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March 11, 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:

### **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR WRITING EVALUATION SERVICES WITH COOPERATIVE PERSONNEL SERVICES (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

The Los Angeles County (County) Department of Human Resources (DHR) is requesting the Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval and delegated authority to execute a Contract with Cooperative Personnel Services d/b/a CPS HR Consulting (CPS) to provide writing evaluation services for the writing proficiency assessments of various Countywide employment examinations.

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Authorize the DHR Director of Personnel (Director), or designee, to execute a Contract, substantially similar to Appendix A, with CPS, effective upon execution, for an initial term of three (3) years, and with up to two (2) consecutive one-year options for the provision of writing evaluation services, at an estimated cost of \$183,000 for the initial three-year term.
2. Delegate authority to the Director, or designee, to: i) exercise the optional two (2) one-year terms at an annual approximate cost of \$61,000 and an approximate total cost of \$122,000; and ii) execute amendments to the Contract to add, delete, and/or change certain non-substantive terms and conditions, as well as terms and conditions required by the Board or the Chief Executive Office, and to maintain compliance with applicable law, subject to review and approval by County Counsel.

3. Delegate the authority to the Director, or designee, to increase the annual contract amount up to ten (10) percent for additional work within the scope of the contract, if required.

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

DHR administers an estimated 22 Countywide employment examinations with writing proficiency assessments between approximately 1,700 to 2,000 job candidates annually. The number of County exams with a writing proficiency assessment, and the corresponding need for writing evaluation services, has been increasing over the past several years and is expected to continue to increase in future years. Board approval of the recommended Contract will enable the County to continue to provide writing evaluation services on an as-needed basis for three (3) years with two (2) additional one-year options for a maximum total of up to five (5) years.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The recommended actions support County's Strategic Plan North Star 1 – Make Investments that Transform Lives, Focus Area Goal B – Employment and sustainable Wages, Strategy 2 Job Preparation, by investing in writing evaluation services for job preparation opportunities that are a required part of the County's employment examination and talent assessment process.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The Contract does not guarantee a minimum amount of business, and DHR will only accrue an obligation when work is performed. Services are provided on an as-needed basis. Costs for these Contract services are estimated at \$183,000 for the initial three-year term and approximately \$122,000 if DHR exercises the two (2) one-year options to extend. The total cost of this contract will be approximately \$305,000. Expenses incurred are fully offset by billings to County departments utilizing the services. Funding is included in the DHR's FY 2024-25 Final Adopted Budget, and funding for subsequent years will be included in each fiscal year's budget.

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

DHR has been utilizing CPS for writing evaluation services since March 2014. The services are provided on an as-needed basis and the department has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Section 2.121) does not apply to the recommended Contract.

This contract with CPS includes all required Board provisions and County Counsel has reviewed and approved Appendix A as to form.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On June 20, 2024, DHR issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Writing Evaluation Services. The IFB was posted on the County's Contracting website, which sent it to over 100 registered vendors. DHR also notified three vendors that it researched and identified as providers of exam scoring services. CPS was the only vendor that submitted a bid. CPS was determined to be responsive and responsible and is therefore recommended by DHR for a Writing Evaluation Services contract. Upon the Board's approval, the Director, or designee, will execute a contract with CPS substantially similar to the attached Appendix A.

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

Approval of the recommendations will allow DHR to continue obtaining uninterrupted writing evaluation services that are integral to the County's examination process.

Respectfully submitted,



LISA M. GARRETT  
Director of Personnel

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JAB:WM:gc

Attachment

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



**CONTRACT**

**BY AND BETWEEN**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**AND**

**COOPERATIVE PERSONNEL SERVICES**

**DBA**

**CPS HR CONSULTING**

**FOR**

**WRITING EVALUATION SERVICES**

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**CONTRACT BETWEEN  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
AND  
COOPERATIVE PERSONNEL SERVICES  
DBA CPS HR CONSULTING  
FOR  
WRITING EVALUATION SERVICES**

This Contract ("Contract") and Exhibits made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as "County" and Cooperative Personnel Services, DBA CPS HR Consulting, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor".

