

APPENDIX A

**HEALTH AGENCY
MASTER AGREEMENT**



MASTER AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AND

(CONTRACTOR)

FOR

PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

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**MASTER AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AND**

**FOR
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**

This Master Agreement and Exhibits made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 20__ by and between the County of Los Angeles hereinafter referred to as County and _____, hereinafter referred to as Contractor. _____ is located at _____.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County may contract with private businesses for professional and technical services when certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a private firm specializing in providing certain professional and technical services; and

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

WHEREAS, the Health Agency, consisting of the Department of Health Services, Department of Public Health, and the Department of Mental Health was established by the Board of Supervisors in 2015 to improve the health and wellness of Los Angeles County residents through the provision of coordinated care and services; and

WHEREAS, although this Master Agreement is under the authority of the Health Agency, the Department of Health Services will administer the Master Agreement on the behalf of the Health Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor warrants that it possesses the competence, expertise and personnel necessary to provide services consistent with the requirements of this Master Agreement and consistent with the professional standard of care for these services; and

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

1.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

This base Master Agreement, together with (i) Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J, are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; (ii) all executed Work Orders issued hereunder; and (iii) all Amendments and form a part of this Master Agreement. 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 Master Agreement and the Exhibits, or between Exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the Master Agreement and then to the Exhibits according to the following priority:

Standard Exhibits:

- 1.1 EXHIBIT A - County's Administration
- 1.2 EXHIBIT B - Contractor's Administration
- 1.3 EXHIBIT C - Contractor's EEO Certification
- 1.4 EXHIBIT D - Jury Service Ordinance
- 1.5 EXHIBIT E - Safely Surrendered Baby Law
- 1.6 EXHIBIT F - Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement
- 1.7 EXHIBIT G - Business Associate Agreement Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") (if required in the applicable Work Order)
- 1.6 EXHIBIT H – Charitable Contributions Certification
- 1.7 EXHIBIT I – Medical Health Screening

Work Orders Executed Under this Master Agreement

- 1.8 EXHIBIT J – Subsequent Executed Work Orders (incorporated herein by this reference)

Notwithstanding the foregoing order of precedence and solely with respect to the Services described under a fully executed Work Order, such Work Order shall take precedence solely with respect to obligations designated as subject to change via Work Order (e.g. Warranty Period) in this Master Agreement. This Master Agreement constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties, and supersedes all previous agreements, written and oral, and all communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this

Master Agreement. No change to this Master Agreement shall be valid unless prepared pursuant to Paragraph 8.1 (Amendments) and signed by both parties.

2.0 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 shall be construed to have the following meaning, unless otherwise apparent from the context in which they are used.

- 2.1 Acceptance:** The terms "Acceptance" and "Accepted" shall mean County's written approval, by way of an Acceptance Certificate, of the applicable Deliverable and/or Services provided by Contractor under this Master Agreement where the applicable Acceptance Criteria has been successfully met.
- 2.2 Acceptance Certificate:** The term "Acceptance Certificate" shall mean, and refer to, the document executed by the County signifying Contractor's successful completion of the applicable tasks, subtasks, milestones, deliverables, Services and other work in accordance with the requirements and timetables set forth in the executed Work Order, including the Acceptance Criteria.
- 2.3 Acceptance Criteria:** The term "Acceptance Criteria" shall mean agreed upon objective standards by which the parties will verify that the Services and/or Deliverables meet or exceed the requirements for Final Acceptance under the applicable Work Order.
- 2.4 Contractor:** Identifies a Qualified Contractor who is in compliance with the terms and conditions and whose evidence of insurance requirements have all been received by the Department of Health Services and are valid and in effect at the time the Master Agreement is executed and subsequent Work Order(s) awarded. Also refers to a Qualified Contractor who has prevailed on a Work Order solicitation and is actively involved in providing Services, either directly or indirectly, under an active, duly executed Work Order.
- 2.5 Contractor Personnel:** The individual(s) performing work on Work Order(s) on behalf of and under the exclusive control of the Contractor and includes Contractor's employees assigned to perform work on Work Order(s).
- 2.6 Contractor's Program Manager:** The individual designated by the Contractor to administer the Master Agreement operations after the Master Agreement award.

- 2.7 Contractor's Work Order Program Manager:** The individual designated by the Contractor as the chief contact person with respect to the day-to-day administration of the Work Order.
- 2.8 County's Master Agreement Program Director (MAPD):** Person designated by the Director with authority to execute the Master Agreement and Work Order on behalf of the County.
- 2.9 County's Program Manager:** Person designated as chief contact person with respect to the day-to-day administration of the Work Order.
- 2.10 Day(s):** Whether singular or plural, capitalized or otherwise, calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.
- 2.11 Deficiency(ies):** Material defect(s) in any of the work relating to design, development, materials and/or workmanship; error(s); material deviation(s) from the Documentation, other published and/or mutually agreed upon standards or any of the requirements or specifications set forth in this Master Agreement or in any Work Order issued hereunder; or any substantial nonconformance with related documentation or functional requirements which result in the Deliverables not meeting the Acceptance Criteria, if any, established in the applicable Work Order.
- 2.12 Deliverable(s):** Items and/or services provided or to be provided by Contractor under this Master Agreement identified as a deliverable, by designation, number, or context, in a Work Order.
- 2.13 DHS:** Department of Health Services
- 2.14 DMH:** Department of Mental Health
- 2.15 DPH:** Department of Public Health
- 2.16 Director:** Director of the Health Agency or authorized designee.
- 2.17 Documentation:** Any and all written and electronic publications relating to the Services, such as reference, user, installation, systems administrator and technical guides, delivered, or otherwise made available, by Contractor to County as part of its Services.
- 2.18 Effective Date:** The later of the date of approval of this Master Agreement by County's Board of Supervisors or execution of this Master Agreement by authorized representative of Contractor.
- 2.19 Fiscal Year:** The twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.

- 2.20 Health Agency:** The County agency consisting of DHS, DMH, and DPH acting as a single unified Health Agency.
- 2.21 Master Agreement:** County's standard agreement executed between the County and individual Contractors. It sets forth the terms and conditions for the issuance and performance of, and otherwise governs, subsequent Work Orders.
- 2.22 Qualified Contractor:** A Contractor who has submitted a Response to the County's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Request for Services (RFS); has met the minimum qualifications listed in the RFS, and has an executed Master Agreement with the Health Agency. A Qualified Contractor shall become inactive if the insurance has lapsed or another mandatory requirement(s) have not been satisfied.
- 2.23 Request For Qualifications (RFQ):** A solicitation with an accompanying Request for Services, that may result in a qualifying Contractors for a Master Agreement.
- 2.24 Request For Services (RFS):** A solicitation to allow the County to select one or more qualified Contractors. The RFS will include the project details, minimum qualifications, response submission requirements, review methodology, additional terms and conditions, and, if applicable, the selection criteria for a Work Order.
- 2.25 Services:** The services rendered by Contractor in accordance with this Master Agreement, which Services shall be described under a fully executed Work Order.
- 2.26 Total Maximum Amount:** The maximum monetary amount specified as payable to Contractor on a Work Order.
- 2.27 Work Order:** A subordinate agreement executed wholly within and subject to the provisions of this Master Agreement, for the performance of tasks and/or provision of deliverables as described in a specification or a Statement of Work. Each Work Order shall result from a solicitation. No work shall be performed by the Contractors except in accordance with an executed Work Orders.

3.0 WORK

- 3.1** Pursuant to the provisions of this Master Agreement and any subsequently executed Work Orders, the Contractor shall fully perform, complete and deliver on time, all tasks, Deliverables, Services and other work as set forth herein and in any executed Work Order.

