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

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR
PUBLIC HEARING CAPTIONING, TRANSCRIPTION, AND RELATED SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Award contract to TPUSA, Inc. (TP RapidText) (Contractor) for Public Hearing Captioning, Transcription, and Related Services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the contract is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378 (b) (4) of the CEQA Guidelines.
2. Approve and instruct the Chair to sign the attached five (5) year contract with the Contractor, effective the day after Board approval, with two (2) one-year renewal options, at a Maximum Contract Sum (MCS) of \$60,000 annually.
3. Delegate Authority to the Director of Regional Planning (Director) or her designee to approve and execute amendments to incorporate necessary changes to the contract that do not significantly affect the scope of work, do not exceed the MCS of \$60,000 annually; and to suspend work if, in the opinion of the Director, such action is in the best interest of the County.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department of Regional Planning (DRP) seeks to continue providing real-time captioning and transcription services for all Regional Planning Commission and Hearing Officer hearings to ensure accessibility and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Since the 2010 technology upgrade and remodel of the Commission Hearing Room, DRP has livestreamed hearings to the public, enabling remote participation and transparency. This contract will allow DRP to maintain real-time captioning for livestreamed hearings and produce accurate transcripts for the official records, eliminating the need for traditional court reporting services except when hearings are conducted offsite.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports the County's 2024-2030 Strategic Plan North Star III – Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, specifically: Strategy III. 2.1 to Enhance Information Technology Platforms to Securely Share and Exchange Data; Strategy III.2.3 to Prioritize and Implement Technology Initiatives that Enhance Service Delivery and Increase Efficiency.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The MCS of the contract is \$60,000 annually, which is based on the work outlined in the Statement of Work and the price quoted by the Contractor, and historical data on the frequency of use of service. The total maximum potential contract cost, including extensions and amendments will not exceed \$420,000 throughout its term. This contract is in Net County Cost funded through the DRP's Operating Budget for the respective year.

This contract does not include provisions for Cost-of-Living Adjustments throughout its term.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Government Code Section 31000 authorizes the County to contract for audio/video meeting recording services. The contract complies with all applicable Board mandated provisions, including those pertaining to hiring qualified County employees targeted for layoffs, contractor responsibility and debarment, Child Support Program, GAIN/GROW participants, Safety Surrender Baby Law, and the provisions of Paid, Jury Service time for the Contractor's employees.

This is a Non-Prop A contract because captioning and transcription is not a function performed by any County employee. Consequently, there are no departmental employee relations issues, and the contract will not result in a reduction of County services. The award of this Contract will not result in the displacement of any County employees. Furthermore, DRP evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program does not apply because such program only applies to Prop-A contracts and cafeteria services contracts.

The Contractor was selected without regard to race, creed, gender, or color.

DRP will not require the Contractor to perform services that exceed the Board-approved contract sum, scope of work, or contract term.

County Counsel has approved the contract as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The services provided through this contract will not have an effect on the environment and therefore, this contract is exempt from CEQA, pursuant to Section 15378 (b) (4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Union Notification

Consistent with the provisions of the Memorandums of Understanding between the County and the unions, Service Employees International Union Local 721 and California Association of Professional Employees were consulted prior to the release of the Request for Proposals (RFP). They had no objections to the solicitation.

Solicitation Outreach

DRP initiated a competitive RFP process to solicit the services from qualified consultants. The RFP was released on March 23, 2026, via the County's WebVen system and posted on DRP website.

Proposal Evaluation

Two proposals were received by the April 28, 2026, deadline and were reviewed for completeness to determine whether they met the minimum requirements. Both proposals passed the initial screening and met the minimum requirements.

A four-member evaluation committee was formed to review and evaluate the proposals. The committee members objectively evaluated the proposals submitted by the following vendors:

1. Hardeman Realtime Inc.
2. TPUSA, Inc. (TP RapidText)

Using the County approved Informed Averaging Method, the committee evaluated the proposals according to the evaluation criteria outlined in the RFP and took into consideration team qualifications, project management, and methodologies. References and the project cost were factored in calculating the final score. TP RapidText received the highest combined score of the business and cost proposals.

DEBRIEFING

In June 2026, DRP notified the non-selected vendor and offered debriefing meeting to provide constructive feedback to improve their competitiveness in bidding future County contracts. A debriefing meeting was conducted on June 18, 2026, and the non-selected consultant was satisfied with the debriefing meeting and did not continue with the protest process.

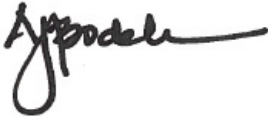
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The award of this contract will not result in the displacement of any County employees. Upon the Board approval of this contract, DRP will commence the project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of the Board letter to DRP. If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Horvath at (213) 974-6533 or via email at jhorvath@planning.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy Bodek', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amy J. Bodek, AICP
Director

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Enclosures

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



CONTRACT

BY AND BETWEEN

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AND
TPUSA, INC. (TP RAPIDTEXT)**

FOR

**PUBLIC HEARING CAPTIONING, TRANSCRIPTION,
AND RELATED SERVICES**

SEPTEMBER 2026

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STANDARD EXHIBITS

- A** Statement of Work and Attachments
- B** Pricing Schedule
- C** Contractor's Proposed Schedule
- D** County's Administration
- E** Contractor's Administration
- F** Form(s) Required at the Time of Contract Execution
 - F1** Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement
 - F2** Contractor Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement
 - F3** Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement
- G** Information Security and Privacy Requirements
- H** Digital Accessibility Requirements

**CONTRACT BETWEEN
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AND
TPUSA, INC. (TP RAPIDTEXT)
FOR
PUBLIC HEARING CAPTIONING, TRANSCRIPTION,
AND RELATED SERVICES**

This Contract ("Contract") made and entered into on _____ day of _____, 2026 by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as "County" and TPUSA, Inc. (TP RapidText), hereinafter referred to as "Contractor". TPUSA, Inc. (TP RapidText) is located at 7533 S CenterView Ct #200, West Jordan, UT 84084.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County may contract with private businesses for public hearing captioning, transcription, and related services when certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is legal, feasible, and cost-effective to contract; and

WHEREAS, this Contract is therefore authorized under Section 44.7 of the Los Angeles County Charter and Los Angeles County Codes Section 2.121.250; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has submitted a proposal to County to provide public hearing captioning, transcription, and related services and the Contractor has been selected for recommendation for award of this Contract.

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

Standard Exhibits:

Exhibit A	Statement of Work and Attachments
Exhibit B	Pricing Schedule
Exhibit C	Contractor's Proposed Schedule
Exhibit D	County's Administration
Exhibit E	Contractor's Administration
Exhibit F	Forms Required at the Time of Contract Execution
Exhibit G	Information Security and Privacy Requirements
Exhibit H	Digital Accessibility Requirements

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

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 Standard Definitions

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

- 2.1.1 Board of Supervisors (Board):** The Board of Supervisors of the County acting as governing body.
- 2.1.2 Contract:** This agreement executed between County and Contractor. Included are all supplemental agreements amending or extending the service to be performed. The Contract sets forth the terms and conditions for the issuance and performance of all tasks, deliverables, services, and other work.
- 2.1.3 Contractor:** The person or persons, sole proprietor, partnership, joint venture, corporation or other legal entity who has entered into an agreement with the County to perform or execute the work covered by this Contract.
- 2.1.4 Contractor's Project Manager:** The person designated by the Contractor to administer the Contract operations under this Contract.
- 2.1.5 County's Project Manager:** Person designated by County's Project Director to manage the operations under this Contract.
- 2.1.6 County's Contract 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.

- 2.1.7 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.
- 2.1.8 County Observed Holidays:** Days on which County departments are closed for business in observance of significant events. A list of County observed holidays may be found on the County's website <https://lacounty.gov/government/about-la-county/about/>.
- 2.1.9 Day(s):** Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.
- 2.1.10 Department:** The County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning, which is entering into this Contract on behalf of the County of Los Angeles.
- 2.1.11 Director:** Director of Department.
- 2.1.12 Fiscal Year:** The twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.
- 2.1.13 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.
- 2.1.14 Subcontract:** An agreement by the Contractor to employ a subcontractor to provide services to fulfill this Contract.
- 2.1.15 Subcontractor:** Any individual, person or persons, sole proprietor, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other legal entity furnishing supplies, services of any nature, equipment, and/or materials to Contractor in furtherance of Contractor's performance of this Contract, at any tier, under oral or written agreement.

3.0 WORK

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

4.0 TERM OF CONTRACT

4.1 The term of this Contract will be five (5) years commencing after execution by County's Board, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.

4.2 The County will have the sole option to extend this Contract term for up to two (2) additional one (1) year period optional extensions, for a maximum Contract term of seven (7) years. Each such extension option may be exercised at the sole discretion of the Director of Regional Planning or his/her 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 the County will exercise a contract term extension option.

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

5.0 CONTRACT SUM

5.1 Total Contract Sum

The "Maximum Contract Sum" (MCS) under this Contract will be the total monetary amount that would be payable by the County to the Contractor for providing required work under this Contract for the term. The MCS is \$60,000 annually. Total charges must not exceed the amounts set forth in Exhibit B (Pricing Schedule).

5.2 Written Approval for Reimbursement

The Contractor will not be entitled to payment or reimbursement for any tasks or services performed, nor for any incidental or administrative expenses whatsoever incurred in or incidental to performance hereunder, except as specified herein. Assumption or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, or obligations, or performance of same by any person or entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever, must not occur except with the County's express prior written approval.