**RECITALS**

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

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a California Joint Power Agency specializing in providing Writing Evaluation Services; and

WHEREAS, this Contract is therefore authorized under California Codes, Government Code Section 31000, which authorizes the Board of Supervisors to contract for special services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has authorized the Director of Personnel ("Director") of the Department of Human Resources ("DHR"), or designee, to execute and administer this Contract; 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 K are attached to and form a part of this Contract. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the definition or interpretation of any word, responsibility, schedule, or the contents or description of any task, deliverable, goods, service, or other work, or otherwise between the base Contract and the Exhibits, or between Exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency will be resolved by giving precedence first to the 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 (Not attached to Contract)
Exhibit D	County's Administration
Exhibit E	Contractor's Administration
Exhibit F	Forms Required at the Time of Contract Execution
Exhibit G	Safely Surrendered Baby Law

### Unique Exhibits:

Exhibit H	Intentionally Omitted
Exhibit I	Intentionally Omitted
Exhibit J	Intentionally Omitted
Exhibit K	Intentionally Omitted

This Contract and the Exhibits hereto constitute 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 will be construed to have the following meaning, unless otherwise apparent from the context in which they are used.

**2.1.1 Board of Supervisors or 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'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.
- 2.1.6 County's Project Manager:** Person designated by County's Project Director to manage the operations under this Contract.
- 2.1.7 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.
- 2.1.8 Department:** The County of Los Angeles Department of Human Resources, which is entering into this Contract on behalf of the County of Los Angeles.
- 2.1.9 Director:** Director of Personnel of the Department.
- 2.1.10 Effective Date:** The date of execution of this Contract by the Board of Supervisors or its delegate.
- 2.1.11 Fiscal Year:** The twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.
- 2.1.12 Statement of Work:** 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.

### **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 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 will have no claim whatsoever against the County.

## **4.0 TERM OF CONTRACT**

- 4.1** This Contract is effective upon the date of its execution by the Director, or designee, as authorized by the Board of Supervisors (Effective Date). The term of this Contract shall be three (3) years from the date of execution, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.
- 4.2** The County will have the sole option to extend this Contract term for up to two (2) additional one-year periods for a maximum total Contract term of five (5) years. Each such option and extension will be exercised at the sole discretion of the Director of Personnel or designee.
- 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 a bidder is responsible for the purposes of a future County contract or extension option.
- 4.3** The Contractor must notify Department when this Contract is within six (6) months from the expiration of the term as provided for hereinabove. Upon occurrence of this event, the Contractor must send written notification to 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 Contract Sum under this contract will be the total monetary amount payable by County to Contractor for supplying all the tasks, deliverables, goods, services and other work specified under this Contract. Contractor will provide services at the rates identified in Exhibit B (Pricing Schedule).
- 5.1.2** The Director of Personnel, or their designee, may request approval or delegated authority from the Board to supplement the initial total contract amount by up to ten percent (10%). The County does not warranty or represent that all, or any portion, of the not-to-exceed contract amount will be authorized, allocated, or expended by the County; nor does the County warranty or represent that it will authorize the selected contractor(s) to perform any work or services of any monetary amount.

### **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 authorization under this Contract. Upon occurrence of this event, the Contractor must send written notification to 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); the Fee-for-Service Rate identified in Exhibit B – Pricing Schedule; the date of the exam for which the Evaluations were completed; Contract number; amount billed; 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 must submit the monthly invoices to the County by the 15th calendar day of the month following the month of service.

**5.5.3** All invoices under this Contract must be submitted in two (2) copies to the following address:

County of Los Angeles  
Department of Human Resources  
Countywide Talent Assessment  
510 S. Vermont Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90020  
Attn: Rutilo (Adam) Salgado

#### **5.5.4 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.

#### **5.5.5 Preference Program Enterprises - Prompt Payment Program**

Certified Prompt Payment Enterprises (PPEs) will receive prompt payment for services they provide to 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 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 agreement/contract, a Contractor may submit a written request for an exemption to this requirement. Such request must be based on specific legal, business or operational needs and explain why the payment method designated by the A-C is not feasible and an alternative is necessary. The A-C, in consultation with the contracting department(s), 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 Paragraphs 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**

Responsibilities of the County's Project Director 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 responsibilities of the County's Project Manager 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.

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 County's Project Monitor is responsible for overseeing 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.

## **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 change 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 must coordinate with County's Project Manager and County's Project Monitor on a regular basis.

**7.2.3** The Contractor's Project Manager must have five (5) years of experience.



### **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 Intentionally Omitted**

### **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 if the member of Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation.

**7.5.2** If a member of Contractor's staff does not pass the background investigation, County may request that the member of Contractor's staff be immediately removed from performing services under the Contract 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.

