



This Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into and effective as of this \_\_\_\_\_ ("Effective Date"), by and between the County of Los Angeles ("County"), a body corporate and politic of the State of California, by and through its Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture ("Arts and Culture"), and:

Organization ("Grantee"): «Ecaps\_Vendor\_Name\_For\_Contract»  
Address: «District\_Office\_Street\_1»  
City, State, Zip: «District\_Office\_City», CA «District\_Zip»  
Primary Contact: «Project\_Lead»  
Email Address: «Project\_Lead\_Email»  
Los Angeles County Vendor #: «Vendor\_Number»

## **LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS EDUCATION COLLECTIVE ADVANCEMENT GRANT**

The County, through Arts and Culture, provides grants to Los Angeles County School Districts to support quality arts education programming for public school students.

Grantee is a Los Angeles County School District that is part of the Arts Ed Collective network and is currently implementing a board-approved strategic plan for arts education.

### **Section 1. AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS**

This Agreement is comprised of this three-page document, the Standard Terms and Conditions attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the General Terms and Instructions attached hereto as Exhibit B. Grantee affirms it has reviewed the entire Agreement, including the attached exhibits, and understands and will comply with the terms and conditions contained therein.

### **Section 2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF GRANT**

The County desires to provide a grant to support Grantee in addressing and achieving key action items that move them toward their long term vision for arts education within their school district, as described in the application materials submitted to the County in connection with this grant. Specifically, this grant award will be used for the following purposes only ("Project"): «District\_Confirmed\_Project\_Description».

### **Section 3. AGREEMENT TERM**

The term of this Agreement shall commence when executed by all parties hereto, no earlier than July 1, 2026, and shall expire on **June 30, 2027**. At the sole discretion of the County, the Term may be extended in the event of delays to the implementation of the contracted project. Such an extension shall be memorialized in writing.

### **Section 4. MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT**

The maximum grant amount payable by the County to the Grantee under this Agreement may not exceed: \$«Award\_Contracted».

### **Section 5. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- A. **Matching Funds.** As a condition of this grant award, Grantee must provide, at a minimum, matching funds equal to or exceeding the amount set forth in Section 4, above, for the purposes of funding the Project. If for any reason Grantee fails to contribute any or all of the

required matching funds, the grant award will be reduced in an amount equal to the amount of matching funds Grantee fails to contribute. Grantee must reimburse the County any grant amount forfeited pursuant to this paragraph within 10 business days of a demand by the County for reimbursement, or within 30 days of expiration of the term of this Agreement, whichever is earlier. Grantee will follow those procedures and requirements established in the General Terms and Instructions (Exhibit B) for the acquisition and reporting of matching funds.

- B. No grant funds will be disbursed until Grantee submits evidence that its School Board has approved or ratified this Agreement.
- C. The County will pay the grant allocations set forth in Section 4, above, to Grantee in up to three (3) installments. The County will not pay any interest or other charges on any grant allocation. Grantee must submit invoices as follows:
  - (i) Grantee may submit one (1) invoice for a maximum of 25% of the grant award following successful completion of all project planning and attendance at a County-scheduled grantee convening or a countywide network event. This invoice is optional.
  - (ii) Grantee may submit one (1) invoice for a maximum of 50% of the grant award following successful completion of a mid-project check-in and site visit with County staff. This invoice is optional.
  - (iii) Grantee must submit one (1) invoice for all unpaid grant funds on or before May 15, 2027. This invoice is mandatory and must be accompanied by a completed Final Report, as described in the General Terms and Instructions (Exhibit B). Payment pursuant to this invoice is contingent upon submission of the Final Report.

Grantee's failure or election not to submit an optional invoice pursuant to (i) or (ii), above, will not limit, reduce, or otherwise affect the Grantee's obligations under this Agreement.