- 3.2 Each Work Order shall include an attached Statement of Work, which shall describe in detail the particular project and the work required for the performance thereof.
- 3.3 If the Contractor provides any task, deliverable, service, or other work to the County that utilizes other than approved Contractor Personnel, and/or that goes beyond the Work Order expiration date, and/or that exceeds the Total Maximum Amount as specified in the Work Order as originally written or modified in accordance with Sub-paragraph 8.1, Amendments, these shall be gratuitous efforts on the part of the Contractor for which the Contractor shall have no claim whatsoever against the County.
- 3.4 The County procedures for issuing and executing Work Orders are as set forth in this Sub-paragraph 3.4. Upon determination by the County to issue a Work Order solicitation, the County shall issue a Request for Services or a Work Order solicitation containing a Statement of Work or Scope of Services to all Qualified Contractors. Each interested Qualified Contractor so contacted shall submit a response to the County address or e-mail address and within the timeframe specified in the applicable solicitation. Failure of the Contractor to provide a response within the specified timeframe may disqualify the Contractor for that particular Work Order.
- 3.5 Upon completion of reviews, the County shall execute the Work Order by and through the County staff identified in this Master Agreement with the lowest cost Qualified Contractor unless the Work Order solicitation or Request for Services specifies review criteria other than lowest cost. It is understood by the Contractor that the County's competitive bidding procedure may have the effect that no Work Orders are awarded to some Master Agreement Qualified Contractors.

4.0 TERM OF MASTER AGREEMENT

- 4.1 This Master Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall expire on [TBD] **[*Note to Contractors: The term of the Agreement is ten years after first approval by the Board. Date will be completed after first approval of Master Agreement by the Board. Contractors will execute a Master Agreement with the expiration date included.]**, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Master Agreement.
- 4.2 The County shall have the sole option to extend the Master Agreement term for up to five (5) additional one year terms. Such option and extension shall be exercised at the sole discretion of the Director or designee as authorized by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with Sub-paragraph 8.1 - Amendments.

- 4.3** The County maintains databases that track/monitor the Contractor performance history. Information entered into such databases may be used for a variety of purposes, including determining whether the County will exercise an Agreement term extension option.
- 4.4** The Contractor shall notify the County when this Master Agreement is within six (6) months from the expiration of the term as provided for hereinabove. Upon occurrence of this event, the Contractor shall send written notification to the County at the address herein provided in Exhibit A - County's Administration.
- 4.5** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Paragraph 4.0, a Work Order executed prior to the expiration date of this Master Agreement may have an expiration date up to one hundred twenty days (120) days past the expiration date of this Master Agreement in order to complete a critical project that may be in progress at the end of the Master Agreement term without interruption. Any such Work Order shall automatically extend this Master Agreement's expiration date up to the Work Order expiration date. Such extended Master Agreement expiration date shall only be applicable to such Work Order and shall not extend the expiration date for any other purposes whatsoever, including issuing new Work Orders and/or extending any other Work Order(s).

5.0 MASTER AGREEMENT SUM

- 5.1** The Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment by the County under this Master Agreement except pursuant to validly executed and satisfactorily performed Work Order. In each year of this Master Agreement, the total of all amounts actually expended by the County hereunder ("maximum annual expenditures") may not exceed amounts allocated to the applicable Department of the Health Agency by the County Board of Supervisors in its approved budget. The County has sole discretion to expend some, all, or none of such budgeted amounts. The sum of such annual expenditures for the duration of the Master Agreement is the Master Agreement Sum.
- 5.2** The Contractor shall not be entitled to payment or reimbursement for any tasks or services performed, nor for any incidental or administrative expenses whatsoever incurred in or incidental to performance hereunder, except as specified herein. Assumption or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, or obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever, shall occur only with the County's express prior written approval.

5.3 No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/ Termination of Master Agreement

The Contractor shall have no claim against the 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 Master Agreement. Should the Contractor receive any such payment it shall immediately notify the County and shall immediately repay all such funds to the County. Payment by the County for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Master Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of the County's right to recover such payment from the Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Master Agreement.

5.4 Invoices and Payments

5.4.1 The Contractor shall invoice the County in arrears only for providing the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work as specified in the executed Work Order. The Contractor shall prepare invoices, which shall include the charges owed to the Contractor by the County under the terms of the Work Order. If the County does not approve work in writing, no payment shall be due to the Contractor for that work.

5.4.2 The Contractor's invoices shall be priced in accordance with the executed Work Order.

5.4.3 The Contractor's invoices shall contain the information set forth in the executed Work Order describing the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, work hours, and facility and/or other work for which payment is claimed.

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

5.4.5 All invoices under this Master Agreement shall be submitted to the address identified in the Work Order.

5.4.6 County Approval of Invoices

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

5.4.7 Local Small Business Enterprises (SBE) – Prompt Payment Program

This Sub-paragraph 5.4.7 shall only apply to Certified Local SBEs. Certified Local SBEs will receive prompt payment for services they provide to County departments. Prompt payment is defined as 15 calendar days after receipt of an undisputed invoice.

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

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

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

5.5.3 Any provision of law, grant, or funding agreement requiring a specific form or method of payment other than EFT or direct deposit shall supersede this requirement with respect to those payments.

5.5.4 At any time during the duration of this Master Agreement, a Contractor may submit a written request for an exemption to this requirement. Such request must be based on specific legal, business or operational needs and explain why the payment method designated by the A-C is not feasible and an alternative is necessary. The A-C, in consultation with the contracting department(s), shall decide whether to approve exemption requests.

6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT – COUNTY

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

The Director shall have the authority to administer this Master Agreement on behalf of the County. The Director retains professional and administrative responsibility for the services rendered under this Master Agreement. A listing of

all County Administration referenced in the following Sub-paragraphs are designated in Exhibit A – County’s Administration. The County shall notify the Contractor in writing of any change in the names or addresses shown.

6.1 County’s Master Agreement Project Director (MAPD)

The County’s MAPD has the authority to negotiate, recommend all changes to this Master Agreement, and resolve disputes between the County and the Contractor. The County’s MAPD is also the approving authority for individual Work Order solicitations and executions.

6.2 County’s Program Manager

The County’s Program Manager will be identified in the executed Work Order and is the County’s chief contact person with respect to the day-to-day administration of the specific Work Order.

The County’s Program Manager is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Master Agreement and is not authorized to further obligate the County in any respect whatsoever.

7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT - CONTRACTOR

7.1 Contractor’s Project Manager and Contractor’s Work Order Program Manager

7.1.1 The Contractor’s Project Manager is designated in Exhibit B – Contractor’s Administration. The Contractor shall notify the County in writing within five (5) days of any change in the name or address of the Contractor’s Project Manager. The Contractor’s Project Manager shall be responsible for the Contractor’s activities as applicable to this Master Agreement.

7.1.2 The Contractor’s Work Order Program Manager will be identified in the executed Work Order and is the Contractor’s chief contact person with respect to the day-to-day administration of the specific Work Order. The Contractor’s Work Order Program Manager is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Master Agreement and is not authorized to further obligate the Contractor in any respect whatsoever.

7.2 Contractor’s Authorized Official(s)

7.2.1 The Contractor’s Authorized Official(s) are designated in Exhibit B – Contractor’s Administration. The Contractor shall promptly notify

the County in writing of any change in the name(s) or address(es) of the Contractor's Authorized Official(s).

7.2.2 The Contractor represents and warrants that all requirements of the Contractor have been fulfilled to provide actual authority to such officials to execute documents under this Master Agreement on behalf of the Contractor.