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

**7.5.4** 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 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 will cause each employee performing services covered by this Contract to sign and adhere to the provisions of Exhibit F2 (Contractor Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement).
- 7.6.5** Contractor will cause each non-employee performing services covered by this Contract to sign and adhere to the provisions of Exhibit F3 (Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgment 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 must be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the Director or their designee.
- 8.1.2** The County's Board or Chief Executive Officer or designee may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Contract during the term of this Contract. The County reserves the right to add and/or change such provisions as required by the County's Board or Chief Executive Officer. To implement such changes, an amendment to the Contract must be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the Director or their designee.

- 8.1.3** The Director 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 Director of Personnel or their designee.
- 8.1.4** The County reserves the right to initiate changes that do not materially affect the contract scope, term, sum, or payments. All such changes shall be accomplished with a change notice signed by the Contractor and executed by the County's Project Manager or 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** Within ten (10) business days after Contract effective date, the Contractor must provide the County with the Contractor's procedures for receiving, investigating and responding to user complaints.
- 8.5.2** The County will review the Contractor's procedures and provide the Contractor with approval of said procedures or with requested changes.
- 8.5.3** If the County requests changes in the Contractor's procedures, the Contractor must make such changes and resubmit the procedures within ten (10) business days for County approval.
- 8.5.4** 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.
- 8.5.5** The Contractor must preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the County's Project Manager of the status of the investigation within five (5) business days of receiving the complaint.
- 8.5.6** When complaints cannot be resolved informally, a system of follow-through will be instituted which adheres to formal plans for specific actions and strict time deadlines.
- 8.5.7** Copies of all written responses must be sent to the County's Project Manager within five (5) 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 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 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 \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of the Contractor. "Full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If the Contractor uses any Subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Contract, the Subcontractor will also be subject to the provisions of this Paragraph. The provisions of this Paragraph will be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program must be attached to the agreement.

- 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 years but may exceed five 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 of Supervisors 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 "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster, in Exhibit G, 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 Contract are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon the County and its taxpayers.

- 8.14.2** 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 in compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and 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 Intentionally Omitted**

#### **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 Paragraph, 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 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 7.5 (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 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 Subcontractor 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 (\$50,000.00) dollars, and list any County required endorsement forms.
- Neither the County's failure to obtain, nor the County's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), will be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.

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

County of Los Angeles  
Department of Human Resources  
Countywide Talent Assessment  
510 S. Vermont Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90020  
Attn: Rutilo (Adam) Salgado

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

#### **8.24.4 Cancellation of or Change 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**

- **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 will maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following this Contract's expiration, termination or cancellation.

**8.26 Liquidated Damages**

**8.26.1** If, in the judgment of the Director, or their designee, the Contractor is deemed to be non-compliant with the terms and obligations assumed hereby, the Director, 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 Director, or their designee, in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.

**8.26.2** If the Director of Personnel, or their designee, determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Contract that the Director, or their

designee, deems are correctable by the Contractor over a certain time span, the Director, 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 Director, 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 One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per day per infraction, or as specified in the Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) Chart, as defined in Appendix C, Technical Exhibit 2, hereunder, and that the Contractor will be liable to the County for liquidated damages in said amount. Said amount will be deducted from the County's payment to the Contractor; and/or (c) Upon giving five (5) days notice to the Contractor for failure to correct the deficiencies, the County may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by the County for completion of the work by an alternate source, whether it be County forces or separate private contractor, will be deducted and forfeited from the payment to the Contractor from the County, as determined by the County.

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

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

## **8.27 Most Favored Public Entity**

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

## **8.28 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action**

**8.28.1** The Contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and will be treated equally without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or

political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti discrimination laws and regulations.

**8.28.2** Contractor certifies to the County each of the following:

- 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 when so requested by the County.

**8.28.7** If the County finds that any provisions of this Paragraph 8.28 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 (Department) 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/safe-surrender/>

### **8.34 Notices**

All notices or demands required or permitted to be given or made under this Contract must be in writing and will be hand delivered with signed receipt or mailed by first class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties as identified in Exhibits D (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 Invitation for Bids (IFB) 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 bid 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 bids 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 Paragraph 8.38 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 and hold the County harmless with respect to the activities of each and every Subcontractor in the same manner and to the same degree as if such Subcontractor(s) were the Contractor employees.
- 8.40.4** The Contractor will remain fully responsible for all performances required of it under this Contract, including those that the Contractor has determined to subcontract, notwithstanding the County's approval of the Contractor's proposed subcontract.
- 8.40.5** The County's consent to subcontract will not waive the County's right to prior and continuing approval of any and all personnel, including Subcontractor employees, providing services under this Contract. The Contractor is responsible to notify its Subcontractors of this County right.
- 8.40.6** The County's Project Director is authorized to act for and on behalf of the County with respect to approval of any subcontract and Subcontractor employees. After approval of the subcontract by the County, Contractor must forward a fully executed subcontract to the County for their files.
- 8.40.7** The Contractor will be solely liable and responsible for all payments or other compensation to all Subcontractors and their officers, employees, agents, and successors in interest arising through services performed hereunder, notwithstanding the County's consent to subcontract.
- 8.40.8** The Contractor must obtain certificates of insurance, which establish that the Subcontractor maintains all the programs of insurance required by the County from each approved Subcontractor. Before any Subcontractor employee may perform any work hereunder, Contractor must ensure delivery of all such documents to:

County of Los Angeles  
Department of Human Resources  
Countywide Talent Assessment  
510 S. Vermont Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90020  
Attn: Rutilo (Adam) Salgado

**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 8.43.3, the terms "Subcontractor" and "Subcontractors" mean Subcontractor(s) at any tier.

**8.43.4** If, after the County has given notice of termination under the provisions of this Paragraph 8.43, it is determined by the County that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this Paragraph 8.43, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of Paragraph 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 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, service, 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 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 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 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 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 Bidder, or a Contractor or its subsidiary or Subcontractor ("Bidder/Contractor"), is prohibited from submitting a bid or proposal in a County solicitation if the Bidder/Contractor has provided advice or consultation for the solicitation. A Bidder/Contractor is also prohibited from submitting a bid or proposal in a County solicitation if the Bidder/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/Bidder 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 Intentionally Omitted**

#### **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 Paragraph 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 Paragraph 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**

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

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

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

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

## **9.5 Intentionally Omitted**

### **9.6 Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Preference Program**

**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**

**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**

- 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 Intentionally Omitted**

**9.10 Intentionally Omitted**

**9.11 Intentionally Omitted**

**9.12 Intentionally Omitted**

**9.13 Intentionally Omitted**

## **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
Paragraph 8.1	Amendments
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Paragraph 8.34	Notices
Paragraph 8.38	Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement
Paragraph 8.42	Termination for Convenience
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Paragraph 8.48	Validity
Paragraph 8.49	Waiver
Paragraph 8.58	Prohibition from Participation in Future Solicitation(s)
Paragraph 8.60	Campaign Contribution Prohibition Following Final Decision in Contract Proceeding
Paragraph 9.2	Ownership of Materials, Software and Copyright
Paragraph 9.3	Patent, Copyright and Trade Secret Indemnification
Paragraph 10.0	Survival

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

**CONTRACTOR**

(~~Cooperative Personnel Services dba CPS HR Consulting~~)

By



Victoria Quintero Brashear

Name

Chief of Client Services

Title

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

By

LISA M. GARRETT

Director of Personnel

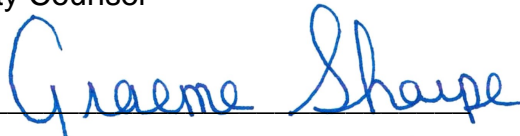
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County Counsel

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Senior Deputy County Counsel

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **STATEMENT OF WORK AND ATTACHMENTS**

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## **STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)**

### **1.0 SCOPE OF WORK**

The County of Los Angeles's Department of Human Resources ("DHR") administers various examinations for the purpose of identifying and recruiting candidates for County jobs. One component of these examinations is the proctored writing proficiency assessment, which requires candidates to provide original, written responses to essay questions. Under the direction of DHR's Senior Human Resources Manager or Human Resources Manager, the Contractor agrees to provide Writing Evaluation Services ("Services") to DHR. Through these Services, the Contractor must provide DHR with Raters to evaluate and score candidates' written responses to writing proficiency assessments as part of various County examinations.

### **2.0 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED**

### **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 the Contract, Paragraph 8.15, County's Quality Assurance Plan.

#### **4.1 Monthly Meetings**

Contractor is required to attend a scheduled monthly meeting. Failure to attend will cause an assessment of Fifty Dollars (\$50) per occurrence.

#### **4.2 Contract Discrepancy Report**

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 period reasonably required by the County.