- D. All grant funds must be expended by May 15, 2027, unless written approval is granted. Any funds allocated by the County to Grantee pursuant to this Agreement which are not used by Grantee in support of the Project must be returned to the County within 30 days of the expiration of the term of this Agreement. Grantee will forfeit any grant funds which remain unused upon the expiration of this Agreement.
- E. Grantee agrees to comply with the terms of this Agreement, including the terms set forth in the attached Exhibits A and B, all applicable local, state and federal laws, and all applicable current and future guidelines issued by Arts and Culture.
- F. **Signatures.** Grantee represents and warrants that the person or persons executing this Agreement for Grantee is/are authorized agent(s) who have actual authority to bind Grantee to each and every provision of this Agreement, and that all requirements of Grantee have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.
- G. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed will be deemed to be an original and will together constitute one and the same Agreement. Manual signatures may be provided by facsimile, or digitally scanned and provided by electronic mail. Grantee will maintain on file and, upon the County's request, agrees to provide the County with an original of a signature provided by facsimile or electronic

mail. Alternatively, grantee may provide electronic signatures of authorized signors via Adobe Sign.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the County has executed these presents by causing them to be subscribed by the Director of its Department of Arts and Culture, and Grantee has caused these presents to be executed by its duly authorized representatives, the date first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kristin Sakoda, Director  
Department of Arts and Culture

GRANTEE

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
«School\_Board\_Signee»  
«Ecaps\_Vendor\_Name\_\_For\_Contract»

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
«SUP\_Prefix» «SUP\_First\_Name» «SUP\_Last\_Name», Superintendent  
«Ecaps\_Vendor\_Name\_\_For\_Contract»

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Dawyn R. Harrison  
County Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rory LoAllen  
Senior Deputy County Counsel

Congratulations on your District's Advancement Grant award! This General Terms and Instructions document contains all the information you will need to manage your grant, meet grantee requirements, and receive payments.

Please read this entire document thoroughly and visit our website at <https://www.lacountyartsedcollective.org/manage-my-grant> to access up-to-date resources and information about managing your grant award.

## **1.0 GRANT AGREEMENT OVERVIEW**

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Grantees must meet all applicable award requirements. If you fail to comply with requirements, your grant agreement may be suspended or terminated, and you may forfeit some or your entire grant award. Grantees can contact Advancement Grant Program Specialist at any time to discuss the grant funded project and terms of the grant agreement.

### **1.1 Grant Period**

The grant period is from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. County grant funds must be expended after the grant agreement execution date. Matching funds may be applied to Project expenditures anytime during the Grant Period. *Please note that the invoicing and reporting deadline is May 15, 2027, unless a written extension is issued.*

### **1.2 Signing the Grant Agreement**

The grant agreement must be executed with two signatures:

- The district's superintendent, and
- A School Board President or a member of the School Board authorized to act on its behalf. Alternatively, a resolution adopting or approving this Agreement may be substituted for a School Board signature.

### **1.3 Matching Funds**

Grantees must demonstrate and report matching funds that ensure Los Angeles County (County) grant funds do not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of the project. Please note that the contract provides that you may forfeit some or your entire grant award if you do not comply with this requirement.

## **2.0 GRANT AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

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The following requirements must be met by your school district prior to the signing of your grant agreement:

### **2.1 Grant Acceptance Form**

To accept the grant award, grantees must provide the Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture) with a completed Grant Acceptance Form. This form requires you to update the target participation and grant budget, including all expenses and matching funds related to the scope of your project and reflective of your final award amount. To complete and submit the form, visit the grant management system: [apply-lacdac.smapply.io](http://apply-lacdac.smapply.io).

Forms must be completed accurately and in full:

- Grant budget table tabulates correctly and includes sufficient matching funds
- Adjusted scope of activities within the form aligns with the project as stated in Section 2 of the Program Agreement
- All questions are completed and changes in scope described clearly

**Arts and Culture must confirm acceptable completion of the form prior to final execution of the grant agreement; any delays in submission of a complete and accurate form may delay final execution of the grant agreement and consequently the distribution of the grant award.**

## **2.2 Assignment of a Project Lead**

A district must assign a project lead who will manage the coordination, implementation and assessment of the project and all elements of the grant agreement between the district and the County. If the project lead listed in the grant agreement changes, the district must notify Arts and Culture and identify the name and contact information of the new project lead. Notification should occur before the existing project lead's responsibilities change so that a transition meeting can be scheduled between the former and future district project lead and Arts and Culture staff.