7.3 Approval of Contractor's Staff

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

7.4 Contractor's Staff Identification

7.4.1 All of the Contractor's employees assigned to County facilities are required to have a County Identification (ID) badge on their person and visible at all times.

7.4.2 The Contractor is responsible to ensure that employees have obtained a County ID badge before they are assigned to work in a County facility. The Contractor personnel may be asked to leave a County facility by a County representative if they do not have the proper County ID badge on their person.

7.4.3 The Contractor shall notify the County within one business day when staff is terminated from working under this Master Agreement. The Contractor shall retrieve and return an employee's County's ID badge to the County on the next business day after the employee has terminated employment with the Contractor.

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

7.5 Background and Security Investigations

7.5.1 At the discretion of the County, all Contractor Personnel performing work under this Master Agreement may be required to undergo and pass, to the satisfaction of the County, a background investigation as a condition of beginning and continuing to work under this Master Agreement. The County shall use its discretion in determining the

method of background clearance to be used, which may include but is not limited to fingerprinting. The County may perform the background check.

- 7.5.2 The County may request that the Contractor's staff be immediately removed from working on the County Master Agreement at any time during the term of this Master Agreement. The County will not provide to the Contractor nor to the Contractor's staff any information obtained through the County conducted background clearance.
- 7.5.3 The County may immediately, at the sole discretion of the County, deny or terminate facility access to the Contractor's staff that do not pass such investigation(s) to the satisfaction of the County whose background or conduct is incompatible with the County facility access.
- 7.5.4 Disqualification, if any, of the Contractor's staff, pursuant to this Sub-paragraph 7.5, shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Master Agreement.

7.6 Confidentiality

- 7.6.1 The Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information, including, but not limited to, billings, County records and patient records, 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 The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, administrative penalties and fines assessed 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 the Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with this Sub-paragraph 7.6, as determined by the County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to the Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Sub-paragraph 7.6 shall be conducted by the Contractor and performed by counsel selected by the Contractor and approved

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

- 7.6.3 The Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors providing services hereunder of the confidentiality and indemnification provisions of this Master Agreement.
- 7.6.4 The Contractor shall sign and adhere to the provisions of the Exhibit F - Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement.
- 7.6.5 Contractor shall provide all work utilizing security technologies and techniques in accordance with Contractor's standard practices and applicable County security policies, procedures and requirements provided by County to Contractor as set forth in the applicable Work Order, including those relating to the prevention and detection of fraud or other inappropriate use or access of systems and networks. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Contractor is responsible for (i) any data and the content of any database that County makes available to Contractor in connection with a Work Order under this Master Agreement, (ii) the selection and implementation of procedures and controls regarding access, security, encryption, use and transmission of such data, and (iii) backup and recovery of such database and any stored data. Contractor's responsibilities regarding such data or database, including any confidentiality and security obligations, that are specified in the Work Order applicable to the particular transaction shall govern and supersede the provisions of this Paragraph 7.6.4. Contractor hereby acknowledges the right of privacy of all individuals as to whom there exists any County data. Contractor shall protect, secure and keep confidential all County data in compliance with applicable security and privacy laws at the federal, state and local levels specified in the Work Order, including without limitation applicable industry standards for the protection and safeguarding of confidential data. Further, Contractor shall take all reasonable actions necessary or advisable as specified in the Work

Order, for the protection of all system data in its possession, custody or control from loss or damage from malicious intent or unauthorized access. Contractor shall not use any data for any purpose or reason other than to fulfill its obligations under this Master Agreement.

7.7 MEDICAL HEALTH SCREENING

Individual Work Orders may have a Medical Health Screening requirement for staff providing services. In the event of such a requirement, the Contractor's staff shall have undergone and successfully passed a current physical health examination, consistent with current Health Agency Department policy and Exhibit I - Medical Health Screening. The cost of the Medical Health Screening shall be at the expense of the Contractor.

7.8 STAFF PERFORMANCE UNDER THE INFLUENCE

The Contractor shall not knowingly permit any employee to perform services under this Master Agreement while under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, medication, narcotic, or other substance which might impair his/her physical or mental performance.

8.0 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8.1 AMENDMENTS

8.1.1 For any change which affects a Work Order or any term or condition included in this Master Agreement, an Amendment to either a Work Order or the Master Agreement shall be prepared by the County and then executed by the Contractor and by the Board of Supervisors or its authorized designee.

8.1.2 The County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Officer or designee may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Master Agreement during the term of this Master Agreement. The County reserves the right to add and/or change such provisions as required by the County's Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer, or designee. To implement such changes, an Amendment to the Master Agreement shall be prepared by the County and then executed by the Contractor and by the Director or designee.

8.1.3 The Director, or designee, may at his/her sole discretion, authorize extensions of time as defined in Paragraph 4.0 - Term of Master Agreement. The Contractor agrees that such extensions of time shall not change any other term or condition of this Master Agreement during the period of such extensions. To implement an

extension of time, an Amendment to the Master Agreement shall be prepared by the County and then executed by the Contractor and by the Director or designee.

- 8.1.4 The Director, or designee may require, at his/her sole discretion, the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Master Agreement to conform to changes in federal or state law or regulation, during the term of this Master Agreement. The County reserves the unilateral right to add and/or change such provisions as required by law or regulation, without the need for the Contractor's written consent, to preserve this Master Agreement's conformity and compliance to federal and state law or regulation. To implement such changes, an Amendment to the Master Agreement shall be prepared by the County and then executed by the Contractor and by the Director or designee.

8.2 ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION/MERGERS OR ACQUISITIONS

- 8.2.1 The Contractor shall 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 shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Master Agreement, or both, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this Sub-paragraph, County consent shall require a written amendment to the Master Agreement, 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 Master Agreement shall be deductible, at the County's sole discretion, against the claims, which the Contractor may have against the County.
- 8.2.3 Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of the Contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. However, in the event any such sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, or divestment is effected in such a way as to give majority control of the Contractor to any person(s), corporation, partnership, or legal entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of the

Master Agreement, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of the County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Master Agreement.

8.2.4 Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any 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 the County's express prior written approval, shall be a material breach of the Master Agreement which may result in the termination of this Master Agreement. In the event of such termination, the County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.

8.3 AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY

The Contractor represents and warrants that the person executing this Master Agreement 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 Master Agreement and that all requirements of the Contractor have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

8.4 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION – LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS (2 C.F.R. PART 376)

The Contractor hereby acknowledges that the County is prohibited from contracting with and making sub-awards to parties that are suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded or whose principals are suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. By executing this Master Agreement, the Contractor certifies that neither it nor any of its owners, officers, partners, directors, other principals, employees or independent contractors is currently suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. Further, by executing this Master Agreement, the Contractor certifies that, to its knowledge, none of its subcontractors, at any tier, or any owners, officers, partners, directors, other principals, employees or independent contractors of any subcontractor is currently suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. The Contractor shall immediately notify the County in writing, during the term of this Master Agreement, should it or any of the aforementioned parties either be suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. The Contractor is responsible to reimburse the County for all associated costs (repayment, fine and/or penalty) that may be incurred as a result of inappropriate claims submitted by or on behalf of one of their staff

or vendors who was excluded or suspended regardless of the Contractor's prior knowledge of such exclusion or suspension. Failure of the Contractor to comply with this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Master Agreement upon which the County may immediately terminate or suspend this Master Agreement.

8.5 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

8.6 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

8.6.1 In the performance of this Master Agreement, the Contractor shall comply with all current and applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures, including, but not limited to standards of The Joint Commission, its National Patient Safety Goals, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 5 regulations and all other applicable industry best practices standards. All provisions required thereby to be included in this Master Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.