5.3 Notification of 75% of Total Contract Sum

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

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

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

5.5 Invoices and Payments

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

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

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

5.5.4 All invoices under this Contract must be submitted to the following address:

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street, 13th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attn: LA County Planning Contract
E-mail: contract@planning.lacounty.gov

5.5.5 County Approval of Invoices

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

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

Certified Prompt Payment Enterprises (PPEs) will receive prompt payment for services they provide to 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 This Section is Intentionally Omitted

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

- 5.7.1** The County, at its sole discretion, has determined that the most efficient and secure default form of payment for goods and/or services provided under an agreement/contract with the County will be Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, unless an alternative method of payment is deemed appropriate by the Auditor-Controller (A-C).
- 5.7.2** The Contractor must submit a direct deposit authorization request via the website <https://directdeposit.lacounty.gov> with banking and vendor information, and any other information that the A-C determines is reasonably necessary to process the payment and comply with all accounting, record keeping, and tax reporting requirements.
- 5.7.3** Any provision of law, grant, or funding agreement requiring a specific form or method of payment other than EFT or direct deposit will supersede this requirement with respect to those payments.
- 5.7.4** At any time during the duration of the Contract, a Contractor may submit a written request for an exemption to this requirement. Such request must be based on specific legal, business or operational needs and explain why the payment method designated by the A-C is not feasible and an alternative is necessary. The A-C, in consultation with the contracting department(s), will decide whether to approve exemption requests.

5.8 Pricing Adjustment

- 5.8.1** CPI Adjustment. On the anniversary of the Effective Date during the term of the Contract, the Contractor shall have the right to adjust the prices herein set forth, up to an amount equal to the percentile increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the prior year's CPI. CPI means a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services.
- 5.8.2** Wage Adjustment. If there are any mandatory wage increase at any time during the term of the Contract, the Contractor may increase the prices for the services for an amount equal to any mandatory wage increase established by a governmental entity.
- 5.8.3** Change in Applicable Law or Regulation. At any time after a law or regulation is enacted or implemented that increases the costs for the Contractor to provide the services, the Contractor may increase the

prices for the Services set by an amount equal to the increase in costs directly related to the newly enacted law or regulation.

6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - COUNTY

6.1 County's Administration

A listing of all County Administration referenced in the following subparagraphs are designated in Exhibit D (County's Administration). The County will notify the Contractor in writing of any changes as they occur.

6.2 County's Project Director

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

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

6.3 County's Project Manager

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

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

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

6.4 County's Contract Monitor

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

7.2 Contractor's Project Manager

7.2.1 The Contractor's Project Manager is designated in Exhibit E (Contractor's Administration). The Contractor must notify the County in writing of any change to Exhibit E (Contractor's Administration), as changes occur.

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

7.3 Approval of Contractor's Staff

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

7.4 This Section is 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 of whether the member of Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation.

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

- 7.5.2** County, in its sole discretion, may immediately deny or terminate facility access to any member of Contractor's staff that does not pass such investigation to the satisfaction of the County or whose background or conduct is incompatible with County facility access.
- 7.5.3** These terms will also apply to subcontractors of County contractors.
- 7.5.4** Disqualification of any member of Contractor's staff pursuant to this Paragraph 7.5 will not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.

7.6 Confidentiality

- 7.6.1** Contractor must maintain the confidentiality of all records and information in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures relating to confidentiality, including, without limitation, County policies concerning information technology security and the protection of confidential records and information.
- 7.6.2** Contractor must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting, or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with this Paragraph, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph will be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County will have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County will be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor will not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.
- 7.6.3** Contractor must inform all of its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors providing services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Contract.
- 7.6.4** Contractor must sign and adhere to the provisions of Exhibit F1 (Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement).

Contractor will cause each non-employee performing services covered by this Contract to sign and adhere to the provisions of Exhibit F2 (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 to the Contract must be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the Director of Regional Planning or his/her designee OR it may have to be executed by the Board.
- 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 of Regional Planning.
- 8.1.3** The Director of Regional Planning or his/her 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 Board.

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. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the County acknowledges that the Services will be performed by independent contractors engaged by the Contractor.

8.2.3 Except as stated in Section 8.2.2, any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any person or entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever without County's express prior written approval, will be a material breach of the Contract which may result in the termination of this Contract. In the event of such termination, County will be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

8.3 Authorization Warranty

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

8.4 Budget Reductions

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

8.5 Complaints

The Contractor must develop and maintain operating procedures for receiving, investigating and responding to complaints.

8.5.1 Complaint Procedures

- Within five (5) business days after the Contract effective date, the Contractor must provide the County with the Contractor's procedures for receiving, investigating and responding to user complaints.

- The County will review the Contractor's procedures and provide the Contractor with approval of said procedures or with requested changes.
- If the County requests changes in the Contractor's procedures, the Contractor must make such changes and resubmit the procedures within five (5) business days for County approval.
- If, at any time, the Contractor wishes to change the Contractor's procedures, the Contractor must submit proposed changes to the County for approval before implementation.
- The Contractor must preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the County's Project Manager of the status of the investigation within five (5) business days of receiving the complaint.
- When complaints cannot be resolved informally, a system of follow-through will be instituted which adheres to formal plans for specific actions and strict time deadlines.
- Copies of all written responses must be sent to the County's Project Manager within 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, applicable to the business of Contractor, 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 third party claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, resulting from, any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with the mandatory provisions of any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies, or procedures, as determined by County in its sole reasonable judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph will be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County will have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County will be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and

expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor will not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction or other equitable relief, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

- 8.6.3** County is responsible to ensure that (i) all of County's materials pertaining or related to this Contract and furnished to Contractor (such materials collectively refer as "County-Provided Materials") are in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, and all other applicable standards with County's industry including but not limited to all applicable, if any, express or implied warranties of title, merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, and non-infringement of third party's intellectual property rights, provided to customers of County; and (ii) to the extent that the right, title, or interest in the County-Provided Materials under this Contract belong to a party other than County, County has secured the necessary licenses or consents to allow Contractor to use such County-Provided Materials in the provision of the services. County will indemnify Contractor for any claims or causes of action for violation of any rights or a third party, law or regulation arising out of or from the use of such County-Provided Materials by Contractor in the performance of the services.

8.7 Compliance with Civil Rights Laws

The Contractor hereby assures that it will comply with Subchapter VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sections 2000 (e) (1) through 2000 (e) (17), to the end that no person will, on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, religion, ancestry, age, condition of physical handicap, marital status, political affiliation, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract. Additionally, Contractor certifies to the County:

- 8.7.1** That Contractor has a written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment.
- 8.7.2** That Contractor periodically conducts a self-analysis or utilization analysis of its work force.
- 8.7.3** That Contractor has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups.
- 8.7.4** Where problem areas are identified in employment practices, the Contractor has a system for taking reasonable corrective action, to include establishment of goals or timetables.

8.8 Compliance with the County's Jury Service Program

8.8.1 Jury Service Program

This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service ("Jury Service Program") as codified in [Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the Los Angeles County Code](#).

8.8.2 Written Employee Jury Service Policy

- Unless the Contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that the Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program ([Section 2.203.020 of the County Code](#)) or that the Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program ([Section 2.203.070 of the County Code](#)), the Contractor must have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees will receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.
- For purposes of this paragraph, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the County or a subcontract with a County contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more in any twelve (12) month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of the Contractor. "Full-time" means forty (40) hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of ninety (90) days or less within a twelve (12) month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If the Contractor uses any subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Contract, the subcontractor will also be subject to the provisions of this paragraph. The provisions of this paragraph will be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program must be attached to the Contract.
- If the Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Contract commences, the Contractor will have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception

status” from the Jury Service Program, and the Contractor must immediately notify the County if the Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program’s definition of “Contractor” or if the Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program. In either event, the Contractor must immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Contract and at its sole discretion, that the Contractor demonstrate, to the County’s satisfaction that the Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program’s definition of “Contractor” and/or that the Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.

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

8.9 Conflict of Interest

8.9.1 No County employee whose position with the County enables such employee to influence the award of this Contract or any competing contract, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, will be employed in any capacity by the Contractor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Contract. No officer or employee of the Contractor who may financially benefit from the performance of work hereunder will in any way participate in the County’s approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such work, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence the County’s approval or ongoing evaluation of such work.

8.9.2 The Contractor must comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Contract. The Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts that create a conflict of interest. If the Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts that might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it must immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to the County. Full written disclosure must include, but is not limited to, identification of all persons implicated and a complete description of all relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this paragraph will be a material breach of this Contract.

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

Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract to perform the services set forth herein, the

Contractor must give first consideration for such employment openings to qualified, permanent County employees who are targeted for layoff or qualified, former County employees who are on a re-employment list during the life of this Contract.

8.11 Consideration of Hiring GAIN/START Participants

8.11.1 Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor will give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program or Skills and Training to Achieve Readiness for Tomorrow (START) Program who meet the contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position. For this purpose, consideration will mean that the Contractor will interview qualified candidates. The County will refer GAIN/START participants by job category to the Contractor. Contractors must report all job openings with job requirements to: gainstart@dpss.lacounty.gov and BSERVICES@OPPORTUNITY.LACOUNTY.GOV and DPSS will refer qualified GAIN/START job candidates.

8.11.2 In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN/START participants are available for hiring, County employees must be given first priority.

8.12 Contractor Responsibility and Debarment

8.12.1 Responsible Contractor

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

8.12.2 Chapter 2.202 of the County Code

The Contractor is hereby notified that, in accordance with [Chapter 2.202 of the County Code](#), if the County acquires information concerning the performance of the Contractor on this or other contracts which indicates that the Contractor is not responsible, the County may, in addition to other remedies provided in the Contract, debar the Contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on County contracts for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five (5) years but may exceed five (5) years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and terminate any or all existing contracts the Contractor may have with the County.