## **2.3 Los Angeles County Vendor Number**

Grantees must have a current vendor number registered with the County. To obtain a vendor ID and register with the Vendor Self Services (VSS) Portal, visit [camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven/](http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven/). If you have questions relating to your vendor number, please contact vendor relations at (323) 267-2725 or [ISDVendorRelations@isd.lacounty.gov](mailto:ISDVendorRelations@isd.lacounty.gov).

Upon registration in VSS, **grantees are required** to enroll in Direct Deposit in order to expedite payments. Please follow the instructions listed online at [directdeposit.lacounty.gov/](http://directdeposit.lacounty.gov/).

## **3.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES DURING IMPLEMENTATION**

The following requirements must be met by your school district during implementation of the Project:

- Project lead attends a County-scheduled grantee convening or a countywide network event on a date to be announced.
- Project lead participates in a mid-project check-in call with County staff.
- Project lead completes a Final Report that includes a brief narrative on project outcomes, participation data, a final budget and at least one work sample.

## **4.0 CREDIT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**4.1** Grantee will acknowledge the ("Project") as stated below in all digital and print communications, promotional, press, product materials:

*[PROJECT] is supported, in part, by the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture through the LA County Arts Education Collective which is dedicated to making the arts core in K-12 public education.*

**4.2** The Arts and Culture logos and the Arts Ed Collective Logo can be downloaded here. In addition to the logos and credit line, any printed list of contributors to a project funded by this grant (e.g. on a website or other materials) should include the "Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture" and "LA County Arts Education Collective Funders Council". Grantees are also encouraged to use the Department of Arts and Culture's handles and hashtags when posting on social media: @LACountyArts #LACountyArts #LACountyArtsEd.

**4.3** In addition, if a public facing non-consumable item (i.e. stage curtain, Marley vinyl flooring, media lab, equipment system) in the project budget exceeds \$12,500, the grantee will include the above acknowledgment, name, or logo of Arts and Culture and Arts Ed Collective on any plaque, wall signage, donor wall, or other identifier associated with the project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, grantees are not required to create a new plaque or donor wall.

#### **4.4 Acknowledgement and Impact for LA County Board of Supervisors and Funders Council**

Grantees are encouraged to send an email to their Board Supervisors and the Arts Ed Collective Funders Council or post on social media acknowledging the impact of the grant on the school district and the students served. Social media post templates and a sample thank you letter are available at: <https://www.lacountyartsedcollective.org/manage-my-grant>

To confirm the district's County Supervisorial District, visit [appcenter.gis.lacounty.gov/districtlocator/](http://appcenter.gis.lacounty.gov/districtlocator/) to determine the Supervisorial District using the main address for the school district.

#### **Email and Social Media Information for the Board of Supervisors and Funders Council**

Supervisorial District	Supervisor	Email Address	Social Media Handle
District 1	Hilda Solis	<a href="mailto:Firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov">Firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov</a>	<a href="#">@HildaSolis</a>
District 2	Holly J. Mitchell	<a href="mailto:HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov">HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov</a>	<a href="#">@HollyJMitchell</a>
District 3	Lindsey P. Horvath	<a href="mailto:Thirddistrict@bos.lacounty.gov">Thirddistrict@bos.lacounty.gov</a>	<a href="#">@LindseyPHorvath</a>
District 4	Janice Hahn	<a href="mailto:Fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov">Fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov</a>	<a href="#">@SupJaniceHahn</a>
District 5	Kathryn Barger	<a href="mailto:Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov">Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov</a>	<a href="#">@SupervisorKathrynBarger</a>
Board of Supervisors			<a href="#">@LACountyBOS</a>
Arts Ed Collective Funders Council		<a href="mailto:ArtsEdCollective@arts.lacounty.gov">ArtsEdCollective@arts.lacounty.gov</a>	#AECFundersCouncil
Department of Arts and Culture		<a href="mailto:lacac@arts.lacounty.gov">lacac@arts.lacounty.gov</a>	<a href="#">@LACountyArts</a> <a href="#">#LACountyArts</a>
Arts Ed Collective		<a href="mailto:ArtsEdCollective@arts.lacounty.gov">ArtsEdCollective@arts.lacounty.gov</a>	#LACountyArtsEd

