

(b) REGULATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall promulgate under section 553 of title 5, United States Code, regulations that—

(A) require the operator of any website or online service directed to children that collects personal information from children or the operator of a website or online service that has actual knowledge that it is collecting personal information from a child—

(i) to provide notice on the website of what information is collected from children by the operator, how the operator uses such information, and the operator's disclosure practices for such information; and

(ii) to obtain verifiable parental consent for the collection, use, or disclosure of personal information from children;

(B) require the operator to provide, upon request of a parent under this subparagraph whose child has provided personal information to that website or online service, upon proper identification of that parent, to such parent—

(i) a description of the specific types of personal information collected from the child by that operator;

(ii) the opportunity at any time to refuse to permit the operator's further use or maintenance in retrievable form, or future online collection, of personal information from that child; and

(iii) notwithstanding any other provision of law, a means that is reasonable under the circumstances for the parent to obtain any personal information collected from that child;



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(C) prohibit conditioning a child's participation in a game, the offering of a prize, or another activity on the child disclosing more personal information than is reasonably necessary to participate in such activity; and

(D) require the operator of such a website or online service to establish and maintain reasonable procedures to protect the confidentiality, security, and integrity of personal information collected from children.

(2) WHEN CONSENT NOT REQUIRED —The regulations shall provide that verifiable parental consent under paragraph (1)(A)(ii) is not required in the case of—

(A) online contact information collected from a child that is used only to respond directly on a one-time basis to a specific request from the child and is not used to recontact the child and is not maintained in retrievable form by the operator;

(B) a request for the name or online contact information of a parent or child that is used for the sole purpose of obtaining parental consent or providing notice under this section and where such information is not maintained in retrievable form by the operator if parental consent is not obtained after a reasonable time;

(C) online contact information collected from a child that is used only to respond more than once directly to a specific request from the child and is not used to recontact the child beyond the scope of that request—

(i) if, before any additional response after the initial response to the child, the operator uses reasonable efforts to provide a parent notice of the online contact information collected from the child, the purposes for which it is to be used, and an opportunity for the parent to request that the operator make no further use of the information and that it not be maintained in retrievable form; or

(ii) without notice to the parent in such circumstances as the Commission may determine are appropriate, taking into consideration the benefits to the child of access to information and services, and risks to the security and privacy of the child, in regulations promulgated under this subsection;

(D) the name of the child and online contact information (to the extent reasonably necessary to protect the safety of a child participant on the site)—

(i) used only for the purpose of protecting such safety;

(ii) not used to recontact the child or for any other purpose; and

(iii) not disclosed on the site, if the operator uses reasonable efforts to provide a parent notice of the name and online contact information collected from the child, the purposes for which it is to be used, and an opportunity for the parent to request that the operator make no further use of the information and that it not be maintained in retrievable form; or

(E) the collection, use, or dissemination of such information by the operator of such a website or online service necessary—

(i) to protect the security or integrity of its website;

(ii) to take precautions against liability;

(iii) to respond to judicial process; or

(iv) to the extent permitted under other provisions of law, to provide information to law enforcement agencies or for an investigation on a matter related to public safety. 1815

(3) **TERMINATION OF SERVICE** —The regulations shall permit the operator of a website or an online service to terminate service provided to a child whose parent has refused, under the regulations prescribed under paragraph (1)(B)(ii), to permit the operator's further use or maintenance in retrievable form, or future online collection, of personal information from that child.

(c) **ENFORCEMENT** —Subject to sections 1304 and 1306, a violation of a regulation prescribed under subsection (a) shall be treated as a violation of a rule defining an unfair or deceptive act or practice prescribed under section 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 57a(a)(1)(B)).

(d) **INCONSISTENT STATE LAW** —No State or local government may impose any liability for commercial activities or actions by operators in interstate or foreign commerce in connection with an activity or action described in this title that is inconsistent with the treatment of those activities or actions under this section.

### **SEC. 1304. SAFE HARBORS.**

(a) **GUIDELINES** —An operator may satisfy the requirements of regulations issued under section 1303(b) by following a set of self-regulatory guidelines, issued by representatives of the marketing or online industries, or by other persons, approved under subsection (b).

(b) **INCENTIVES** —

(1) **SELF-REGULATORY INCENTIVES** —In prescribing regulations under section 1303, the Commission shall provide incentives for self-regulation by operators to implement the protections afforded children under the regulatory requirements described in subsection (b) of that section.

(2) **DEEMED COMPLIANCE** —Such incentives shall include provisions for ensuring that a person will be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of the regulations under section 1303 if that person complies with guidelines that, after notice and comment, are approved by the Commission upon making a determination that the guidelines meet the requirements of the regulations issued under section 1303.

(3) **EXPEDITED RESPONSE TO REQUESTS** —The Commission shall act upon requests for safe harbor treatment within 180 days of the filing of the request, and shall set forth in writing its conclusions with regard to such requests.

(c) **APPEALS** —Final action by the Commission on a request for approval of guidelines, or the failure to act within 180 days on a request for approval of guidelines, submitted under subsection (b) may be appealed to a district court of the United States of appropriate jurisdiction as provided for in section 706 of title 5, United States Code.

### **SEC. 1305. ACTIONS BY STATES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL** —

(1) **CIVIL ACTIONS** — In any case in which the attorney general of a State has reason to believe that an interest of the residents of that State has been or is threatened or adversely affected by the engagement of any person in a practice that violates any regulation of the Commission prescribed under section 1303(b), the State, as *parens patriae*, may bring a civil action on behalf of the residents of the State in a district court of the United States of appropriate jurisdiction to—

(A) enjoin that practice;

(B) enforce compliance with the regulation;

(C) obtain damage, restitution, or other compensation on behalf of residents of the State; or

(D) obtain such other relief as the court may consider to be appropriate.