8.12.3 Non-responsible Contractor

The County may debar a contractor if the Board finds, in its discretion, that the Contractor has done any of the following: 1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the

County, 2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Contractor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same, 3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty, or 4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

8.12.4 Contractor Hearing Board

- If there is evidence that the Contractor may be subject to debarment, the Department will notify the Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise the Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
- The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Contractor and/or the Contractor's representative will be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board will prepare a tentative proposed decision, which will contain a recommendation regarding whether the Contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Contractor and the Department will be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board.
- After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision, and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board will be presented to the Board. The Board will have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
- If a Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years, that Contractor may after the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that the Contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: 1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; 2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; 3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or 4) any other reason that is in the best interests of the County.
- The Contractor Hearing Board will consider a request for review of a debarment determination only where 1) the Contractor has been

debarred for a period longer than five (5) years; 2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years; and 3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing will be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.

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

8.12.5 Subcontractors of Contractor

These terms will also apply to subcontractors of County contractors.

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

The Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County contractors to voluntarily post the County's poster, Exhibit G (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) in a prominent position at the Contractor's place of business. The Contractor will also encourage its subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the subcontractor's place of business. Information and posters for printing are available at <https://lacounty.gov/residents/family-services/child-safety/safe-surrender/>.

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

8.14.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from the County through contracts are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon the County and its taxpayers.

8.14.2 As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program ([County Code Chapter 2.200](#)) and without limiting the Contractor's duty under this Contract to comply with all applicable provisions of law, the Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and will during the term

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

8.15 County's Quality Assurance Plan

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

8.16 Damage to County Facilities, Buildings or Grounds

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

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

8.17 Employment Eligibility Verification

8.17.1 The Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing work under this Contract meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in Federal and State statutes and regulations. The Contractor must obtain from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal and State statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, (P.L. 99-603), or as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. The Contractor must retain all such

documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law.

- 8.17.2** The Contractor must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the County, its agents, officers, and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability from third party claims 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 third party 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** Except for the County's payment of outstanding obligations to the Contractor under this Contract, neither party will be liable for such party's failure to perform its obligations under and in accordance with this Contract, if such failure arises out of fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by such party or any of such party's subcontractors), freight embargoes, or other similar events to those described above, but in every such case the failure to perform must be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of such party (such events are referred to in this paragraph as "force majeure events").

- 8.20.2** Notwithstanding the foregoing, a default by a subcontractor of Contractor will not constitute a force majeure event, unless such default

arises out of causes beyond the control of both Contractor and such subcontractor, and without any fault or negligence of either of them. In such case, Contractor will not be liable for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this subparagraph, the term "subcontractor" and "subcontractors" mean subcontractors at any tier.

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

8.21 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

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

8.22 Independent Contractor Status

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

8.23 Indemnification

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

8.24 General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage

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

8.24.2 Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County

- Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to County, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement confirming County and its Agents (defined below) has been given Insured status under the Contractor's General Liability policy, must be delivered to County at the address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under this Contract.
- Renewal Certificates must be provided to County not less than ten (10) days prior to Contractor's policy expiration dates. The County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required contractor and/or sub-contractor insurance policies at any time.
- Certificates must identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Contract by name or number, and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s). The Insured party named on the Certificate must match the name of the contractor identified as the contracting party in this Contract. Certificates must provide the full name of each insurer providing coverage, its NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) identification number, its financial rating, the amounts of any policy deductibles or self-insured retentions exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), and list any County required endorsement forms.

- Neither the County's failure to obtain, nor the County's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), will be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.
- Certificates and copies of any required endorsements must be sent to:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street, 13th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attention: LA County Planning Contract
E-mail: contract@Planning.lacounty.gov

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

8.24.3 Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage

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

8.24.4 Cancellation of or Changes in Insurance

Contractor must provide County with, or Contractor's insurance policies must contain a provision that County will receive, written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance, including insurer, limits of coverage, term of coverage or policy period. The written notice

must be provided to County at least ten (10) days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and thirty (30) days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance may constitute a material breach of the Contract, in the sole discretion of the County, upon which the County may suspend or terminate this Contract.

8.24.5 Failure to Maintain Insurance

Contractor's failure to maintain or to provide acceptable evidence that it maintains the Required Insurance will constitute a material breach of the Contract, upon which County immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Contract in accordance with Section 8.43 of 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. County acknowledges that individual subcontractors hired by the Contractor to perform the services will not be required to comply with the insurance requirements under this Contract.

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 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 dollars (\$1,000,000) per claim and \$2 million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate. Further, Contractor understands and agrees it must maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following this Contract's expiration, termination or cancellation.

8.25.5 Cyber Liability Insurance

The Contractor must secure and maintain cyber liability insurance coverage with limits of \$3 millions per claims and in the aggregate during the term of the Contract, including coverage for: network security liability;

privacy liability; privacy regulatory proceeding, defense, response, expenses and fines; privacy breach expense reimbursement (liability arising from the loss or disclosure of County Information no matter how it occurs); system breach; denial or loss of service; introduction, implantation, or spread of malicious software code; unauthorized access to or use of computer systems; and Data/Information loss and business interruption; any other liability or risk that arises out of the Contract. The Contractor must add the County as an additional insured to its cyber liability insurance policy and provide to the County certificates of insurance evidencing the foregoing upon the County's request. The procuring of the insurance described herein, or delivery of the certificates of insurance described herein, will not be construed as a limitation upon the Contractor's liability or as full performance of its indemnification obligations hereunder. No exclusion/restriction for unencrypted portable devices/media may be on the policy.

8.26 Liquidated Damages

- 8.26.1** If, in the judgment of the 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, 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 Attachment 2 (Performance Requirements Summary (PRS)) Chart of Exhibit A (Statement of Work and Attachments) hereunder, and that the Contractor will be liable to the County for liquidated damages in said amount. Said amount will be deducted from the County's payment to the Contractor; and/or (c) Upon giving five (5) days notice to the Contractor

for failure to correct the deficiencies, the County may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by the County for completion of the work by an alternate source, whether it be County forces or separate private contractor, will be deducted and forfeited from the payment to the Contractor from the County, as determined by the County.

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

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

8.27 Most Favored Public Entity

If the Contractor's prices decline or should the Contractor at any time during the term of this Contract provide the same goods or services under similar quantity and delivery conditions to the State of California or any county, municipality, or district of the State considered as comparable customer at prices below those set forth in this Contract, then such lower prices must be immediately extended to the County. Comparable customer shall take into consideration, by way of example and not limitation, the program type, hiring requirements, training requirements, agent pay and incentives, program incentives, service levels and program metrics, reporting requirements, occupancy, geographic area, volume, quality, staffing targets, limitations of liability and duration of this Contract.

8.28 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action

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

8.28.2 Contractor certifies to the County each of the following:

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

- Where problem areas are identified in employment practices, the Contractor has a system for taking reasonable corrective action, to include establishment of goals or timetables.

- 8.28.3** The Contractor must take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations. Such action must include, but is not limited to: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- 8.28.4** The Contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation.
- 8.28.5** The Contractor certifies and agrees that it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies will comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations to the end that no person will, on the grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract.
- 8.28.6** The Contractor will allow County representatives access to the Contractor's employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this Paragraph 8.28 (Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action) when so requested by the County.
- 8.28.7** If the County finds that any provisions of this Paragraph 8.28 (Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action) have been violated, such violation will constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract. While the County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the Contractor has violated Federal or State anti-discrimination laws or regulations will constitute a finding by the County that the Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract.
- 8.28.8** The parties agree that in the event the Contractor violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract, the County will, at its sole

option, be entitled to the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each such violation pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Contract.

8.29 Non Exclusivity

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

8.30 Notice of Delays

Except as otherwise provided under this Contract, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this Contract, that party must, within one (1) business day, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.

8.31 Notice of Disputes

The Contractor must bring to the attention of the County's Project Manager and/or County's Project Director any dispute between the County and the Contractor regarding the performance of services as stated in this Contract. If the County's Project Manager or County's Project Director is not able to resolve the dispute, the Director or designee will resolve it.

8.32 Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit

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

8.33 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.

8.34 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.

8.35 Public Records Act

8.35.1 Any documents submitted by the Contractor; all information obtained in connection with the County's right to audit and inspect the Contractor's documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to Paragraph 8.38 (Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement) of this Contract; as well as those documents which were required to be submitted in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) used in the solicitation process for this Contract, become the exclusive property of the County. All such documents become a matter of public record and will be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the [California Government Code Section 7921 et seq.](#) (Public Records Act) and which are marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary". The County will not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

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

8.36 Publicity

8.36.1 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.

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

8.37 Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement

- 8.37.1** 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. Subject to County's and its representatives (that are not competitors of Contractor) compliance with Contractor's reasonable policies on confidentiality and information security, and upon prior written notice of at least five (5) days, 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.
- 8.37.2** 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)
- 8.37.3** Failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this subparagraph will constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract.
- 8.37.4** 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.

8.38 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.

8.39 Subcontracting

8.39.1 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. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, County acknowledges that the services are performed by individual independent contractors engaged by the Contractor.

8.39.2 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.

8.39.3 The Contractor must indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless with respect to the activities of each and every subcontractor in the same manner and to the same degree as if such subcontractor(s) were the Contractor employees.

8.39.4 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.

8.39.5 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.

8.39.6 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.

- 8.39.7** 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 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](#).

8.41 Termination for Convenience

- 8.41.1** 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.

- 8.41.2** 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.

- 8.41.3** 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).

8.42 Termination for Default

- 8.42.1** 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.

8.42.2 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.

8.42.3 Except with respect to defaults of any subcontractor, the Contractor will not be liable for any such excess costs of the type identified in Paragraph 8.43.2 if its failure to perform this Contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Such causes may include, but are not limited to: acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the County in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of Federal or State governments in their sovereign capacities, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the Contractor will not be liable for any such excess costs for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this paragraph, the term "subcontractor(s)" means subcontractor(s) at any tier.