#### **5.0 INVOICING AND REPORTING**

Advancement Grant awards shall be paid in three installments.

**Final payment requests and required reporting documentation are due by May 15, 2027.**

- You may submit one (1) invoice for a maximum of 25% of the grant award following successful completion of all project planning and attendance at a County-scheduled grantee convening or a countywide network event. *This invoice is optional.*
- You may submit one (1) invoice for a maximum of 50% of the grant award following successful completion of a mid-project check-in with County staff. *This invoice is optional.*

- You must submit one (1) invoice for all unpaid grant funds on or before May 15, 2027 *unless written approval is granted for this deliverable by Arts and Culture*. This invoice is mandatory and must be accompanied by a completed Final Report. Payment pursuant to this invoice is contingent upon submission of the Final Report.

Payment requests and the Final Report must be submitted through the online grant management system [apply-lacdac.smapply.io](http://apply-lacdac.smapply.io).

## **6.0 PROJECT AMENDMENTS**

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Grant activities and expenses must be consistent with those approved for funding. If changes in the project are necessary during the contract period, you must:

1. Contact Arts and Culture's staff and set up a project amendment phone appointment;
2. Complete and submit the Project Amendment form found via [apply-lacdac.smapply.io/](http://apply-lacdac.smapply.io/);
3. In the Project Amendment form provide the following information at a minimum:
  - a. Advancement Grant Grant Agreement number,
  - b. Specific change(s) requested,
  - c. Justification for each requested change(s),
  - d. Revised project budget, if applicable, or else a statement that "No revised project budget has been included in this amendment,"
  - e. Contact information, including a phone number, fax number, and e-mail address.

*No project amendment is effective unless and until grantee receives approval from Arts and Culture in the form of a signed project amendment form. Until such time as grantee receives such written approval, grantee shall only incur costs and shall only carry out its project in a manner consistent with the terms and conditions of the original grant agreement.*

## **7.0 PANEL COMMENTS**

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Knowledgeable members of the arts education community assessed your funding request as part of the review process. To schedule a time to discuss panel feedback with staff, contact Keelia Postlethwaite Stinnett, Program Specialist, at [artsedcollective@arts.lacounty.gov](mailto:artsedcollective@arts.lacounty.gov).

## **8.0 CONTACT ARTS AND CULTURE STAFF**

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For questions regarding your Advancement Grant award or project, project amendments, applications, eligibility, or invoicing and reporting inquiries please contact Keelia Postlethwaite Stinnett, Program Specialist, at [artsedcollective@arts.lacounty.gov](mailto:artsedcollective@arts.lacounty.gov).

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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## **1 DEFINITIONS**

### **1.1 Contract**

This agreement executed between County and Contractor. Included are all supplemental agreements amending or extending the service to be performed. The Contract sets forth the terms and conditions for the issuance and performance of all tasks, deliverables, services and other work.

### **1.2 Contractor**

The person or persons, sole proprietor, partnership, joint venture, corporation or other legal entity who has entered into an agreement with the County to perform or execute the work covered by this contract.

### **1.3 Statement of Work**

The directions, provisions, and requirements provided herein and special provisions pertaining to the method, frequency, manner and place of performing the contract services.

### **1.4 Subcontract**

An agreement by the contractor to employ a subcontractor to provide services to fulfill this contract.

### **1.5 Subcontractor**

Any individual, person or persons, sole proprietor, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other legal entity furnishing supplies, services of any nature, equipment, and/or materials to contractor in furtherance of contractor's performance of this contract, at any tier, under oral or written agreement.