8.6.2 The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, administrative penalties and fines assessed, 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 the Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies, or procedures, as determined by the County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to the Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Sub-paragraph 8.6 shall be conducted by the Contractor and performed by counsel selected by the Contractor and approved by the County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event the Contractor fails to provide the County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by the County in its sole judgment, the County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from the Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by the County in doing so. The Contractor shall 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 the County without the County's prior written approval.

8.7 COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS-ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION LAWS

- 8.7.1 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); the Fair Employment & Housing Act, Government Code Section 12920-12922; and Affirmative Action in County Agreements, Chapter 4.32 of the Los Angeles County Code to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Master Agreement or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Master Agreement.
- 8.7.2 The Contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and shall be treated equally without regard to or because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations.
- 8.7.3 The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations. Such action shall 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.
- 8.7.4 The Contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation.
- 8.7.5 The Contractor certifies and agrees that it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, ancestry,

national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Master Agreement or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Master Agreement.

- 8.7.6 The Contractor shall allow County representatives access to the Contractor's employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this Sub-paragraph 8.7 when so requested by the County.
- 8.7.7 If the County finds that any provisions of this Sub-paragraph 8.7 have been violated, such violation shall constitute a material breach of this Master Agreement upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Master Agreement. While the County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Master Agreement have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment Practices Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the Contractor has violated Federal or State anti-discrimination laws or regulations shall constitute a finding by the County that the Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Master Agreement.
- 8.7.8 The parties agree that in the event the Contractor violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Master Agreement, the County shall, 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 Master Agreement.
- 8.7.9 The Contractor shall certify to, and comply with, the provisions of Exhibit C - Contractor's EEO Certification.

8.8 COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S JURY SERVICE PROGRAM

- 8.8.1 **Jury Service Program:** This Master Agreement 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, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit D and incorporated by reference into and made part of this Master Agreement.

8.8.2 Written Employee Jury Service Policy

1. Unless the Contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that the Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of the County Code) or that the Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of the County Code), the Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall 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.
2. For purposes of this Sub-paragraph, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full time employee of the Contractor. "Full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) the Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If the Contractor uses any subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Master Agreement, the subcontractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this Sub-paragraph. The provisions of this Sub-paragraph shall be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the agreement.
3. If the Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Master Agreement commences, the Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and the Contractor shall immediately notify the County if the Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program. In either event, the Contractor shall

immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Master Agreement 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.

4. The Contractor's violation of this Sub-paragraph of the Master Agreement may constitute a material breach of the Master Agreement. In the event of such material breach, the County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Master Agreement 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 or administration of this Master Agreement or any competing Master Agreement, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by the Contractor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Master Agreement. No officer or employee of the Contractor who may financially benefit from the performance of work hereunder shall 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 shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Master Agreement. 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 shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to the County. Full written disclosure shall 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 Sub-paragraph 8.9 shall be a material breach of this Master Agreement.

8.10 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING COUNTY EMPLOYEES TARGETED FOR LAYOFF/OR RE-EMPLOYMENT LIST

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

8.11 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING GAIN/GROW PARTICIPANTS

8.11.1 Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Master Agreement, the Contractor shall give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program who meet the Contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position. For this purpose, consideration shall mean that the Contractor will interview qualified candidates. The County will refer GAIN/GROW participants by job category to the Contractor. The Contractors shall report all job openings with job requirements to: GAINGROW@dpss.lacounty.gov and bservices@wdacs.lacounty.gov and DPSS will refer qualified GAIN/GROW job candidates.

8.11.2 In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN/GROW participants are available for hiring, County employees shall 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 Master Agreement. 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 this Master Agreement, debar the Contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on County contracts for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five years but may exceed five years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and terminate any or all existing contracts the Contractor may have with the County.

8.12.3 Non-responsible Contractor

The County may debar a Contractor if the Board of Supervisors finds, in its discretion, that the Contractor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Contractor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same, (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty, or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

8.12.4 Contractor Hearing Board

1. If there is evidence that the Contractor may be subject to debarment, the Department will notify the Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise the Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
2. The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Contractor and/or the Contractor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative proposed decision, which shall 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 shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.
3. After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision, and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of

Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

4. If a Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years, that Contractor may after the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that the Contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: (1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; (2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; (3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or (4) any other reason that is in the best interests of the County.
5. The Contractor Hearing Board will consider a request for review of a debarment determination only where (1) the Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years; (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years; and (3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.
6. The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall 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 shall also apply to Subcontractors of County Contractors.

8.13 CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

The Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post the County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in 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. The Contractor, and its subcontractors, can access posters and other campaign material at www.babysafela.org.

8.14 CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATING IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM

- 8.14.1 The Contractor hereby warrants that neither it nor any of its subcontractors' owners, officers, partners, directors, other principals, employees or independent contractors is restricted or excluded from providing services under any health care program funded by the Federal government, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, (which includes Medicare, Medi-Cal and Healthy Families) and that the Contractor will notify Director within ten (10) calendar days in writing of: (1) any event that would require the Contractor or ~~a~~ any aforementioned parties mandatory exclusion or suspension from participation in a Federally funded health care program; and (2) any exclusionary or suspension action taken by any agency of the Federal or State governments against any of the aforementioned parties barring these parties from participating in a Federally funded health care program, whether such bar is direct or indirect, or whether such bar is in whole or in part.
- 8.14.2 The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the County harmless against any and all loss or damage the County may suffer arising from any exclusion or suspension of the Contractor or its subcontractors' owners, officers, partners, directors, other principals, employees or independent contractors from such participation in a Federally funded health care program.
- 8.14.3 Failure by the Contractor to meet the requirements of this Sub-paragraph shall constitute a material breach of contract upon which the County may immediately terminate or suspend this Master Agreement.

8.15 CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF ADHERENCE TO COUNTY'S CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

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

8.15.2 As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting the Contractor's duty under this Master Agreement to comply with all applicable provisions of law, the Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this Master Agreement maintain in compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and shall 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).

8.16 CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

8.16.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals and businesses that benefit financially from the 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 the County and its taxpayers.

8.16.2 Unless the Contractor qualifies for an exemption or exclusion, the Contractor warrants and certifies that to the best of its knowledge it is now in compliance, and during the term of this Master Agreement will maintain compliance, with Los Angeles Code Chapter 2.206.

8.17 COUNTY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

The County or its agent will monitor the Contractor's performance under this Master Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such monitoring will include assessing the Contractor's compliance with all Master Agreement terms and conditions and performance standards identified in the Work Order. Contractor deficiencies which the County determines are significant

or continuing and that may place performance of the Master Agreement 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 Master Agreement or impose other penalties as specified in this Master Agreement.