The County's Project Monitor will determine whether a formal Contract Discrepancy Report (CDR) 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**

- 5.1 "Evaluation Guidelines":** The guidelines that Raters must use to facilitate the assignment of unbiased and fair scores and achieve consensus on their ratings of Responses.
- 5.2 "Leveling":** The process by which a minimum of two (2) Raters reach consensus on the ratings they assign to each Response.
- 5.3 "Management Fellows Program":** A two-year, paid County fellowship for individuals who hold a master's or higher degree to pursue a career in County government, and for which the County holds an examination from time to time (i.e., usually on a yearly or biyearly basis, or every three years).
- 5.4 "Rater":** A qualified individual approved by the County to evaluate and score Responses.
- 5.5 "Response":** A County exam candidate's written essay provided in response to the Writing Proficiency Assessment that is a component of some County examinations.
- 5.6 "Structured Rating Guidelines":** The County's scoring rubric that provides Raters with a description of the attributes of an essay that merits a particular score. For example, the Structured Rating Guidelines may provide specific information on what attributes an essay must have to merit a score of "5" on the grammar dimension.
- 5.7 "Writing Proficiency Assessment":** The test used to assess a candidate's ability to communicate in writing.
- 5.8 "Writing Prompt":** A topic about which a candidate is required to write an essay, or a question that the candidate is required to answer in essay form.

### **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 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 Furnished Items**

The County will furnish the following items to the Contractor and the Raters via DHR's Microsoft SharePoint ("SharePoint") account or other electronic means to view and evaluate essays using the provided standards:

- 6.2.1 Specific Writing Prompts used in Writing Proficiency Assessments.
- 6.2.2 Structured Rating Guidelines for the scoring of Responses.
- 6.2.3 Evaluation Guidelines, which may be provided in written or oral form.
- 6.2.4 Templates or other documents for the data entry of scores.
- 6.2.5 Writing Proficiency Assessment forms.
- 6.2.6 Up to 250 Responses in one or more batches.
- 6.2.7 Any additional information needed for scoring Responses.

## **6.3 Access Rights**

The County will provide County-approved Contractor staff and County-approved Raters with access rights necessary to access the assessment-related resources.

## **CONTRACTOR**

### **6.4 Contractor's Project Manager**

- 6.4.1 Contractor must provide a full-time Contractor's Project Manager or designated alternate. Contractor must provide a telephone number where the Project Manager may be reached between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) each business day.
- 6.4.2 Contractor's Project Manager must act as a central point of contact with the County.
- 6.4.3 Contractor's Project Manager must have five (5) years of experience.
- 6.4.4 Contractor's Project Manager and his or her alternate must have full authority to act for Contractor on all matters relating to the daily operation of the Contract. Contractor's Project Manager and his or her alternate must be able to effectively communicate, in English, both orally and in writing.

## **6.5 Personnel**

**6.5.1** Contractor will assign a sufficient number of 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.

**6.5.2** Contractor will be required to background check their staff as set forth in Paragraph 7.5, Background and Security Investigations, of the Contract.

## **6.6 Materials and Equipment**

**6.6.1** The purchase of all materials/equipment to provide the 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.

## **6.7 Training**

**6.7.1** Contractor must provide training programs for all new employees and continuing in-service training for all staff.

## **6.8 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 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time), each business day, 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 by the start of the next business day of receipt of the call.

The Contractor is not required to provide Services on [County-recognized holidays](#).

## **7.0 WORK SCHEDULES**

**7.1** The Contractor must provide the Services set forth in this SOW, as-needed by the County, on any business day during the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time).

## **8.0 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED**

## **9.0 SPECIFIC WORK REQUIREMENTS**

### **9.1 Development and Review**

The Contractor must:

**9.1.1** Work with DHR staff to review and finalize the following items:

- Candidate knowledge, skills, abilities, and personal characteristics relevant to the Writing Proficiency Assessment;
- Definition of standards for the Structured Rating Guidelines;

- Appropriate Leveling of scores based on candidates' Responses; and
- County-provided Structured Rating Guidelines for Writing Proficiency Assessments.

**9.1.2** Modify Structured Rating Guidelines for Writing Proficiency Assessments as needed, when such guidelines are not provided by DHR and upon DHR's request, and work with DHR staff to review and finalize these guidelines.

**9.1.3** Modify Writing Prompts, when such guidelines are not provided by DHR and upon DHR's request, to be used in DHR's Writing Proficiency Assessments, and work with DHR staff to review and finalize these Writing Prompts.

**9.1.4** Upload to online data source all finalized and County-approved Structured Rating Guidelines and Writing Prompts referenced in Section 6.2.

## **9.2 Raters**

The Contractor must:

**9.2.1** Provide DHR, and work with DHR to select, Raters that possess qualifying credentials and experience to evaluate and score candidates' Responses.

**9.2.2** Ensure that each Rater is an English language expert with a doctorate degree from an accredited college or university in English-language literature, composition, or a closely related field.