8.42.4 If, after the County has given notice of termination under the provisions of Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) it is determined by the County that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) or that the default was excusable under the provisions of subparagraph 8.43.3, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if the notice of termination

had been issued pursuant to Paragraph 8.42 (Termination for Convenience).

- 8.42.5** The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) will not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

8.43 Termination for Improper Consideration

- 8.43.1** 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.

- 8.43.2** 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/>.

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

8.44 Termination for Insolvency

- 8.44.1** 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.

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

8.45 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.

8.46 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.

8.47 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.

8.48 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.

8.49 Warranty Against Contingent Fees

8.49.1 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.

8.49.2 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.

8.50 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](#).

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

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

8.52 Time Off for Voting

The Contractor must notify its employees and must require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the time off for voting law ([Elections Code Section 14000](#)). Not less than ten (10) days before every statewide election, every contractor and subcontractors must keep posted conspicuously at the place of work, if practicable, or elsewhere where it can be seen as employees come or go to their place of work, a notice setting forth the provisions of [Section 14000](#).

8.53 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.

8.54 This Section is Intentionally Omitted

8.55 Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices

Contractor, and its subcontractors, must comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in [California Government Code Section 12952](#). Contractor's violation of this paragraph of the Contract may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract.

8.56 Compliance with the County Policy of Equity

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

8.57 Prohibition from Participation in Future Solicitation(s)

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

8.58 Injury and Illness Prevention Program

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

8.59 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 This Section is Intentionally Omitted

9.2 Ownership of Materials, Software and Copyright

9.2.1 County understands and agrees that it is engaging the Contractor to provide transcription/captioning services of the County-Provided Materials. County will be the sole owner of all right, title and interest, including copyright, in and to all County-Provided Materials transcribed or captioned by the Contractor ("Materials") 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 there in.

9.2.2 Intentionally Omitted

9.2.3 Any and all rights in and to any and all materials, information system, technology, software and tools, forms, methods, workflows, data formats, program names, designs, manuals, source code, object code and other material or information which are developed, owned, or were acquired by or licensed to the Contractor or its affiliate (a) prior to the effective date of this Contract, or (b) after the effective but outside the scope or independent of this Contract, whether or not used by the Contractor or its affiliate in connection with the services or incorporated into the Materials, including all intellectual property rights (hereafter "Contractor Materials") is, will be, and will remain, the exclusive property of the Contractor and/or its third party licenses. If used in the provision of the Services, Contractor Materials must be specifically identified by the Contractor to the County's Project Manager as proprietary or confidential, and must be plainly and prominently marked by the Contractor as "Proprietary" or "Confidential" on each appropriate page of any document containing such material.

9.2.4 The County will use reasonable means to ensure that the Contractor's proprietary and/or confidential items are safeguarded and held in

confidence. The County agrees not to reproduce, distribute or disclose to non-County entities any such proprietary and/or confidential items without the prior written consent of the Contractor.

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

9.3 Patent, Copyright and Trade Secret Indemnification

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

- 9.3.2** In the event any Contractor Material becomes the subject of any third party complaint, claim, or proceeding alleging infringement, such that County's continued use of Contractor Material is formally restrained, enjoined, or subjected to a risk of damages, the Contractor, at its sole expense, must either:

- Procure for County all rights to continued use of the infringing Contractor Material: or
- Replace the infringing Contractor Material, with a non-questioned item; or
- Modify the infringing Contractor Material 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 the 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:

Data Destruction

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 Information Security and Privacy Requirements

Contractor must comply with the requirements set forth in Exhibit I (Information Security and Privacy Requirements).

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 Digital Accessibility Requirements

For any and all websites, webpages, and mobile applications that Contractor designs, hosts, implements or manages on behalf of the County, Contract must comply with Exhibit H (Digital Accessibility Requirements) all applicable accessibility laws, rules, regulations, and industry standard guidelines including, but not limited to, the American with Disabilities Act and the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines](#) (WCAG 2.1), as they may be amended or updated from time to time. Contractor must also promptly comply, without additional cost to County, with any amendments or updates to these accessibility laws, rules, regulations, or industry standard guidelines that become effective during the term of the Contract.

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
Paragraph 8.2	Assignment and Delegation/Mergers or Acquisitions
Paragraph 8.6	Compliance with Applicable Law
Paragraph 8.19	Fair Labor Standards
Paragraph 8.20	Force Majeure
Paragraph 8.21	Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue
Paragraph 8.23	Indemnification
Paragraph 8.24	General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage
Paragraph 8.25	Insurance Coverage
Paragraph 8.26	Liquidated Damages

Paragraph 8.34	Notices
Paragraph 8.38	Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement
Paragraph 8.42	Termination for Convenience
Paragraph 8.43	Termination for Default
Paragraph 8.48	Validity
Paragraph 8.49	Waiver
Paragraph 8.58	Prohibition from Participation in Future Solicitation
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 9.9	Digital Accessibility Requirements
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

(Scott Barli)

By Scott Barli

Name
Chief Executive Officer

Title

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____

Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

EDWARD YEN

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

By _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By Kathy Park
Deputy County Counsel

STATEMENT OF WORK AND ATTACHMENTS

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The County of Los Angeles (County) Department of Regional Planning (DRP) is seeking a qualified contractor (Contractor) to provide real-time captioning and transcription for administrative hearings of the DRP. Contractor will also provide transcripts of the hearings for record-keeping and legal purposes.

DRP performs all land use planning and zoning functions for the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. DRP is responsible for formulating long-range land use plans and policies, reviewing development proposals, and responding to zoning enforcement requests. Land use and zoning decisions are made via administrative review by staff or public hearings by two decision-making bodies: the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) and Hearing Officer (HO). RPC is made up of five Planning Commissioners appointed by the County Board of Supervisors (Board). It advises the Board on land use planning matters such as subdivisions, zoning changes, variances, permits, Countywide and community plans. To expedite planning services to the 1 million residents and business owners, DRP assigns staff as Hearing Officers to review and make decisions on less controversial cases.

In an effort to provide reasonable accommodations as required by the American with Disabilities Act, Respective real-time captioning of the hearings on hearing days can be found: <https://lactrp.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. The Contractor will assist DRP in real-time captioning of any administrative hearings and provide necessary transcripts as required.

1.2 Hearing Room Setup and Equipment

DRP has a hearing room audio and video system which consists of a Zoom live-streaming and recording system and a Crestron presentation system to source the displays on different screens.

2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

2.1 Service Frequency

2.1.1 Onsite Public Hearings/Meetings

Public Hearings are held by the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) every Wednesday and by the Hearing Officers (HO) every other Tuesday in the RPC Hearing Room at DRP's headquarters located at 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Contractor provides real time captioning services during these hearings.

The hearing schedules are available at DRP website:

- Approved RPC Hearing Schedule can be found on DRP's RPC website: <https://planning.lacounty.gov/public-hearings-and-meetings/regional-planning-commission/> .
- Approved HO Hearing Schedule can be found on DRP's HO website: <https://planning.lacounty.gov/public-hearings-and-meetings/hearing-officer/> .

A public hearing generally starts at 9:00 a.m. and continues until all items on the agenda for that day are heard. It ranges from minutes to hours depending on the agendas and DRP cannot guarantee the duration of these hearings. Historically, for the last 12-month period, DRP held a total of approximately 120 hours of public hearings.

2.2 Tasks

Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to provide services as follows:

2.2.1 Real time Captioning Service

Ninety percent (90%) of the Contractor's work is real time captioning services, which means that the Contractor will log in to listen to live public hearing and provide real time captioning services. For the last 12-month period, DRP held a total of approximately 120 hours (approximately 7,200 minutes) of public hearings.

- Provide real-time captioning for the administrative hearings of the DRP.
- Provide a solution to enable captioned text to be streamed on the DRP's Internet website.
- Ensure the availability of a captioner for every hearing and an alternate captioner in the event that the scheduled captioner is unable to provide services.
- Assign highly-skilled captioners who possess the ability to accurately transcribe and transmit simultaneous captions at the time of the webcast of the hearing. To improve accuracy, captioners may want to review the hearing agenda prior to a hearing to be familiar with the nature of upcoming hearing.
- DRP reserves the right to reject captioners not meeting a minimum level of professional competence (i.e. inability to keep pace with normal administrative hearing conversation and/or read back testimony).

2.2.2 Caption and Transcription Services

- Captioned Transcription: Provide the DRP with an electronic copy of the unedited caption transcript within 72 hours of the conclusion of a hearing with

the following specifications. This unedited caption transcript shall be provided to DRP at no additional cost.

- Formatted in text format
- .sami file or other type of file format that can be easily uploaded to DRP's website
- Verbatim Transcript: On occasion and upon request, provide DRP with a verbatim transcript at any time during the period of time captioning notes are retained, with the following specifications. DRP will provide the audio recording of the meeting/hearing for which transcripts are requested. DRP have not requested this service for the last 12-month period.
 - Edited
 - Time-coded
 - Speakers identified by name and title
 - Numbered text lines for easy page and line reference
 - Normal turnaround time of ten (10) business days, or expedited upon request
- Certified Transcript: On occasion and upon request, provide DRP with a certified transcript at any time during the period of time captioning notes are retained with the following specifications. DRP will provide the audio recording of the meeting/hearing for which transcripts are requested.
 - Edited
 - Time coded
 - Speakers identified by name and title in bold text
 - Numbered text lines for easy page and line reference
 - Formatted as a legal document
 - A copy page
 - A certification page signed by a California Shorthand Reporter (CSR), Certified Real-time Reporter (CRR) or Registered Professional Reporter (RPR), certifying the transcript (see Exhibit A-1)
 - Normal turnaround time of ten (10) business days, or expedited upon request

3.0 ADDITION AND/OR DELETION OF TASKS AND/OR WORK HOURS

Captioning and transcription services are needed when hearings take place. Thus, Contractor must be aware of and willing to accept modifications to accommodate special tasks which may arise during the course of the contract, including adding/deleting specific tasks, work products, meetings, and/or work hours. Contractor may be notified by DRP of desired changes including but not limited to the following:

- Contractor must provide qualified captioner(s) for special meetings/hearings upon request from DRP. DRP will notify Contractor at least (3) days in advance.
- DRP may cancel scheduled service up to twenty-four (24) hours before a scheduled hearing if the hearing is unexpectedly cancelled.