8.18 WORK ORDER WARRANTIES

- 8.18.1 For the purposes of this Paragraph 8.18 and the Master Agreement and as defined in a Work Order, the "Warranty Period" for any Deliverables provided and Services performed by Contractor pursuant to a Work Order shall have the meaning set forth in the applicable Work Order, including the Statement of Work. If no Warranty Period is specified in the Work Order, the Warranty Period shall be ninety (90) days from Final Acceptance of the Services and/or Deliverables. Contractor represents and warrants that during the Warranty Period all Services and Deliverables under this Master Agreement shall be without Deficiencies, and in accordance with the terms and conditions hereunder and applicable Acceptance Criteria set forth in the Work Order.
- 8.18.2 County must notify Contractor of any warranty Deficiencies within the Warranty Period. Contractor shall promptly correct any and all Deficiencies with the Deliverables and Services occurring during the Warranty Period in accordance with this Paragraph 8.18. The correction of all such Deficiencies shall be at no cost to the County during the Warranty Period. In the event that Contractor is unable to cure any Deficiency within thirty (30) days from the date on which County notifies Contractor of, or Contractor otherwise learns of, such Deficiency, Contractor shall, at County's option, refund to County all fees paid by County for the Deliverables and/or Services County deems to be unusable. In the event County reasonably finds that the Services do not meet the Work Order specifications as set forth in the applicable Work Order for such Services, County shall inform Contractor in writing how the Services are non-conforming. Such corrective action may include re-performance of the non-conforming Services at no additional charge.
- 8.18.3 Contractor further represents, warrants, covenants and agrees that during the term of this Master Agreement: (a) Contractor shall comply with the applicable specifications, requirements, standards, and representations set forth in the Master Agreement; and (b) Contractor warrants that the Services will be performed using reasonable care and skill and in a professional, timely and

workmanlike manner and otherwise in accordance with this Master Agreement and consistent with industry standard practices. In performance of its Services under this Master Agreement, Contractor shall not intentionally cause any unplanned interruption of the operations of, or accessibility to, any of County's systems through any device, method or means including, without limitation, the use of any "virus," "lockup," "time bomb," "key lock," "worm," or "Trojan Horse" device or program, or disabling code, which has the potential or capability of compromising the security of County's confidential or proprietary information or of causing any unplanned interruption of the operations of, or accessibility of, County's systems by County or users or which could alter, destroy, or inhibit the use of County's systems, or the data contained therein (collectively referred to as a "Disabling Device") which could block access to or prevent the use of County's systems by County or users. Contractor agrees that it has not intentionally placed, nor is it aware of, any Disabling Device intentionally placed by Contractor on County's systems in performance of its Services under this Master Agreement, nor shall Contractor knowingly permit any subsequent Services under this Master Agreement to cause placement of any Disabling Device on County's systems. To the best of Contractor's knowledge, the Services and the Deliverables shall not contain defamatory or indecent matter, and County's use of the Services and Deliverables will not infringe the intellectual property rights of any third party.

8.18.4 Contractor shall pass through to County to the fullest extent authorized, any applicable warranty or indemnity offered by any manufacturer of any third party service or product that forms a part of the Services and which are provided by Contractor under this Master Agreement.

8.19 EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

8.19.1 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 Master Agreement meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in Federal and State statutes and regulations. The Contractor shall 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 shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law.

8.19.2 The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the County, its agents, officers, and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against the Contractor or the County or both in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal or State statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing work under this Master Agreement.

8.20 FACSIMILE REPRESENTATIONS

The County and the Contractor hereby agree to regard facsimile representations of original signatures of authorized officers of each party, when appearing in appropriate places on the Amendments prepared pursuant to Sub-paragraph 8.1, and received via a facsimile communication, as legally sufficient evidence that such original signatures have been affixed to Amendments to this Master Agreement, such that the parties need not follow up facsimile transmissions of such documents with subsequent (non-facsimile) transmission of "original" versions of such documents.

8.21 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County and its agents, officers, and employees from any and all liability, including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law, including, but not limited to, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, for work performed by the Contractor's employees for which the County may be found jointly or solely liable.

8.22 FEDERAL ACCESS TO RECORDS

If, and to the extent that, Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1395x(v)(1)(I)) is applicable, the Contractor agrees that for a period of four (4) years following the furnishing of services under this Master Agreement, the Contractor shall maintain and make available, upon written request, to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the Controller General of the United States, or to any of their authorized representatives, the Agreements, books, documents and records of the Contractor which are necessary to verify the nature and extent of the costs of services provided hereunder. Furthermore, if the Contractor carries out any of the services provided hereunder through any subcontract with a value or cost of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or more over a twelve (12) month period with a related organization (as that term is defined under Federal law), the Contractor agrees that each such

subcontract shall provide for such access to the subcontract, books, documents and records of the subcontractor.

8.23 FORCE MAJEURE

8.23.1 Neither party shall be liable for such party's failure to perform its obligations under and in accordance with this Master Agreement, 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 Sub-paragraph as "force majeure events").

8.23.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a default by a subcontractor of the Contractor shall not constitute a force majeure event, unless such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the Contractor and such subcontractor, and without any fault or negligence of either of them. In such case, the Contractor shall 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 the Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this Sub-paragraph, the term "subcontractor" and "subcontractors" mean subcontractors at any tier.

8.23.3 In the event the Contractor's failure to perform arises out of a force majeure event, the 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.

8.24 GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

This Master Agreement shall 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 Master Agreement and further agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

8.25 HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (HIPAA)

- 8.25.1 The Contractor expressly acknowledges and agrees that the provision of Services under this Master Agreement may require or permit access by the Contractor or any of its officers, employees, or agents, to any patient medical records/patient information.
- 8.25.2 Where the provision of Services under this Master Agreement result in the Contractor creating, having access to, receiving, maintaining, or transmitting Protected Health Information as defined in Exhibit G (Business Associate Agreement), the Contractor expressly acknowledges and agrees that the County is subject to the Administrative Simplification requirements and prohibitions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 (HIPAA), and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164 (collectively, the "HIPAA Rules"). Where the County determines Services provided in a Work Order will subject the County to the HIPAA Rules, Contractor and County shall execute Exhibit G (Business Associate Agreement) before commencing work under such Work Order. Contractor understands and agrees that the submission of a response to a Work Order solicitation requiring the execution of Exhibit G (Business Associate Agreement) constitutes Contractor's acknowledgement and acceptance of all the terms and conditions of Exhibit G (Business Associate Agreement), if qualified and awarded a resultant Work Order. Contractors who cannot execute Exhibit G (Business Associate Agreement) may not submit a response to the applicable Work Order solicitation as Contractor's failure to execute Exhibit G (Business Associate Agreement) shall be deemed a material breach of the Master Agreement. Should County need to amend Exhibit G (Business Associate Agreement) as is necessary to comply with the requirements of HIPAA, Exhibit G (Business Associate Agreement) shall be deemed to be so amended, and Contractor agrees to be obligated by such deemed amended Exhibit G (Business Associate Agreement), until such time as the parties enter into an Amendment in accordance with Paragraph 8.1 (Amendments) to actually update Exhibit G (Business Associate Agreement) to reflect such deemed amendments.
- 8.25.3 Where the provision of Services under this Master Agreement do not result in the Contractor creating, having access to, receiving, maintaining, or transmitting Protected Health Information as defined in Exhibit G (Business Associate Agreement), the Contractor shall instruct its officers, employees, and agents, that they are not to

pursue, or gain access to, patient medical records for any reason whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties acknowledge that in the course of the provision of Services hereunder, the Contractor or its officers, employees, and agents, may have inadvertent access to patient medical records/patient information. The Contractor understands and agrees that neither it nor its officers, employees, or agents, are to take advantage of such access for any purpose whatsoever. Additionally, in the event of such inadvertent access, the Contractor and its officers, employees, and agents, shall maintain the confidentiality of any information obtained and shall notify Director that such access has been gained immediately, or upon the first reasonable opportunity to do so. In the event of any access, whether inadvertent or intentional, the Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to, actions, claims, costs, demands, expenses, and fees (including attorney and expert witness fees) arising from or connected with the Contractor's or its officers', employees', or agents', access to patient medical records/patient information. The Contractor agrees to provide appropriate training to its employees regarding their obligations as described hereinabove.

8.26 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

- 8.26.1 This Master Agreement is by and between the County and the Contractor and is not intended, and shall 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 shall not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.
- 8.26.2 The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Master Agreement all compensation and benefits. The County shall 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.
- 8.26.3 The Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing work pursuant to this Master Agreement are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, solely employees of the Contractor and not employees of the County. The Contractor shall 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 Master Agreement.