### **1.6 Board of Supervisors (Board)**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as governing body.

### **1.7 County Project Manager**

Person designated by County's Project Director to manage the operations under this contract.

### **1.8 County Contract Project Monitor**

Person with responsibility to oversee the day-to-day activities of this contract. Responsibility for inspections of any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services and other work provided by the contractor.

### **1.9 County Project Director**

Person designated by County with authority for County on contractual or administrative matters relating to this contract that cannot be resolved by the County's Project Manager.

### **1.10 Day(s)**

Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.

### **1.11 Contractor Project Manager**

The person designated by the Contractor to administer the Contract operations under this Contract.

## **1.12 Fiscal Year**

The twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.

## **2 STANDARD ARTS AND CULTURE TERMS**

### **2.1 Requisite Skills**

The Contractor represents and warrants to the County, and County relies on such representation and warranty, that the Contractor (including its employees and agents) has the necessary skills, competence and expertise to fully and completely perform the specialized services called for under this Agreement. The County and the Contractor understand and agree that the Contractor is responsible for the means and methods of performing these specialized services and accomplishing the results, deliverables, objectives and/or purposes specified and/or requested by the County pursuant to this Agreement.

### **2.2 Work Beyond Scope of Contract**

If the Consultant provides any tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work, other than as specified in this Contract, the same will be deemed to be a gratuitous effort on the part of the Consultant, and the Consultant must have no claim whatsoever against the County.

### **2.3 No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration – Termination of Contract**

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

### **2.4 Notification of 75% of Total Contract Sum**

The Consultant must maintain a system of record keeping that will allow the Consultant to determine when it has incurred seventy-five percent (75%) of the total contract sum under this Contract. Upon occurrence of this event, the Consultant must send written notification to County Contract Manager.

### **2.5 Patent, Copyright, and Trade Secret Indemnification**

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

**2.5.2** In the event any equipment, part thereof, or software product becomes the subject of any complaint, claim, or proceeding alleging infringement or unauthorized disclosure, such that County's continued use of such item is formally restrained, enjoined, or subjected to a risk of damages, the Contractor,

at its sole expense, and providing that County's continued use of the system is not materially impeded, shall either:

- 2.5.2.1** Procure for County all rights to continued use of the questioned equipment, part, or software product; or
- 2.5.2.2** Replace the questioned equipment, part, or software product with a non-questioned item; or
- 2.5.2.3** Modify the questioned equipment, part, or software so that it is free of claims.
- 2.5.2.4** The Contractor shall have no liability if the alleged infringement or unauthorized disclosure is based upon a use of the questioned product, either alone or in combination with other items not supplied by the Contractor, in a manner for which the questioned product was not designed nor intended.

### **3 STANDARD COUNTY TERMS**

#### **3.1 Compliance with Applicable Law**

- 3.1.1** In the performance of this Contract, contractor must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures, and all provisions required thereby to be included in this Contract are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- 3.1.2** Contractor must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies, or procedures, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to contractor's indemnification obligations under Paragraph 8.6 (Compliance with Applicable Law) will be conducted by contractor and performed by counsel selected by contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County will have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County will be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to reimbursement from contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor will not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction or other equitable relief, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

#### **3.2 Compliance with Civil Rights Laws**

The contractor hereby assures that it will comply with Subchapter VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sections 2000 (e) (1) through 2000 (e) (17), to the end that no person will, on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, religion, ancestry, age, condition of physical handicap, marital status, political affiliation, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination

under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract. Additionally, contractor certifies to the County:

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

### **3.3 Contractor's Charitable Activities Compliance**

The Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act regulates entities receiving or raising charitable contributions. The "Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004" (SB 1262, Chapter 919) increased Charitable Purposes Act requirements. By requiring Contractors to complete Exhibit J (Charitable Contributions Certification), the County seeks to ensure that all County contractors which receive or raise charitable contributions comply with California law in order to protect the County and its taxpayers. A Contractor which receives or raises charitable contributions without complying with its obligations under California law commits a material breach subjecting it to either contract termination or debarment proceedings or both. ([County Code Chapter 2.202](#))

### **3.4 Prohibited Activity.**

To the extent applicable, the Contractor represents and warrants that it will not engage in or permit any religious proselytizing or political propagandizing in connection with the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor agrees to comply with the provision of the federal Hatch Act and with Section 675e of Subtitle B of Title VI of Public Law 101-121 (31 USC § 1352) which prohibits use of federal funds to influence the award of federal contracts or grants.