4.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

The County shall evaluate the Contractor's performance. Written notification of a Contract discrepancy shall be made to the County Contract Monitor as soon as possible whenever a Contract discrepancy is identified. The problem shall be resolved within a time period mutually agreed upon by the County and the Contractor.

The County Contract Monitor shall determine whether a formal Contract Discrepancy Report (see Exhibit A-2) shall be issued. Upon receipt of this document, the Contractor is required to respond in writing to the County Contract Monitor within five (5) workdays, acknowledging the reported discrepancies or presenting contrary evidence. A plan for correction of all deficiencies identified in the Contract Discrepancy Report shall be submitted to the County Contract Monitor within ten (10) workdays.

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

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

COUNTY

5.1 Personnel

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

- 5.1.1 Monitoring the Contractor's performance in the daily operation of this Contract.
- 5.1.2 Providing direction to the Contractor in areas relating to policy, information and procedural requirements.
- 5.1.3 Preparing Amendments in accordance with the Contract, Paragraph 8. Standard Terms and Conditions, Sub-paragraph 8.1 Amendments.

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5.2 Project Manager

- 5.2.1 Contractor shall provide a full-time Project Manager or designated alternate. Contractor shall provide a telephone number and an email address where the Project Manager may be reached Monday through Friday, except County holidays, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- 5.2.2 Project Manager shall act as a central point of contact with the County.
- 5.2.3 Project Manager/alternate shall have full authority to act for Contractor on all matters relating to the daily operation of the Contract. Project Manager/alternate shall be able to effectively communicate, in English, both orally and in writing.

5.3 Personnel

- 5.3.1 Contractor shall assign a sufficient number of employees to perform the required work. If providing audio and video services, then the employee on-site must be authorized to act for the Contractor in every detail. If the employee is a captioner hired to do off-site work, then that employee must be authorized to act for the Contractor in every detail. The employee in both cases must speak and understand English.
- 5.3.2 Contractor may be required to background check their employees as set forth in sub-paragraph 7.5 – Background and Security Investigations, of the Contract.
- 5.3.3 Contractor shall provide training programs for all employees including captioners assigned to this Contract and continuing in-service training for all employees assigned to this Contract.
- 5.3.4 All employees including captioners of Contractor shall be trained in their assigned tasks and be properly certified.
- 5.3.5 All employees including captioners shall be trained in the safe handling of equipment in accordance to OSHA standards.

5.4 Materials and Equipment

- 5.4.1 For public meetings, the purchase of all materials/equipment to provide the services is the responsibility of the Contractor. Contractor shall use materials and equipment that are safe for the environment and safe for use by the employee.

5.5 Contractor's Office

- 5.5.1 Contractor shall maintain an office with a telephone in the company's name where Contractor conducts business. The office shall be staffed during the hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, by at least one employee who can respond to inquire and complaints which may be received about the Contractor's performance of the Contract.

- 5.5.2 When the office is closed, an answering service shall be provided to receive calls. Contractor shall answer calls received by the answering service within two (2) hours of receipt of the call.

6.0 HOURS/DAY OF WORK

Contractor will be available Monday through Friday, except County holidays, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM to respond to County inquiries. The County may require the Contractor to make presentations or attend meetings during flexible, non-traditional hours in accordance with the public outreach plan(s).

7.0 UNSCHEDULED WORK

Captioning and transcription services are needed when hearings take place. Thus, Contractor must be aware of and willing to accept modifications to accommodate special tasks which may arise during the course of the contract, including adding/deleting specific tasks, work products, meetings, and/or work hours. Contractor will be notified by DRP of desired changes including but not limited to the following:

- Contractor must provide qualified captioner(s) for special meetings/hearings upon request from DRP. DRP will notify Contractor at least 3 days in advance.
- DRP may cancel scheduled service up to 24 hours before a scheduled hearing if the hearing is unexpectedly cancelled.

8.0 GREEN INITIATIVES

- 8.1 Contractor shall use reasonable efforts to initiate “green” practices for environmental and energy conservation benefits, with “green initiatives” referring to voluntary practices that support these goals.
- 8.2 Contractor shall notify County’s Project Manager of Contractor’s new green initiatives prior to the contract commencement.

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Client Scheduling Portal To provide transparency and reduce coordination time, the Client Scheduling Portal allows authorized City users to:

- **Confirm receipt and status** of scheduling requests (date, time, event details).
- **View assigned captioner details** (contact information and assignment status).
- **Review event setup requirements** (platform, connectivity, access instructions).
- **Submit updates and adjustments in real time**, with confirmations reflected in the portal and acknowledged by scheduling staff.

This combined human-led and portal-supported workflow ensures prompt acknowledgment, clear assignment visibility, and accurate technical setup prior to each session.

Staffing and Assignment. TP RapidText maintains a large pool of professional steno captioners with experience in broadcast, public meetings, and complex events. Captioners are assigned based on subject-matter familiarity, demonstrated realtime speed and accuracy, platform proficiency, and prior performance with comparable City events. When feasible, the same captioner or small team is assigned to recurring meetings to build continuity with names, places, and topic areas.

Preparation and On-Event Execution Prior to each meeting, captioners review available materials and update their personal dictionaries with City-specific terminology, participant names, and agenda topics. During events, captioners perform live corrections and capture emergent terms; new or uncommon terms are added to dictionaries during breaks to avoid recurrence. This disciplined preparation contributes to accuracy and fluency throughout the session.

Quality Assurance. Quality control is embedded across the lifecycle of service delivery. Captioners undergo routine accuracy testing and performance monitoring. Random transcript reviews check adherence to style, accuracy thresholds, and consistency. Any captioner falling below performance expectations is temporarily reassigned and provided targeted coaching before resuming City work.

Technical Support and Continuity. Engineering and scheduling personnel are available to validate connectivity, platform configurations, and signal flow prior to start time. Documented backup procedures enable rapid activation of alternate captioners in the event of illness, outages, or other disruptions. Each assignment generates a raw caption file that is retained for

the contract term to support audit, investigation, and continuous improvement. These practices—assignment discipline, advance preparation, integrated QA, and defined continuity protocols—enable consistent, accurate delivery that meets the scope of work.

High-quality captioning begins with thorough preparation and controlled, repeatable processes. Captioners research current City topics, update dictionaries, and apply real-time editorial judgment to maintain accuracy. After each meeting, they refine dictionaries and notations to improve subsequent sessions. By prioritizing consistent staffing for recurring meetings, the team deepens familiarity with City-specific vocabulary and discussion patterns, enhancing accuracy over time.

All assignments produce raw caption files retained for quality review and continuous improvement. Performance expectations include accuracy and speed benchmarks appropriate to realtime captioning, supported by internal testing standards that meet or exceed commonly used industry thresholds. Technical proficiency, punctual starts, and responsive client service are treated as core quality metrics alongside linguistic accuracy.

TP RapidText follows documented, factual procedures designed to ensure uninterrupted, accurate service and timely issue resolution:

- Standardized accuracy testing and scoring with periodic revalidation
- Documented incident reporting and supervisor review for any service anomalies
- Defined coaching and remediation steps when performance falls below thresholds
- Backup captioner activation procedures to maintain service continuity
- Transcript and raw caption file retention for the duration of the contract term
- Continuity plans for emergencies or technical interruptions, including platform contingencies and escalation paths

These procedures are applied consistently to prevent recurrence of issues, maintain service quality, and provide the City with reliable, auditable performance.

Approach to Providing Required Services

TP RapidText presents the following methodology to ensure the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning receives seamless, compliant, and high-accuracy captioning services.

C.1 Project Management

Our organizational structure is designed for accountability and rapid communication.



- **Team Roles & Responsibilities:**
 - Project Manager (Sharon Turner): Serves as the primary County liaison, managing contract compliance, QA, and long-term scheduling strategy.
 - Realtime Manager (Christopher Keveny): Leads technical integration (Zoom/Crestron) and provides master control IT support.
 - Scheduling/Admin Team: Operates the Client Scheduling Portal, ensuring daily administrative requests, updates, and cancellations are handled immediately.
- **Emergency/Unscheduled Work:** We triage all emergency or short-notice requests via our scheduling department within one hour. Our "pod-based" staffing allows for immediate re-assignment of qualified captioners if the originally scheduled staffer is unavailable.
- **Public Hearing Execution: Preparation:** Captioners access the DRP Legistar calendar to review agendas 24–48 hours prior to hearings. They update dictionaries with land-use terminology, project names, and Commissioner identities.
 - Live Delivery: Captioners establish a secure connection to the DRP's Zoom environment at least 30 minutes prior to the 9:00 a.m. start time to perform signal-flow testing.
- **Deliverables:**
 - Unedited Transcripts: Delivered in .sami or text format within 24 hours (exceeding the SOW 72-hour requirement).
 - Verbatim/Certified Transcripts: Prepared by CSR/CRR/RPR-certified staff and formatted per Exhibit A-1 requirements, including timecoding and speaker ID.
- **Emergency Service Protocol:** In the event of an emergency hearing request, our team utilizes a pre-vetted roster of captioners available for 3-day notice deployments. We maintain 24/7 technical readiness/7, allowing us to pivot resources during unexpected meeting changes or technical outages.