**9.2.3** Provide DHR with copies of each Rater's resume and qualifying diploma(s), clearly indicating in the English language the qualifying degree(s) described in Sub-paragraph 9.2.2, upon DHR's request.

**9.2.4** Obtain DHR's approval of proposed Raters before Raters provide Services under this Contract.

**9.2.5** Ensure that all Raters are trained to score and evaluate the candidates' Responses, using County-approved Structured Rating Guidelines.

**9.2.6** Ensure that all Raters are trained to use SharePoint to access and download Responses and any County-approved documents necessary to score Responses, and upload and transmit scores with their corresponding Responses.

## **9.3 Evaluation and Scoring**

The Contractor must:

**9.3.1** Ensure that, for each Response received from DHR, a minimum of two (2) Raters must:

- 9.3.1.1** Evaluate and score each Response using the finalized, County-approved Structured Rating Guidelines.
  - 9.3.1.2** Evaluate and score each Response for each dimension of the Writing Proficiency Assessment, using the County-approved Structured Rating Guidelines.
  - 9.3.1.3** Determine a numerical rating that best describes the Raters' evaluation based on the County-approved Structured Rating Guidelines.
  - 9.3.1.4** Provide scores within one point of each other for each dimension of the Writing Proficiency Assessment.
- 9.3.2** Ensure that, for instances in which two or more Raters' scores differ by more than one point, Raters utilize the County's Evaluation Guidelines to reconcile their scores to be within no more than one point of each other. The Contractor will follow any alternative Leveling process provided by the County.
- 9.3.3** Monitor scores throughout the process to ensure that scores are generated in accordance with the County-approved Structured Rating Guidelines.

#### **9.4 Batch Administration**

The Contractor must:

- 9.4.1** Ensure that the Raters receive candidates' Responses from DHR via SharePoint in batches of up to 250 Responses.
- 9.4.2** Provide a sufficient number of Raters to evaluate and score approximately 500 Responses, and an additional annual amount of up to approximately 2,500 Responses resulting from the Management Fellows Program exam in years when it is administered.
- 9.4.3** Ensure that the Raters provide DHR with each candidate's Response and corresponding Evaluation, via SharePoint within ten (10) business days of DHR notifying the Contractor of an upload of Responses to SharePoint.

## **10.0 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED**

## **11.0 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY**

A Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) Chart, Attachment 2 of this Exhibit A, listing required services and deliverables that will be monitored by the County during the term of this Contract is an important monitoring tool for the County.

The chart should:

- reference section of the contract

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

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

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**CONTRACT DISCREPANCY REPORT**

**TO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prepared:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Returned by Contractor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Action Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCREPANCY PROBLEMS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of County Representative

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

**CONTRACTOR RESPONSE (Cause and Corrective Action):** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Contractor Representative

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

**COUNTY EVALUATION OF CONTRACTOR RESPONSE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Contractor Representative

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

**COUNTY ACTIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTRACTOR NOTIFIED OF ACTION:**

County Representative's Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor Representative's Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

# **PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY (PRS) CHART**

## PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY (PRS) CHART

### WRITING EVALUATION SERVICES

<b>SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE REFERENCE</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>MONITORING METHOD</b>	<b>DEDUCTIONS/FEEES MAY BE ASSESSED</b>
Contract: Paragraph 7.0 - Administration of Contract - Contractor	Contractor must notify the County in writing of any changes to information on Exhibit E, Contractor's Administration	Inspection & Observation	\$50 per occurrence
Contract: Sub-paragraph 8.38 - Record Retention & Inspection-Audit Settlement	Contractor to maintain all required documents as specified in Sub-paragraph 8.38	Inspection of files	\$50 per occurrence
Contract: Sub-paragraph 8.40 - Subcontracting	Contractor must obtain County's written approval prior to subcontracting any work.	Inspection & Observation	\$100 per occurrence; possible termination for default of contract
SOW: Paragraph 3 – Quality Control	Contractor must establish and maintain a Quality Control Plan to assure requirements of Contract are met	Inspection and Observation	\$100 per occurrence
SOW: Sub-paragraph 4.1 - Monthly Meetings	Contractor's representative to attend monthly meetings as scheduled.	Attendance	\$50 per occurrence