8.26.4 The Contractor shall adhere to the provisions stated in Sub-paragraph 7.6 – Confidentiality.

8.27 INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor shall 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 Master Agreement, except for such loss or damage arising from the sole negligence of willful misconduct of the County Indemnitees.

8.28 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ALL INSURANCE COVERAGE

Without limiting the Contractor's indemnification of the County, and in the performance of this Master Agreement and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Master Agreement have been met, the Contractor shall provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in Sub-paragraphs 8.28 and 8.29 of this Master Agreement. 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 the Contractor pursuant to this Master Agreement. 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 Master Agreement. **The Contractor shall provide proof of all required insurance coverage prior to execution of a Work Order. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the County reserves the right to require additional insurance as set forth in a Work Order.**

8.28.1 Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County

- Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to the County, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement confirming the County and its Agents (defined below) has been given Insured status under the Contractor’s General Liability policy, shall be delivered to the County at the e-mail address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under this Master Agreement.
- Renewal Certificates shall be provided to the County not less than 10 days prior to the 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 shall identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Master Agreement by name or number, and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s). The Insured party named on the Certificate shall match the name of the Contractor identified as the contracting party in this Master Agreement. Certificates shall provide the full name of each insurer providing coverage, its NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) identification number, its financial rating, the amounts of any policy deductibles or self-insured retentions exceeding fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars, and list any County required endorsement forms.
- Neither the County's failure to obtain, nor the County's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), shall be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.

Certificates and copies of any required endorsements shall be e-mailed to:

cgcontractorinsurance@dhs.lacounty.gov

The Contractor also shall promptly report to the 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 the Contractor. The Contractor also shall promptly notify the County of any third party claim or suit filed against the Contractor or any of its Sub-Contractors which arises from or relates to this Master Agreement, and could result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against the Contractor and/or the County.

8.28.2 Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage

The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers (collectively County and its Agents) shall be provided additional insured status under the Contractor's General Liability policy with respect to liability arising out of the Contractor's ongoing and completed operations performed on behalf of the County. The County and its Agents

additional insured status shall 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 shall 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.

8.28.3 Cancellation of or Changes in Insurance

The Contractor shall provide the County with, or the Contractor's insurance policies shall contain a provision that the County shall 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 shall be provided to the 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 this Master Agreement, in the sole discretion of the County, upon which the County may suspend or terminate this Master Agreement.

8.28.4 Failure to Maintain Insurance

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

8.28.5 Insurer Financial Ratings

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

8.28.6 Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary

The Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Master Agreement, shall be primary with respect to all other sources of coverage available to the Contractor. Any County maintained insurance or self-insurance coverage shall be in excess of and not contribute to any Contractor coverage.

8.28.7 Waivers of Subrogation

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor hereby waives its rights and its insurer(s)' rights of recovery against the County under all the Required Insurance for any loss arising from or relating to this Master Agreement. The Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements which may be necessary to effect such waiver.

8.28.8 Sub-Contractor Insurance Coverage Requirements

The Contractor shall include all Sub-Contractors as insureds under the Contractor's own policies, or shall provide The County with each Sub-Contractor's separate evidence of insurance coverage. The Contractor shall be responsible for verifying each Sub-Contractor complies with the Required Insurance provisions herein, and shall require that each Sub-Contractor name the County and the Contractor as additional insureds on the Sub-Contractor's General Liability policy. The Contractor shall obtain the County's prior review and approval of any Sub-Contractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.

8.28.9 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)

The Contractor's policies shall not obligate the County to pay any portion of any Contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require the Contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the County, or to provide a bond guaranteeing the Contractor's payment of all deductibles and SIRs, including all related claims investigation, administration and defense expenses. Such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.

8.28.10 Claims Made Coverage

If any part of the Required Insurance is written on a claims made basis, any policy retroactive date shall precede the effective date of this Master Agreement. The Contractor understands and agrees it

shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following Master Agreement expiration, termination or cancellation.

8.28.11 Application of Excess Liability Coverage

The 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.

8.28.12 Separation of Insureds

All liability policies shall 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.

8.28.13 Alternative Risk Financing Programs

The County reserves the right to review, and then approve, the 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 shall be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.

8.28.14 County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements

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

8.29 INSURANCE COVERAGE

8.29.1 **Commercial General Liability** insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CG 00 01), naming the 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

8.29.2 **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 shall cover liability arising out of the Contractor's use of autos pursuant to this Master Agreement, including owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos, as each may be applicable.

8.29.3 **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 the Contractor will provide leased employees, or, is an employee leasing or temporary staffing firm or a professional employer organization (PEO), coverage also shall 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, and the endorsement form shall be modified to provide that County will receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation of this coverage provision. If applicable to the Contractor's operations, coverage also shall be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.

8.29.4 **Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions**

Insurance covering the Contractor's liability arising from or related to this Master Agreement, with limits of not less than \$1 million per claim and \$2 million aggregate. Further, the Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following this Master Agreement's expiration, termination or cancellation.

8.30 **LICENSES, PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS, AND CERTIFICATES**

The Contractor shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Master Agreement, all valid licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certificates required by law which are applicable to its performance of this Master Agreement, and shall ensure that all of its officers, employees, and agents who perform services hereunder obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Master Agreement, all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certificates required by law which are applicable to their performance of services hereunder. All such licenses,

permits, registrations, accreditations, and certifications relating to services hereunder shall be made available to the County upon request.

8.31 PROHIBITION FROM INVOLVEMENT IN THE BIDDING PROCESS OF FUTURE SOLICITATIONS

Contractor understands and agrees that neither Contractor nor its subsidiaries shall be involved in any way in the bidding process on any solicitations developed or prepared by or with the assistance of Contractor's services rendered pursuant to this Master Agreement, whether as a prime contractor or sub-contractor, or as a contractor to any other prime contractor or sub-contractor. Any such involvement by Contractor shall result in the rejection by County of the bid or proposal by the Contractor in question.

8.32 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

Contractor agrees to provide ownership of any Deliverable(s) originally produced during the course of providing Services pursuant to this Master Agreement to the County. Contractor shall retain sole and exclusive ownership of any, pre-existing Contractor tools, methodologies, questionnaires, responses, and/or proprietary research and data generated in the course of performing the Services, together with all intellectual property rights therein hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor Materials". Contractor grants to County a perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the Contractor Materials embodied in any Deliverable(s) for County's internal use. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall preclude Contractor from rendering services to others or developing work products that are competitive with, or functionally comparable to, the Services. Contractor shall not be restricted in its use of ideas, concepts, know-how, data and techniques acquired or learned in the course of performing the Services, provided that Contractor shall not use or disclose any of the County's confidential information. County shall retain its rights in any proprietary material that County supplies to Contractor.

8.33 NON EXCLUSIVITY

Nothing herein is intended nor shall be construed as creating any exclusive arrangement with the Contractor. This Master Agreement shall not restrict the Department of Health Services from acquiring similar, equal or like goods and/or services from other entities or sources.

8.34 NOTICE OF DELAYS

Except as otherwise provided under this Master Agreement, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or

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

8.35 NOTICE OF DISPUTES

The Contractor shall 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 Master Agreement. If the County's Project Manager or County's Project Director is not able to resolve the dispute, the Director of the Health Agency, or designee shall resolve it.

8.36 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME CREDIT

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

8.37 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

The Contractor shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The fact sheet is set forth in Exhibit E of this Master Agreement and is also available on the Internet at www.babysafela.org for printing purposes.