C.3 Quality Control Plan

- **Monitoring Activities:** We monitor real-time accuracy, latency, punctuality, and technical stability for every hearing.
- **Monitoring Methods & Frequency:** Live Monitoring: Random spot-checks by our Realtime Manager for high-stakes hearings.
 - Post-Hearing Audit: Mandatory review of the first 30 minutes of every session's transcript against the 99% accuracy benchmark.
- **Incident Reporting Procedures**

Documenting service incidents is a critical component of our quality assurance program. If an irregularity arises during a real-time assignment, the captioner immediately notifies the client and/or Teleperformance RapidText Technical Support to facilitate rapid resolution and preserve service quality.



- Regardless of whether assistance is required or the issue is resolved prior to airtime, the captioner is required to complete a standardized Teleperformance RapidText **Incident Report** and submit it to the Real-Time Department. Incidents may include, but are not limited to, unexpected schedule changes, technical issues, connectivity problems, or platform disruptions.
- The Incident Report captures the date, time, client name, meeting details, and a narrative description of the incident. Reports are submitted via email to the Real-Time Department, reviewed by management, and retained on file for the duration of the contract.
- **Documentation & Forms:** We utilize standardized Quality Audit Logs to track errors and response times. Results are compiled monthly and shared with the County Contract Monitor.
- **Personnel Qualifications:** Monitoring is performed by our Realtime Manager
- **Corrective Action:** If a performance discrepancy is identified:
 1. Immediate Remediation: The captioner is reassigned/replaced.
 2. Root Cause Analysis: We analyze logs to identify if the failure was linguistic, technical, or procedural.
 3. Formal Response: We commit to acknowledging any Contract Discrepancy Report (CDR) within five (5) workdays and submitting a formal plan for correction within ten (10) workdays as specified in the SOW.

SAMPLE INCIDENT REPORT

*** TO BE SENT TO RAPIDTEXT WITHIN ONE HOUR OF INCIDENT ***

CONFIDENTIAL

Account Name:

Student's Name: Method of Connectivity:

Date of Incident: Time of Assignment:

Time of Incident: Captioning Time Lost:

Event/Class Name:

Captioner: Reported by:

TYPE OF PROBLEM:

- ☐ Technical - client
 ☐ Technical – captionist
 ☐ Technical – software
- ☐ Connectivity - client
 ☐ Connectivity – captionist
 ☐ Audio
- ☐ Scheduling Conflict
 ☐ Inaccurate Information
 ☐ Other

Specific Details of Problem:

Action:

CONTRACT DISCREPENCY REPORT

CONTRACT DISCREPANCY REPORT

CONTRACTOR RESPONSE DUE BY _____

Date:		Contractor Response Received:
Contractor:	Contract No.	County's Project Manager:
Contact Person:	Telephone:	County's Project Manager Signature:
Email:		Email:

A contract discrepancy(s) is specified below. The Contractor will take corrective action and respond back to the County personnel identified above by the date required. Failure to take corrective action or respond to this Contract Discrepancy Report by the date specified may result in the deduction of damages.

No.	Contract Discrepancy	Contractor's Response*	County Use Only		
			Date Correction Due	Date Completed	Approved
1					
2					
3					

*Use additional sheets if necessary

Contractor's Representative Signature

Date Signed

Additional Comments:

PRICING SCHEDULE

EXHIBIT B

PRICING SCHEDULE

REMOTE, REALTIME CAPTIONING – ENGLISH

Live steno-captioning for broadcast, webcasts, meetings, teleconferences, classes and events

- \$118/hour
- Meetings scheduled for one hour or less will be billed a one-hour minimum.
- Meetings scheduled for longer than one hour will be billed as scheduled, rounded up in 15-minute increments.
- No additional sur-charge for meetings that extend past the original scheduled meeting time.
- Unedited caption files to be emailed to the County at no additional cost within 72 hours.

Cancellation Policy:

There will be no charge for meetings cancelled with at least 24 hours' notice. Once scheduled, meetings cancelled with less than 24-hours' notice (business days) will be billed as scheduled. Notice must be sent via email to newportrealtime@teleperformance.com and is effective at the time received on Monday through Friday between 5 am and 6 pm Pacific Time, or as otherwise confirmed in writing by Teleperformance RapidText. Please note that notifying a captioner is not considered Notification for cancellation purposes.

REMOTE, REALTIME CAPTIONING – SPANISH

Live steno-captioning for broadcast, webcasts, meetings, teleconferences, classes and events

- Spanish to Spanish (\$200/hour)
- English to Spanish/Spanish to English (\$200/hour)
- Meetings scheduled for one hour or less will be billed a one-hour minimum.
- Meetings scheduled for longer than one hour will be billed as scheduled, rounded up in 15-minute increments.
- No additional sur-charge for meetings that extend past the original scheduled meeting time.
- Unedited caption files to be emailed to the County at no additional cost within 72 hours.

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REMOTE, AUTO TRANSLATION (ai)- ALL LanguagesLive steno-captioning for broadcast, webcasts, meetings, teleconferences, classes and events

- · \$30 per language stream per hour
- · AI Translation based on human or ai captioning
- · Many languages available
- · Meetings scheduled for one hour or less will be billed a one-hour minimum.
- · Meetings scheduled for longer than one hour will be billed as scheduled, rounded up in 15-minute increments.
- · No additional sur-charge for meetings that extend past the original scheduled meeting time.
- · Unedited caption files to be emailed to the County at no additional cost within 72 hours.

TRANSCRIPTION – ENGLISH

Verbatim transcripts of any recorded audio/video content; Timecoded with speakers identified by name and title; Numbered test lines;

- \$3.50 per minute/ \$210 hour
- Partial minutes are counted as one minute.
- Minimum order: 30 minutes of content.
- Let us know in advance if you are sending individual files that should be invoiced together as one order.
- Transcripts will be delivered within 3-5 business depending on length of files.

VIDEO OFFLINE CAPTIONING

- \$4.50 per minute/ \$270 hour
- Roll up or Pop on style captioning
- Delivery and creation of embedded digital files and DVD's.
- Partial minutes are counted as one minute.
- Minimum order: 30 minutes of content @ \$4.50 per minute thereafter. Let us know in advance if you are sending individual files that should be invoiced together as one order.

FEE ADJUSTMENT

- CPI Adjustment. On the anniversary of the Effective Date during the term of the Contract, the Contractor shall have the right to adjust the prices herein set forth, up to an amount equal to the percentile increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the prior year's CPI. CPI means a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services.
- Wage Adjustment. If there are any mandatory wage increase at any time during the term of the Contract, the Contractor may increase the prices for the services for an amount equal to any mandatory wage increase established by a governmental entity.
- Change in Applicable Law or Regulation. At any time after a law or regulation is enacted or implemented that increases the costs for the Contractor to provide the services, the Contractor may increase the prices for the Services set by an amount equal to the increase in costs directly related to the newly enacted law or regulation.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Real time captioning service is generally required on Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting from 9 a.m. until the hearing/meeting is adjourned. The Contractor will also provide as needed service with prior notification from DRP.

COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATIONCONTRACT NO. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)**COUNTY'S PROJECT DIRECTOR:**

Name:	Kevin Finkel
Address:	320 W. Temple Street 13 th Floor
	Los Angeles, CA 90012
Telephone:	213-974-4854
E-mail Address:	kfinkel@planning.lacounty.gov

COUNTY'S PROJECT MANAGER:

Name:	Elida Luna
Address:	320 W. Temple Street 13 th Floor
	Los Angeles, CA 90012
Telephone:	213-974-0889
E-mail Address:	eluna@planning.lacounty.gov

COUNTY'S CONTRACT MANAGER:

Name:	Brandon Turner
Address:	320 W. Temple Street 13 th Floor
	Los Angeles, CA 90012
Telephone:	Click or tap here to enter text.
E-mail Address:	bturner@planning.lacounty.gov

CONTRACTOR'S ADMINISTRATION

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: TP RapidText CONTRACT NO. _____

CONTRACTOR'S PROJECT MANAGER:

Name: Sharon Turner

Title: Account Executive

Address: _____

Telephone: 562-221-7630

E-mail Address: sharon.turner@tp.com

CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL(S):

Name: Sharon Turner

Title: Account Executive

Address: _____

Telephone: 562-221-7630

E-mail Address: sharon.turner@tp.com

Name: Christopher.Keveny

Title: Direcor of Operations

Address: _____

Telephone: 818-482-1508

E-mail Address: christopher.keveny@teleperformance.com

NOTICES TO CONTRACTOR:

Name: Sharon Turner

Title: Account Executive

Address: _____

Telephone: 562-221-7630

E-mail Address: sharon.turner@tp.com

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

Contractor Name: TPUSA, Inc. (TP RapidText)

Contract No

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

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

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

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

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

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

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

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

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

SIGNATURE: Scott BarliDATE: 2026/07/22PRINTED NAME: Scott BarliPOSITION: CEO

INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS

INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS EXHIBIT

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

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

- a. **Availability:** the condition of Information being accessible and usable upon demand by an authorized entity (Workforce Member or process).
- b. **Confidentiality:** the condition that Information is not disclosed to system entities (users, processes, devices) unless they have been authorized to access the Information.
- c. **County Information:** all Data and Information belonging to the County.
- d. **Data:** a subset of Information comprised of qualitative or quantitative values.
- e. **Incident:** a suspected, attempted, successful, or imminent Threat of unauthorized electronic and/or physical access, use, disclosure, breach, modification, or destruction of information; interference with Information Technology operations; or significant violation of County policy.
- f. **Information:** any communication or representation of knowledge or understanding such as facts, Data, or opinions in any medium or form, including electronic, textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative, or audiovisual.
- g. **Information Security Policy:** high level statements of intention and direction of an organization used to create an organization's Information Security Program as formally expressed by its top management.