SOW: Sub-paragraph 4.2 – Contract Discrepancy Report (CDR)	Upon receipt of a CDR, Contractor must respond in writing within five business days and submit correction plan within 10 business days.	Inspection and Observation	\$100 per occurrence
SOW: Sub-paragraph 6.4 – Project Manager	Contractor's Project Manager must be reachable by telephone and email Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m..	Inspection and Observation	\$100 per occurrence
SOW: Sub-paragraph 6.8 – Contractor's Office	Contractor's office must be staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by at least one employee who can respond to inquiries and complaints regarding Contract performance. Key personnel must also be available during these hours.	Inspection and Observation	\$100 per occurrence
SOW: Paragraph 9.0 – Specific Work Requirements	Contractor shall provide the Specific Work Requirements, as specified in Section 9.0.	Inspection and Observation	\$50 per occurrence

## REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 10

### PRICING SHEET

NAME OF BIDDER: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this Exhibit 10 - Pricing Sheet, in accordance with IFB, Sub-paragraph 7.6.2, Pricing Sheet (Section A), by providing a Fee-for-Service Rate, as set forth below in Table A.

The Fee-for-Service Rate is an all-inclusive rate for all services, tasks and deliverables provided by the Contractor pursuant to the terms and requirements of the Contract. Include in the Fee-for-Service Rate any and all costs of providing the Writing Evaluation Services described in the Contract, including not only the cost of reimbursing Raters for the work they perform under the Contract, but also any administrative costs, consultant time costs, batch upload costs, travel, and/or any other anticipated Contractor costs of providing the Services. The Fee-for-Service Rate shall be paid to the Contractor for each County-approved Evaluation. **(Note: Two (2) Raters are required to provide each Evaluation, as set forth in SOW, Sub-paragraph 9.3 Evaluation and Scoring.)**

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

Table A
Fee-for-Service Rate: <u>\$30.00</u> Per Evaluation

***CONTRACTOR'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE***

***NOT ATTACHED TO CONTRACT***

COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION

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

**COUNTY PROJECT DIRECTOR:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY'S CONTRACT ANALYST:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY'S PROJECT MANAGER:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY'S PROJECT MONITOR:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR'S ADMINISTRATION**

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**CONTRACTOR'S PROJECT MANAGER:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL(S):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICES TO CONTRACTOR:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## **FORMS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF CONTRACT EXECUTION**

### **NON-IT CONTRACTS**

- F2      CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY  
         AGREEMENT
  
- F3      CONTRACTOR NON-EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY  
         AGREEMENT

**CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

(Note: This certification is to be executed and returned to County with Contractor's executed Contract. Work cannot begin on the Contract until County receives this executed document.)

Contractor Name: Cooperative Personnel Services Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Name: Ana Costa

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Your employer referenced above has entered into a contract with the County of Los Angeles to provide certain services to the County. The County requires your signature on this Contractor Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement.

**EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

I understand and agree that the Contractor referenced above is my sole employer for purposes of the above-referenced contract. I understand and agree that I must rely exclusively upon my employer for payment of salary and any and all other benefits payable to me or on my behalf by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced contract.

I understand and agree that I am not an employee of the County of Los Angeles for any purpose whatsoever and that I 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. I understand and agree that I do not have and 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.

I understand and agree that I may be required to undergo a background and security investigation(s). I understand and agree that my continued performance of work under the above-referenced contract is contingent upon my passing, to the satisfaction of the County, any and all such investigations. I understand and agree that my failure to pass, to the satisfaction of the County, any such investigation will result in my immediate release from performance under this and/or any future contract.

**CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:**

I may be involved with work pertaining to services provided by the County of Los Angeles and, if so, I may have access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County. In addition, I 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. I understand that if I am involved in County work, the County must ensure that I, too, will protect the confidentiality of such data and information. Consequently, I understand that I must sign this agreement as a condition of my work to be provided by my employer for the County. I have read this agreement and have taken due time to consider it prior to signing.

I hereby agree that I will not divulge to any unauthorized person any data or information obtained while performing work pursuant to the above-referenced contract between my employer and the County of Los Angeles. I agree to forward all requests for the release of any data or information received by me to my immediate supervisor.

I 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 or by me under the above-referenced contract. I agree to protect these confidential materials against disclosure to other than my employer or County employees who have a need to know the information. I agree that if proprietary information supplied by other County vendors is provided to me during this employment, I must keep such information confidential.

I agree to report to my immediate supervisor any and all violations of this agreement by myself and/or by any other person of whom I become aware. I agree to return all confidential materials to my immediate supervisor upon completion of this contract or termination of my employment with my employer, whichever occurs first.