8.38 NOTICES

All notices or demands required or permitted to be given or made under this Master Agreement shall be in writing and shall 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 A - County's Administration and B - Contractor's Administration. Addresses may be changed by either party giving ten (10) days' prior written notice thereof to the other party.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in addition, and in lieu of written notification, the Director, or designee, shall have the authority to issue any notice to Contractor electronically via e-mail at the designated email address as identified in Exhibit B – "Contractor's Administration". This includes all

notices or demands required or permitted by the County under this Agreement.

8.39 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

8.40 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

8.40.1 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 Sub-paragraph 8.42 - Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement of this Master Agreement; as well as any documents that may have been submitted in response to a solicitation process for this Master Agreement, become the exclusive property of the County. All such documents become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the California Government Code Section 6250 et seq. (Public Records Act) and which are marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary". The County shall 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.

8.40.2 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 an SOQ 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.

8.41 PUBLICITY

8.41.1 The Contractor shall not disclose any details in connection with this Master Agreement 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 shall not inhibit the Contractor from publishing its role under this Master Agreement within the following conditions:

- The Contractor shall develop all publicity material in a professional manner; and
- During the term of this Master Agreement, the Contractor shall not, and shall 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 Director or designee. The County shall not unreasonably withhold written consent.

8.41.2 The Contractor may, without the prior written consent of the County, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this Master Agreement with the County of Los Angeles, provided that the requirements of this Sub-paragraph 8.41 shall apply.

8.42 RECORD RETENTION AND INSPECTION/AUDIT SETTLEMENT

8.42.1 The Contractor shall maintain, and provide upon request by the County, accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Master Agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Contractor shall also maintain accurate and complete employment and other records relating to its performance of this Master Agreement.

8.42.2 The Contractor agrees that the County, or its authorized representatives, shall have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe any pertinent transaction, activity, or record relating to this Master Agreement. 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, shall be kept and maintained by the Contractor and shall be made available to the County during the term of this Master Agreement 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 shall be maintained by the Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County, provided that if any such material is located outside Los Angeles County, then, at the County's option, the Contractor shall 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.

8.42.3 In the event that an audit of the Contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Master Agreement by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by the Contractor or otherwise, including audits conducted by the Medicare and Medi-Cal programs, or both, then the Contractor shall file a copy of each such audit report, including Service Organization Controls (SOC1) Reports, 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 Master Agreement.

Subject to applicable law, the County shall make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s).

8.42.4 Failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this Sub-paragraph 8.42 shall constitute a material breach of this Master Agreement upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Master Agreement.

8.42.5 If, at any time during the term of this Master Agreement or within five (5) years after the expiration or termination of this Master Agreement, representatives of the County conduct an audit of the Contractor regarding the work performed under this Master Agreement, 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 shall 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 Master Agreement 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 shall be paid to the Contractor by the County by cash payment, provided that in no event shall the County's maximum obligation for this Master Agreement exceed the funds appropriated by the County for the purpose of this Master Agreement.

8.43 RECYCLED BOND PAPER

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

8.44 RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

If any Federal funds are to be used to pay for the Contractor's services under this Master Agreement, the Contractor shall fully comply with all certification and disclosure requirements prescribed by Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 (31 United States Code Section 1352) and any implementing regulations, and shall ensure that each of its subcontractors receiving funds provided under this Master Agreement also fully complies with all such certification and disclosure requirements.

8.45 SUBCONTRACTING

8.45.1 The requirements of this Master Agreement may be subcontracted for any Work Order solely with the **advance written approval of the**

County. Any attempt by the Contractor to subcontract without the prior written consent of the County may be deemed a material breach of this Master Agreement.

8.45.2 If the Contractor desires to subcontract, the Contractor shall provide the following information:

- A comprehensive 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.

Where the Contractor desires to subcontract at the time of responding to a Work Order solicitation, the foregoing shall be provided at the time of bid submission. Where the Contractor desires to subcontract during the course of providing Services and/or Deliverables pursuant to an existing Work Order, the foregoing shall be provided before Contractor executes the subcontract.

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

8.45.4 The Contractor shall remain fully responsible for all performances required of it under this Master Agreement, including those that the Contractor has determined to subcontract, notwithstanding the County's approval of the Contractor's proposed subcontract.

8.45.5 The County's consent to subcontract shall not waive the County's right to prior and continuing approval of any and all personnel, including subcontractor employees, providing services under this Master Agreement. The Contractor is responsible to notify its subcontractors of this County right.

8.45.6 The Director or designee 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, the Contractor shall forward a fully executed subcontract to the County for their files.

8.45.7 The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for all payments or other compensation to all subcontractors and their officers, employees, agents, and successors in interest arising through

services performed hereunder, notwithstanding the County's consent to subcontract.

8.45.8 The Contractor shall obtain certificates of insurance, which establish that the subcontractor maintains all the programs of insurance required by the County from each approved subcontractor. The Contractor shall ensure delivery of all such documents to the e-mail address shown below:

cqcontractorinsurance@dhs.lacounty.gov

before any subcontractor employee may perform any work hereunder.

8.46 SURVIVAL

In addition to any provisions of this Agreement which specifically state that they will survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement and any rights and obligations under this Agreement which by their nature should survive, the following Sub-paragraphs shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement:

Sub-paragraph 5.3 (No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Termination of Master Agreement)

Sub-paragraph 7.6 (Confidentiality)

Sub-paragraph 8.6 (Compliance with Applicable Laws, Rules and Regulations)

Sub-paragraph 8.24 (Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue)

Sub-paragraph 8.27 (Indemnification)

Sub-paragraph 8.28 (General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage)

Sub-paragraph 8.29 (Insurance Coverage)

Sub-paragraph 8.31 (Prohibition from Involvement in the Bidding Process of Future Solicitations)

Sub-paragraph 8.32 (Intellectual Property Ownership)

Sub-paragraph 8.42 (Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement)

Sub-paragraph 8.46 (Survival)

Exhibit G – Business Associate Agreement Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), if applicable

8.47 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 Sub-paragraph 8.15 - Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program, shall constitute a default under this Master Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to the County under any other provision of this Master Agreement, failure of the Contractor to cure such default within 90 calendar days of written notice shall be grounds upon which the County may terminate this Master Agreement pursuant to Sub-paragraph 8.50 - Termination for Default and pursue debarment of the Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.

8.48 TERMINATION FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

Failure of the Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Sub-paragraph 8.16 - Contractor's Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program shall constitute default under this Master Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to the County under any other provision of this Master Agreement, failure of the Contractor to cure such default within 10 days of notice shall be grounds upon which the County may terminate this Master Agreement and/or pursue debarment of the Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.206.

8.49 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

8.49.1 The County may terminate this Master Agreement, and any Work Order issued hereunder, in whole or in part, from time to time or permanently, when such action is deemed by the County, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Termination of work hereunder shall 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 shall be no less than ten (10) days after the notice is sent.

8.49.2 After receipt of a notice of termination and except as otherwise directed by the County, the Contractor shall immediately:

- Stop work under the Work Order or under this Master Agreement, as identified in such notice;
- Transfer title and deliver to the County all completed work and work in process; and
- Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by such notice.

8.49.3 All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the Contractor under this Master Agreement or Work Order shall be maintained by the Contractor in accordance with Sub-paragraph 8.42, Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement.

8.50 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

8.50.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part (including any Work Order) of this Master Agreement, if, in the judgment of the Director or designee:

- The Contractor has materially breached this Master Agreement;
- The Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required either under this Master Agreement or any Work Order issued hereunder; or
- The Contractor fails to demonstrate a high probability of timely fulfillment of performance requirements of any Work Order issued under this Master Agreement, or of any obligations of this Master Agreement 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.