- h. **Information Security Program:** formalized and implemented Information Security Policies, standards and procedures that are documented describing the program management safeguards and common controls in place or those planned for meeting the County's information security requirements.
- i. **Information Technology:** any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment that is used in the automatic acquisition, storage, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of Data or Information.
- j. **Integrity:** the condition whereby Data or Information has not been improperly modified or destroyed and authenticity of the Data or Information can be ensured.
- k. **Mobile Device Management (MDM):** software that allows Information Technology administrators to control, secure, and enforce policies on smartphones, tablets, and other endpoints.
- l. **Privacy Policy:** high level statements of intention and direction of an organization used to create an organization's Privacy Program as formally expressed by its top management.
- m. **Privacy Program:** A formal document that provides an overview of an organization's privacy program, including a description of the structure of the privacy program, the resources dedicated to the privacy program, the role of the organization's privacy official and other staff, the strategic goals and objectives of the Privacy Program, and the program management controls and common controls in place or planned for meeting applicable privacy requirements and managing privacy risks.
- n. **Risk:** a measure of the extent to which the County is threatened by a potential circumstance or event, Risk is typically a function of: (i) the adverse impacts that would arise if the circumstance or event occurs; and (ii) the likelihood of occurrence.
- o. **Threat:** any circumstance or event with the potential to adversely impact County operations (including mission, functions, image, or reputation), organizational assets, individuals, or other organizations through an Information System via unauthorized access, destruction, disclosure, modification of Information, and/or denial of service.
- p. **Vulnerability:** a weakness in a system, application, network or process that is subject to exploitation or misuse.
- q. **Workforce Member:** employees, volunteers, and other persons whose conduct, in the performance of work for Los Angeles County, is under the direct control of Los Angeles County, whether or not they are paid by Los Angeles County. This includes, but may not be limited to, full and part time elected or appointed officials, employees, affiliates, associates, students, volunteers, and staff from third party entities who provide service to the County.

2. INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY PROGRAMS

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

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

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

The Contractor's Information Security Program must:

- Protect the Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability of County Information in the Contractor's possession or control;
- Protect against any anticipated Threats or hazards to the Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability of County Information;
- Protect against unauthorized or unlawful access, use, disclosure, alteration, or destruction of County Information;
- Protect against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, County Information; and
- Safeguard County Information in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations which apply to the Contractor.

- b. **Privacy Program.** The Contractor must establish and maintain a company-wide Privacy Program designed to incorporate Privacy Policies and practices in its business operations to provide safeguards for Information, including County Information. The Contractor's Privacy Program must include the development of, and ongoing reviews and updates to Privacy Policies, guidelines, procedures and appropriate workforce privacy training within its organization. These Privacy Policies, guidelines, procedures, and appropriate training will be provided to all Contractor employees, agents, and volunteers. The Contractor's Privacy Policies, guidelines, and procedures must be continuously reviewed and updated for effectiveness and compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and to appropriately respond to new and emerging Threats and Risks. The Contractor's Privacy Program must perform ongoing monitoring and audits of operations to identify and mitigate privacy Threats.

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

The Contractor's Privacy Program must include:

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

3. PROPERTY RIGHTS TO COUNTY INFORMATION

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

4. CONTRACTOR'S USE OF COUNTY INFORMATION

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

5. SHARING COUNTY INFORMATION AND DATA

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

6. CONFIDENTIALITY

- a. **Confidentiality of County Information.** The Contractor agrees that all County Information is Confidential and proprietary to the County regardless of whether such Information was disclosed intentionally or unintentionally, or marked as "confidential".
- b. **Disclosure of County Information.** The Contractor may disclose County Information only as necessary to carry out its obligations under this Contract, or as required by law, and is prohibited from using County Information for any other purpose without the prior express written approval of the County's contract administrator in consultation with the County's Chief Information Security Officer and/or Chief Privacy Officer. If required by a court of competent jurisdiction or an administrative body to disclose County Information, the Contractor must notify the County's contract administrator immediately and prior to any such disclosure, to provide the County an opportunity to oppose or otherwise respond to such disclosure, unless prohibited by law from doing so.
- c. **Disclosure Restrictions of Non-Public Information.** While performing work under the Contract, the Contractor may encounter County Non-public Information ("NPI") in the course of performing this Contract, including, but not limited to, licensed technology, drawings,

schematics, manuals, sealed court records, and other materials described and/or identified as “Internal Use”, “Confidential” or “Restricted” as defined in [Board of Supervisors Policy 6.104 – Information Classification Policy](#) as NPI. The Contractor must not disclose or publish any County NPI and material received or used in performance of this Contract. This obligation is perpetual.

- d. **Individual Requests.** The Contractor must acknowledge any request or instructions from the County regarding the exercise of any individual’s privacy rights provided under applicable federal or state laws. The Contractor must have in place appropriate policies and procedures to promptly respond to such requests and comply with any request or instructions from the County within seven (7) calendar days. If an individual makes a request directly to the Contractor involving County Information, the Contractor must notify the County within five (5) calendar days and the County will coordinate an appropriate response, which may include instructing the Contractor to assist in fulfilling the request. Similarly, if the Contractor receives a privacy or security complaint from an individual regarding County Information, the Contractor must notify the County as described in Section 14 SECURITY AND PRIVACY INCIDENTS, and the County will coordinate an appropriate response.
- e. **Retention of County Information.** The Contractor must not retain any County Information for any period longer than necessary for the Contractor to fulfill its obligations under the Contract and applicable law, whichever is longest.

7. CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. SUBCONTRACTORS AND THIRD PARTIES

The County acknowledges that in the course of performing its services, the Contractor may desire or require the use of goods, services, and/or assistance of Subcontractors or other third parties or suppliers. The terms of this Exhibit will also apply to all Subcontractors and third parties. The Contractor or third party will be subject to the following terms and conditions: (i) each Subcontractor and third party must agree in writing to comply with and be bound by the applicable terms and conditions of this Exhibit, both for itself and to enable the Contractor to be and remain in compliance with its obligations hereunder, including those provisions relating to Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability, disclosures, security, and such other terms and conditions as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the Contract including this Exhibit; and (ii) the Contractor will be and remain fully liable for the acts and omissions of each Subcontractor and third party, and fully responsible for the due and proper performance of all Contractor obligations under this Contract.

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

9. STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION

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

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

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

10. RETURN OR DESTRUCTION OF COUNTY INFORMATION

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

- a. **Return or Destruction.** Upon County's written request, or upon expiration or termination of this Contract for any reason, Contractor must (i) promptly return or destroy, at the County's option, all originals and copies of all documents and materials it has received containing County Information; or (ii) if return or destruction is not permissible under applicable law, continue to protect such Information in accordance with the terms of this Contract; and (iii) deliver or destroy, at the County's option, all originals and copies of all summaries, records, descriptions, modifications, negatives, drawings, adoptions and other documents or materials, whether in writing or in machine-readable form, prepared by the Contractor, prepared under its direction, or at its request, from the documents and materials referred to in Subsection (i) of this Section. For all documents or materials referred to in Subsections (i) and (ii) of this Section that the County requests be returned to the County, the Contractor must provide a written attestation on company letterhead certifying that all documents and materials have been delivered to the County. For documents or materials referred to in Subsections (i) and (ii) of this Section that the County requests be destroyed, the Contractor must provide an attestation on company letterhead and certified documentation from a media destruction firm consistent with subdivision b of this Section. Upon termination or expiration of the Contract or at any time upon the County's request, the Contractor must return all hardware, if any, provided by the County to the Contractor. The hardware should be physically sealed and returned via a bonded courier, or as otherwise directed by the County.
- b. **Method of Destruction.** The Contractor must destroy all originals and copies by (i) cross-cut shredding paper, film, or other hard copy media so that the Information cannot be read or otherwise reconstructed; and (ii) purging, or destroying electronic media containing County Information consistent with NIST Special Publication 800-88, "Guidelines for Media Sanitization" such that the County Information cannot be retrieved. The Contractor will provide an attestation on company letterhead and certified documentation from a media destruction firm, detailing the destruction method used and the County Information involved, the date of destruction, and the company or individual who performed the destruction. Such statement will be sent to the designated County contract manager within ten (10) days of termination or expiration of the Contract or at any time upon the County's request. On termination or expiration of this Contract, the County will return or destroy all Contractor's Information marked as confidential (excluding items licensed to the County hereunder, or that provided to the County by the Contractor hereunder), at the County's option.

11. PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY

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

All Contractor facilities that process County Information will be maintained with physical and environmental controls (temperature and humidity) that meet or exceed hardware manufacturer's specifications.

12. OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS CONTINUITY, AND DISASTER RECOVERY

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

The Contractor must have business continuity and disaster recovery plans. These plans must include a geographically separate back-up data center and a formal framework by which an unplanned event will be managed to minimize the loss of County Information and services. The formal framework includes a defined back-up policy and associated procedures, including documented policies and procedures designed to: (i) perform back-up of data to a remote back-up data center in a scheduled and timely manner; (ii) provide effective controls to safeguard backed-up data; (iii) securely transfer County Information to and from back-up location; (iv) fully restore applications and operating systems; and (v) demonstrate periodic testing of restoration from back-up location. If the Contractor makes backups to removable media (as described in Section 9 STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION), all such backups must be encrypted in compliance with the encryption requirements noted above in Section 9 STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF COUNTY INFORMATION.