(2) NOTICE —

(A) IN GENERAL —Before filing an action under paragraph (1), the attorney general of the State involved shall provide to the Commission—

(i) written notice of that action; and

(ii) a copy of the complaint for that action.

(B) EXEMPTION —

(i) IN GENERAL —Subparagraph (A) shall not apply with respect to the filing of an action by an attorney general of a State under this subsection, if the attorney general determines that it is not feasible to provide the notice described in that subparagraph before the filing of the action.

(ii) NOTIFICATION —In an action described in clause (i), the attorney general of a State shall provide notice and a copy of the complaint to the Commission at the same time as the attorney general files the action.

(b) INTERVENTION —

(1) IN GENERAL —On receiving notice under subsection (a)(2), the Commission shall have the right to intervene in the action that is the subject of the notice.

(2) EFFECT OF INTERVENTION — If the Commission intervenes in an action under subsection (a), it shall have the right—

(A) to be heard with respect to any matter that arises in that action; and

(B) to file a petition for appeal.

(3) AMICUS CURIAE — Upon application to the court, a person whose self-regulatory guidelines have been approved by the Commission and are relied upon as a defense by any defendant to a proceeding under this section may file amicus curiae in that proceeding.

(c) CONSTRUCTION — For purposes of bringing any civil action under subsection (a), nothing in this title shall be construed to prevent an attorney general of a State from exercising the powers conferred on the attorney general by the laws of that State to—

(1) conduct investigations;

(2) administer oaths or affirmations; or

(3) compel the attendance of witnesses or the production of documentary and other evidence.

(d) **ACTIONS BY THE COMMISSION** —In any case in which an action is instituted by or on behalf of the Commission for violation of any regulation prescribed under section 1303, no State may, during the pendency of that action, institute an action under subsection (a) against any defendant named in the complaint in that action for violation of that regulation.

(e) **VENUE; SERVICE OF PROCESS** —

(1) **VENUE** —Any action brought under subsection (a) may be brought in the district court of the United States that meets applicable requirements relating to venue under section 1391 of title 28, United States Code.

(2) **SERVICE OF PROCESS** —In an action brought under subsection (a), process may be served in any district in which the defendant—

(A) is an inhabitant; or

(B) may be found.

**SEC. 1306. ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICABILITY OF ACT.**

(a) **IN GENERAL** —Except as otherwise provided, this title shall be enforced by the Commission under the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.).

(b) **PROVISIONS** —Compliance with the requirements imposed under this title shall be enforced under—  
(1) section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1818), in the case of—

(A) national banks, and Federal branches and Federal agencies of foreign banks, by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency;

(B) member banks of the Federal Reserve System (other than national banks), branches and agencies of foreign banks (other than Federal branches, Federal agencies, and insured State branches of foreign banks), commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks, and organizations operating under section 25 or 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 601 et seq. and 611 et seq.), by the Board; and

(C) banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (other than members of the Federal Reserve System) and insured State branches of foreign banks, by the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;

(2) section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1818), by the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, in the case of a savings association the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;

(3) the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) by the National Credit Union Administration Board with respect to any Federal credit union;

(4) part A of subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code, by the Secretary of Transportation with respect to any air carrier or foreign air carrier subject to that part;

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(5) the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 (7 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) (except as provided in section 406 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 226, 227)), by the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to any activities subject to that Act; and

(6) the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.) by the Farm Credit Administration with respect to any Federal land bank, Federal land bank association, Federal intermediate credit bank, or production credit association.

(c) **EXERCISE OF CERTAIN POWERS.**—For the purpose of the exercise by any agency referred to in subsection (a) of its powers under any Act referred to in that subsection, a violation of any requirement imposed under this title shall be deemed to be a violation of a requirement imposed under that Act. In addition to its powers under any provision of law specifically referred to in subsection (a), each of the agencies referred to in that subsection may exercise, for the purpose of enforcing compliance with any requirement imposed under this title, any other authority conferred on it by law.

(d) **ACTIONS BY THE COMMISSION.**—The Commission shall prevent any person from violating a rule of the Commission under section 1303 in the same manner, by the same means, and with the same jurisdiction, powers, and duties as though all applicable terms and provisions of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) were incorporated into and made a part of this title. Any entity that violates such rule shall be subject to the penalties and entitled to the privileges and immunities provided in the Federal Trade Commission Act in the same manner, by the same means, and with the same jurisdiction, power, and duties as though all applicable terms and provisions of the Federal Trade Commission Act were incorporated into and made a part of this title.

(e) **EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.**—Nothing contained in the Act shall be construed to limit the authority of the Commission under any other provisions of law.

### **SEC. 1307. REVIEW.**

Not later than 5 years after the effective date of the regulations initially issued under section 1303, the Commission shall—

(1) review the implementation of this title, including the effect of the implementation of this title on practices relating to the collection and disclosure of information relating to children, children's ability to obtain access to information of their choice online, and on the availability of websites directed to children; and

(2) prepare and submit to Congress a report on the results of the review under paragraph (1).

**SEC. 1308. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 1303(a), 1305, and 1306 of this title take effect on the later of—

(1) the date that is 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act; or

(2) the date on which the Commission rules on the first application filed for safe harbor treatment under section 1304 if the Commission does not rule on the first such application within one year after the date of enactment of this Act, but in no case later than the date that is 30 months after the date of enactment of this Act.