SIGNATURE: Ana Costa DATE: February 2025  
Ana Costa (Feb 11, 2025 12:00 PST)

PRINTED NAME: Ana Costa

POSITION: Manager

**CONTRACTOR NON-EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

(Note: This certification is to be executed and returned to County with Contractor's executed Contract. Work cannot begin on the Contract until County receives this executed document.)

Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract No \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 your signature on this Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement.

**NON-EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

I understand and agree that the Contractor referenced above has exclusive control for purposes of the above-referenced contract. I understand and agree that I must rely exclusively upon the Contractor referenced above for payment of salary and any and all other benefits payable to me or on my behalf by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced contract.

I understand and agree that I am not an employee of the County of Los Angeles for any purpose whatsoever and that I 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. I understand and agree that I do not have and 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.

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I hereby agree that I will not divulge to any unauthorized person any data or information obtained while performing work pursuant to the above-referenced contract between the above-referenced Contractor and the County of Los Angeles. I agree to forward all requests for the release of any data or information received by me to the above-referenced Contractor.

I 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 or by me under the above-referenced contract. I agree to protect these confidential materials against disclosure to other than the above-referenced Contractor or County employees who have a need to know the information. I agree that if proprietary information supplied by other County vendors is provided to me, I must keep such information confidential.

I agree to report to the above-referenced Contractor any and all violations of this agreement by myself and/or by any other person of whom I become aware. I agree to return all confidential materials to the above-referenced Contractor upon completion of this contract or termination of my services hereunder, whichever occurs first.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

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Writing Evaluation Services Contract

Exhibit F3 - Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement

March 2025

# THERE'S A BETTER CHOICE. SAFELY SURRENDER YOUR BABY.

Any fire station. Any hospital. Any time.

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Some parents of newborns can find themselves in difficult circumstances. Sadly, babies are sometimes harmed or abandoned by parents who feel that they're not ready or able to raise a child. Many of these mothers or fathers are afraid and don't know where to turn for help.

This is why California has a Safely Surrendered Baby Law, which gives parents the choice to legally leave their baby at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County.

### FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BABY SAFE SURRENDER

- 1 Your newborn can be surrendered at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County up to 72 hours after birth.
- 2 You must leave your newborn with a fire station or hospital employee.
- 3 You don't have to provide your name.
- 4 You will only be asked to voluntarily provide a medical history.
- 5 You have 14 days to change your mind; a matching bracelet (parent) and anklet (baby) are provided to assist you if you change your mind.

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### ABOUT THE BABY SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM

In 2002, a task force was created under the guidance of the Children's Planning Council to address newborn abandonment and to develop a strategic plan to prevent this tragedy.

Los Angeles County has worked hard to ensure that the Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents babies from being abandoned. We're happy to report that this law is doing exactly what it was designed to do: save the lives of innocent babies. Visit [BabySafeLA.org](http://BabySafeLA.org) to learn more.

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## FROM SURRENDER TO ADOPTION: ONE BABY'S STORY

Los Angeles County firefighter Ted and his wife Becki were already parents to two boys. But when they got the call asking if they would be willing to care for a premature baby girl who'd been safely surrendered at a local hospital, they didn't hesitate.

Baby Jenna was tiny, but Ted and Becki felt lucky to be able to take her home. "We had always wanted to adopt," Ted says, "but taking

home a vulnerable safely surrendered baby was even better. She had no one, but now she had us. And, more importantly, we had her."

Baby Jenna has filled the longing Ted and Becki had for a daughter—and a sister for their boys. Because her birth parent safely surrendered her when she was born, Jenna is a thriving young girl growing up in a stable and loving family.

## ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

### Who is legally allowed to surrender the baby?

Anyone with lawful custody can drop off a newborn within the first 72 hours of birth.

### Do you need to call ahead before surrendering a baby?

No. A newborn can be surrendered anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or guardian surrenders the child to an employee of the hospital or fire station.

### What information needs to be provided?

The surrendering adult will be asked to fill out a medical history form, which is useful in caring for the child. The form can be returned later and includes a stamped return envelope. No names are required.

### What happens to the baby?

After a complete medical exam, the baby will be released and placed in a safe and loving home, and the adoption process will begin.

### What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

Nothing. They may leave at any time after surrendering the baby.

### How can a parent get a baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days by calling the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at (800) 540-4000.

### If you're unsure of what to do:

You can call the hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and anonymously speak with a counselor about your options or have your questions answered.

**1.877.222.9723 or BabySafeLA.org**

English, Spanish and 140 other languages spoken.

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**EXHIBIT I  
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**EXHIBIT J  
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**EXHIBIT K  
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