### **3.5 Liquidated Damages**

- 3.5.1** If, in the judgment of the Department Head, or his/her designee, the contractor is deemed to be non-compliant with the terms and obligations assumed hereby, the Department Head, or his/her designee, at his/her option, in addition to, or in lieu of, other remedies provided herein, may withhold the entire monthly payment or deduct pro rata from the contractor's invoice for work not performed. A description of the work not performed and the amount to be withheld or deducted from payments to the contractor from the County, will be forwarded to the contractor by the Department Head, or his/her designee, in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.
- 3.5.2** If the Department Head, or his/her designee, determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Contract that the Department Head, or his/her designee, deems are correctable by the contractor over a certain time span, the Department Head, or his/her designee, will provide a written notice to the contractor to correct the deficiency within specified time frames. Should the contractor fail to correct deficiencies within said time frame, the Department Head, or his/her designee, may: (a) Deduct from the contractor's payment, pro rata, those applicable portions of the Monthly Contract Sum; and/or (b) Deduct

liquidated damages. The parties agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure of the contractor to correct a deficiency within the specified time frame. The parties hereby agree that under the current circumstances a reasonable estimate of such damages is \$100 per day per infraction, or as specified in Attachment 2 (Performance Requirements Summary (PRS)) Chart of Exhibit A (Statement of Work and Attachments) hereunder, and that the contractor will be liable to the County for liquidated damages in said amount. Said amount will be deducted from the County's payment to the contractor; and/or (c) Upon giving five (5) days notice to the contractor for failure to correct the deficiencies, the County may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by the County for completion of the work by an alternate source, whether it be County forces or separate private contractor, will be deducted and forfeited from the payment to the contractor from the County, as determined by the County.

- 3.5.3** The action noted in Paragraph 8.26.2 must not be construed as a penalty, but as adjustment of payment to the contractor to recover the County cost due to the failure of the contractor to complete or comply with the provisions of this Contract.
- 3.5.4** This Paragraph must not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to damages for any breach of this Contract provided by law or as specified in the PRS or Paragraph 8.26.2, and must not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to terminate this Contract as agreed to herein.

## **3.6 Budget Reductions**

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

## **3.7 Complaints**

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

### **3.7.1 Complaint Procedures**

- 3.7.1.1** Within 10 (ten) business days after the Contract effective date, the contractor must provide the County with the contractor's policy for receiving, investigating and responding to user complaints.
- 3.7.1.2** The County will review the contractor's policy and provide the contractor with approval of said plan or with requested changes.
- 3.7.1.3** If the County requests changes in the contractor's policy, the contractor must make such changes and resubmit the plan within 10 (ten) business days for County approval.

- 3.7.1.4** If, at any time, the contractor wishes to change the contractor's policy, the contractor must submit proposed changes to the County for approval before implementation.
- 3.7.1.5** The contractor must preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the County's Project Manager of the status of the investigation within 10 (ten) business days of receiving the complaint.
- 3.7.1.6** When complaints cannot be resolved informally, a system of follow-through will be instituted which adheres to formal plans for specific actions and strict time deadlines.
- 3.7.1.7** Copies of all written responses must be sent to the County's Project Manager within 10 (ten) business days of mailing to the complainant.

### **3.8 County's Quality Assurance Plan**

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

### **3.9 Contractor Responsibility and Debarment**

#### **3.9.1 Responsible Contractor**

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

#### **3.9.2 Chapter 2.202 of the County Code**

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

#### **3.9.3 Non-responsible contractor**

The County may debar a contractor if it 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.