8.50.2 In the event that the County terminates this Master Agreement in whole or in part as provided in Sub-paragraph 8.50.1, 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 shall 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 shall continue the performance of this Master Agreement to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this Sub-paragraph.

8.50.3 Except with respect to defaults of any subcontractor, the Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs of the type identified in

Sub-paragraph 8.50.2 if its failure to perform this Master Agreement, including any Work Order issued hereunder, 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 shall 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 Sub-paragraph 8.50.3, the terms "subcontractor" and "subcontractors" mean subcontractor(s) at any tier.

8.50.4 If, after the County has given notice of termination under the provisions of this Sub-paragraph 8.50, it is determined by the County that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this Sub-paragraph 8.50, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of Sub-paragraph 8.50.3, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to Sub-paragraph 8.49 - Termination for Convenience.

8.50.5 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Sub-paragraph 8.50 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Master Agreement.

8.51 TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION

8.51.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Master Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by the Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee, or agent with the intent of securing this Master Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of this Master Agreement or the making of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to this Master Agreement. In the event of

such termination, the County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.

8.51.2 The Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861 or www.lacountyfraud.org.

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

8.52 TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY

8.52.1 The County may terminate this Master Agreement forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:

- Insolvency of the Contractor. The Contractor shall 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.

8.52.2 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Subparagraph 8.52 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Master Agreement.

8.53 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, shall 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 shall constitute a material breach of this Master Agreement, upon which the County may in its sole discretion, immediately terminate or suspend this Master Agreement.

8.54 TERMINATION FOR NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

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

8.55 EFFECT OF TERMINATION

- 8.55.1 In the event County terminates this Master Agreement in whole or in part as provided hereunder or upon the expiration of the Master Agreement, as applicable, then, unless otherwise specified by County in writing: (a) Contractor shall continue the performance of this Master Agreement to the extent not terminated. (b) Contractor shall cease to perform the Services being terminated on the date and to the extent specified in such notice and provide to County all completed Services and/or Deliverables and Services and/or Deliverables in progress, in a media reasonably requested by County, if applicable. (c) Where such termination is not for any default or breach by Contractor, County will pay to Contractor all sums due and payable to Contractor for Services properly performed through the effective date of such expiration or termination. (d) Contractor shall return to County, all monies paid in advance by County, yet unearned by Contractor, including any prepaid fees, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of County's termination of any (or all) of the Work Order(s) under this Master Agreement and/or the Master Agreement, whether such termination is for convenience or any default or breach hereunder. (e) Contractor shall promptly return to County any and all of the County's Confidential Information that relates to the portion of the Master Agreement or Services terminated by County in a media reasonably requested by County.
- 8.55.2 Expiration or termination of this Master Agreement for any reason will not release either party from any liabilities or obligations set forth in this Master Agreement which (i) the parties have expressly agreed in writing will survive any such expiration or termination, or

(ii) remain to be performed or by their nature would be intended to be applicable following any such expiration or termination.

8.56 UNLAWFUL SOLICITATION

The Contractor shall inform all of its officers and employees performing services hereunder of the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Division 3 (commencing with section 6150) of Business and Professions Code of the State of California (i.e. State Bar Act provisions regarding unlawful solicitation as a runner or capper for attorneys) and shall take positive and affirmative steps in its performance hereunder to ensure that there is no violation of said provisions by its officers and employees. The Contractor agrees that if a patient requests assistance in obtaining the services of any attorney, it will refer the patient to the attorney referral service of all those bar associations within Los Angeles County that have such a service.

8.57 VALIDITY

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

8.58 WAIVER

No waiver by the County of any breach of any provision of this Master Agreement shall 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 Master Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this Sub-paragraph 8.58 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Master Agreement.

8.59 WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

8.59.1 The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Master Agreement upon any agreement 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.

8.59.2 For breach of this warranty, the County shall have the right to terminate this Master Agreement and, at its sole discretion, deduct from the Master Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise

recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

8.60 COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- 8.60.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking prohibiting Contractors from engaging in human trafficking.
- 8.60.2 If a Contractor or member of the Contractor's staff is convicted of a human trafficking offense, the County shall require that the Contractor or member of the Contractor's staff be removed immediately from performing services under this Master Agreement. The County will not be under any obligation to disclose confidential information regarding the offenses other than those required by law.
- 8.60.3 Disqualification of any member of the Contractor's staff pursuant to this Sub-paragraph shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Master Agreement.

8.61 COMPLIANCE WITH FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Contractor shall comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952, Employment Discrimination: Conviction History. Contractor's violation of this paragraph of the Master Agreement may constitute a material breach of the Master Agreement. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Master Agreement.

8.62 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.

8.63 TIME OFF FOR VOTING

The Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the time off for voting law (Elections Code Section 14000). Not less than 10 days before every statewide election, every Contractor and subcontractors shall 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.

8.64 NO INTENT TO CREATE A THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY CONTRACT

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Master Agreement, the parties do not in any way intend that any person shall acquire any rights as a third-party beneficiary of this Master Agreement.

9.0 ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

9.1 CONTRACTOR'S CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COMPLIANCE

9.1.1 The Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act regulates entities receiving or raising charitable contributions. The "Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004" (SB 1262, Chapter 919) increased Charitable Purposes Act requirements. By requiring the Contractors to complete Exhibit H - Charitable Contributions Certification, the County seeks to ensure that all County Contractors which receive or raise charitable contributions comply with California law in order to protect the County and its taxpayers.

9.1.2 The Contractor shall be listed in good standing and is required to **annually** renew its registry with the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts.

9.1.3 A Contractor which receives or raises charitable contributions without complying with its obligations under California law commits a material breach subjecting it to either Agreement termination or debarment proceedings or both. (County Code Chapter 2.202)

The following Sub-Paragraphs 9.2 through 9.4 shall only apply to Contractors that qualify for the applicable County Preference Program.

9.2 LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (LSBE) PREFERENCE PROGRAM

- 9.2.1 This Master Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.204 of the Los Angeles County Code.
- 9.2.2 The Contractor shall 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.
- 9.2.3 The Contractor shall 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.
- 9.2.4 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 Work Order to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:
1. Pay to the County any difference between the Work Order amount and what the County's costs would have been if the Work Order had been properly awarded;
 2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent of the amount of the Work Order; and
 3. 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 shall 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 Work Order award.

9.3 SOCIAL ENTERPRISE (SE) PREFERENCE PROGRAM

- 9.3.1 This Master Agreement 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.
- 9.3.2 The Contractor shall 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.
- 9.3.3 The Contractor shall 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.
- 9.3.4 If the 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 Work Order to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, the Contractor shall:
1. Pay to the County any difference between the Work Order amount and what the County's costs would have been if the Work Order had been properly awarded;
 2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent (10%) of the amount of the Work Order; and
 3. 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 shall 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 Work Order award.

9.4 DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DVBE) PREFERENCE PROGRAM

- 9.4.1 This Master Agreement 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.
- 9.4.2 The Contractor shall 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.
- 9.4.3 The Contractor shall 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.
- 9.4.4 If the 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 Work Order to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:
1. Pay to the County any difference between the Work Order amount and what the County's costs would have been if the Work Order had been properly awarded;
 2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent of the amount of the Work Order; and
 3. 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 shall 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 Work Order award.

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**AUTHORIZATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT FOR
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Master Agreement to be executed by the Health Agency Director or designee and approved by County Counsel, and Contractor has caused this Master Agreement to be executed on its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____ for
XXXXX
Interim Health Agency Director

CONTRACTOR

By _____
Signature

Printed Name

Title

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MARY C. WICKHAM
County Counsel

By _____
(Insert Title of Deputy)