13. ACCESS CONTROL

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

The Contractor must implement formal procedures to control access to County systems, services, and/or Information, including, but not limited to, user account management procedures and the following controls:

- a. Network access to both internal and external networked services must be controlled, including, but not limited to, the use of industry standard and properly configured firewalls;

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

14. SECURITY AND PRIVACY INCIDENTS

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

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

County Chief Information Security Officer and Chief Privacy Officer email

CISO-CPO_Notify@lacounty.gov

Chief Information Security Officer:

James Thurmond
Acting Chief Information Security Officer
320 W Temple, 7th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012
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JThurmond@cio.lacounty.gov

Chief Privacy Officer:

Lillian Russell
Chief Privacy Officer
320 W Temple, 7th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 351-5363
LRussell@ceo.lacounty.gov

Departmental Information Security Officer:

Name: Amirah Alim
Departmental Information Security Officer
Address: 320 West Temple Street, 13th Floor

City, State Zip: Los Angeles, CA 90012
Telephone: 213-974-6587
Email address: aalim@planning.lacounty.gov

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

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

15. NON-EXCLUSIVE EQUITABLE REMEDY

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

16. AUDIT AND INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

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

17. CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE

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

The Contractor must secure and maintain cyber liability insurance coverage with limits of at least \$3 million per claims and in the aggregate during the term of the Contract, including coverage for: network security liability; privacy liability; privacy regulatory proceeding defense, response, expenses and fines; privacy breach expense reimbursement (liability arising from the loss or disclosure of County Information no matter how it occurs); system breach; denial or loss of service; introduction, implantation, or spread of malicious software code; unauthorized access to or use of computer systems; and Data/Information loss and business interruption; any other liability or risk that arises out of the Contract. The Contractor must add the County as an additional insured to its cyber liability insurance policy and provide to the County certificates of insurance evidencing the foregoing upon the County's request. The procuring of the insurance described herein, or delivery of the certificates of insurance described herein, must not be construed as a limitation upon the Contractor's liability or as full performance of its indemnification obligations hereunder. No exclusion/restriction for unencrypted portable devices/media may be on the policy.

18. PRIVACY AND SECURITY INDEMNIFICATION

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

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

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

DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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These requirements are compliance standards for all websites, applications, documents, and video content published by or on behalf of the County of Los Angeles (“County”) to ensure meeting accessibility requirements for individuals with disabilities, including those who rely on assistive technologies. These requirements are based on Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which requires state and local governments to provide equal access to programs, services, and activities; and the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines](#) (WCAG) 2.1 Levels A and AA, which define international requirements for accessible web content.

These requirements apply to County contractors responsible for developing, maintaining, or publishing digital content. This includes digital content included on external and internal websites, web applications, mobile applications, documents, multimedia, social media, maps and dashboards, and third-party applications.

Definitions

- **Web Content Accessibility Guidelines [WCAG](#) 2.1:** Version 2.1, developed by the W3C. Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 covers a wide range of recommendations for making web content more accessible. Following these guidelines will make content more accessible to a wider range of people with disabilities, including accommodations for blindness and low vision, deafness and hearing loss, limited movement, speech disabilities, photosensitivity, and combinations of these, and some accommodation for learning disabilities and cognitive limitations; but will not address every user need for people with these disabilities. These guidelines address accessibility of web content on any kind of device (including desktops, laptops, kiosks, and mobile devices). The guidelines are intended to make web content more usable to users in general.
- **Level A/AA:** Conformance levels representing basic and intermediate accessibility requirements.
- **Assistive Technology:** Devices or software (e.g., screen readers, magnifiers) that help individuals with disabilities interact with digital content.
- **Automated Testing:** The use of software tools to scan digital content for accessibility issues that can be detected programmatically. Automated testing identifies issues such as missing alt text, low color contrast, improper heading structures, and keyboard traps.
- **Manual Testing:** The process of using human testers to evaluate accessibility success criteria that automated tools cannot reliably detect. This includes testing keyboard navigation, focus order, screen reader behavior, error messaging, and content structure.
- **Success Criteria:** Written as testable statements that are not technology-specific. Guidance about satisfying the success criteria in specific technologies, as well as general information about interpreting the success criteria, is provided in separate documents. Reference the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines ([WCAG](#)) Overview for an introduction and links to WCAG technical and educational material.

Digital Accessibility Requirements

A. Websites and Web Applications

Websites and web applications must comply with the following requirements. Refer to the success criteria reference for further guidance.

- **Automated Testing:** Websites and web applications must meet at least 90% of the 24 [WCAG](#) 2.1 Level A and AA success criteria designated for automated testing. See the Success Criteria Reference for the full list.
- **Manual Testing:** Websites and web applications must meet the 10 [WCAG](#) 2.1 Level A and AA success criteria designated for manual testing. See the Success Criteria Reference for details.
- **Accessibility Statement:** Pages must include a link to the County's accessibility statement and a contact form allowing users to submit accessibility requests.

B. Mobile Applications

Mobile apps must meet the following requirements. Refer to the success criteria reference for further guidance.

- **1.1.1 Non-text Content:** Provide text alternatives for non-text content that serves the same purpose.
- **1.3.1 Info and Relationships:** Content, structure and relationships can be programmatically determined.
- **1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum):** Text and images of text must have a contrast ratio of at least 4.5:1 against their background.
- **1.4.4 Resize Text** - Text can be resized to 200% without loss of content or function.
- **1.4.5 Images of Text** - Don't use images of text.
- **1.4.11 - No text Contrast** - The contrast between user interface components, graphics and adjacent colors is at least 3:1
- **2.1.1 Keyboard:** Functionality must be operable through a keyboard interface without requiring specific timings.
- **2.4.3 Focus Order:** Navigation must follow a meaningful and logical order when moving focus through interactive elements.
- **2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context):** The purpose of each link must be clear from the link text alone or its context.
- **3.3.1 Error Identification:** If an input error is detected, it must be identified and described to the user in text.
- **4.1.2 Name, Role, Value:** UI components must expose their name, role, and value to assistive technologies.

C. Documents

Accessibility issues identified by the built-in accessibility checker in PDF, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint must be remediated.

D. Multimedia

Video content must comply with criteria 1.2.1, 1.2.2, and 1.2.4. Refer to the success criteria reference for further guidance.

- **1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded):** Provide alternatives for audio-only content (such as transcripts) and for video-only content (such as descriptive text or audio tracks that describe visual information).
- **1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded):** Add synchronized captions to prerecorded videos with audio. Captions must include spoken dialogue and important non-speech information like sound effects or music.
- **1.2.4 Captions (Live):** Add captions to live videos.

Social Media

Social media content must comply with the following requirements. Refer to the success criteria reference for further guidance.

- **1.1.1 Non-text Content:** Non-text content must have a text alternative that serves the same purpose. Posts with flyers, advertisements, etc. must be accompanied by a text equivalent.
- **1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded):** Provide alternatives for audio-only content (such as transcripts) and for video-only content (such as descriptive text or audio tracks that describe visual information).
- **1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded):** Add synchronized captions to prerecorded videos with audio.
- **1.3.2 - Meaningful Sequence:** Present content in a meaningful order. The reading order of post content (text, hashtags, mentions) must make sense when read chronologically.
- **1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum):** Text must have enough contrast against backgrounds.

Maps and Dashboards

Maps and dashboards must comply with the following requirements. Refer to the success criteria reference for further guidance.

The text alternative must convey the same information presented on the map. A skip button must be provided to allow users to bypass the map and access the text alternative directly.

- **1.1.1 Non-text Content:** Non-text content must have a text alternative that serves the same purpose.
- **1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics** Don't rely on shape, color, size, sound, or visual position alone to convey meaning or instructions.
- **1.4.1 Use of Color:** Color must not be the sole means of conveying information.
- **1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum):** Text and images of text must have a contrast ratio of at least 4.5:1.
- **2.1.1 Keyboard:** Functionality must be operable through a keyboard interface.

- **2.5.1 Pointer Gestures** Multi-point and path-based gestures can be operated with a single pointer

E. **Third-Party Applications**

Contractors providing third-party applications are required to meet all applicable County accessibility requirements set forth in this document.

Contractors must complete a self-assessment of their product, similar to a Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT), to document and demonstrate their compliance.

F. **Exceptions**

In accordance with ADA guidance, the following types of content are exempt from full compliance under specific conditions:

- **Archived Web Content:** Content created before the compliance date, retained for reference or recordkeeping, in a dedicated archive, and not updated.
Example: Historical city council meeting minutes stored in an archive section without modifications.
- **Preexisting Conventional Electronic Documents:** Documents (e.g., PDFs, Word, Excel) created before the compliance date, not intended for active use.
Example: An old PDF report from 2015 available on the website for historical reference.
- **Third-Party Content:** Content posted by external parties not under County contract (e.g., public comments on forums).
Example: Comments or posts made by the public on a County-managed forum.
- **Individualized, Password-Protected Documents:** Personalized, secure documents (e.g., employee-specific benefits statements).
Example: A personalized benefits statement accessible only to a particular employee.
- **Preexisting Social Media Posts:** Content posted before the compliance date on official social media accounts.
Example: A Facebook post from 2020 on the County's official page.

Even if content qualifies as an exception, Contractors must provide alternative formats upon request.

G. **Monitoring and Enforcement**

- Departments are required to provide status of remediation progress every two weeks using the accessibility compliance tracker.
- The accessibility dashboard will be used to monitor compliance benchmarks.
- Training and resources will be provided to ensure compliance across teams.

Electronic Record of Contracts

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MSA (County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning and TPUSA, Inc.)	459bc7b7-914a-4e9a-8c9a-ec03499c0708

Contract signed by:

Scott Barli		Signer ID:	c14267f2-ef7a-4c0d-81cb-16863da54c48
		Email:	scott.barli@tp.com
Date / Time:	Jul 22, 2026 at 8:52 PM UTC		
IP Address:	204.156.113.250		
User Agent:	Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/150.0.0.0 Safari/537.36		