### **3.9.4**

#### **Contractor Hearing Board**

**3.9.4.1** If there is evidence that the contractor may be subject to debarment, the Department will notify the contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise the contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.

**3.9.4.2** The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The contractor and/or the contractor's representative will be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board will prepare a tentative proposed decision, which will contain a recommendation regarding whether the contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The contractor and the Department will be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

**3.9.4.3** After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision, and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board will be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

**3.9.4.4** If a contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years, that contractor may after the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that the contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: 1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; 2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; 3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or 4) any other reason that is in the best interests of the County.

**3.9.4.5** The Contractor Hearing Board will consider a request for review of a debarment determination only where 1) the contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years; 2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years; and 3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of

debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing will be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.

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

**3.9.4.7** Subcontractors of Contractor. These terms will also apply to subcontractors of County contractors.

### **3.10 Damage to County Facilities, Buildings or Grounds**

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

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

### **3.11 Publicity**

**3.11.1** The contractor must not disclose any details in connection with this Contract to any person or entity except as may be otherwise provided hereunder or required by law. However, in recognizing the contractor's need to identify its services and related clients to sustain itself, the County will not inhibit the contractor from publishing its role under this Contract within the following conditions:

**3.11.1.1** The contractor must develop all publicity material in a professional manner; and

**3.11.1.2** During the term of this Contract, the contractor will not, and will not authorize another to, publish or disseminate any commercial advertisements, press releases, feature articles, or other materials using the name of the County without the prior written consent of the County's Project Director. The County will not unreasonably withhold written consent.

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

### **3.12 Records**

**3.12.1** Public Records Act

**3.12.1.1** Any documents submitted by the contractor; all information obtained in connection with the County's right to audit and inspect

the contractor's documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to Paragraph 8.38 (Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement) of this Contract; as well as those documents which were required to be submitted in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) used in the solicitation process for this Contract, become the exclusive property of the County. All such documents become a matter of public record and will be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the California Government Code Section 6250 et seq. (Public Records Act) and which are marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary". The County will not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

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

**3.12.2** Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement

**3.12.2.1** The contractor must maintain accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The contractor must also maintain accurate and complete employment and other records relating to its performance of this Contract. The contractor agrees that the County, or its authorized representatives, will have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe any pertinent transaction, activity, or record relating to this Contract. All such material, including, but not limited to, all financial records, bank statements, cancelled checks or other proof of payment, timecards, sign-in/sign-out sheets and other time and employment records, and proprietary data and information, will be kept and maintained by the contractor and will be made available to the County during the term of this Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter unless the County's written permission is given to dispose of any such material prior to such time. All such material must be maintained by the contractor at a location in Los Angeles County, provided that if any such material is located outside Los Angeles County, then, at the County's option, the contractor will pay the County for travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by the County to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe such material at such other location.

**3.12.2.2** In the event that an audit of the contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Contract by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by the contractor or otherwise, then the contractor must file a copy of such audit report with the County's Auditor Controller within thirty (30) days of the contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable Federal or State

law or under this Contract. Subject to applicable law, the County will make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s) 8.38.3. Failure on the part of the contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this subparagraph 8.38 will constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract.

**3.12.2.3** If, at any time during the term of this Contract or within five (5) years after the expiration or termination of this Contract, representatives of the County conduct an audit of the contractor regarding the work performed under this Contract, and if such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for any such work is less than payments made by the County to the contractor, then the difference must be either: a) repaid by the contractor to the County by cash payment upon demand or b) at the sole option of the County's Auditor-Controller, deducted from any amounts due to the contractor from the County, whether under this Contract or otherwise. If such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for such work is more than the payments made by the County to the contractor, then the difference will be paid to the contractor by the County by cash payment, provided that in no event will the County's maximum obligation for this Contract exceed the funds appropriated by the County for the purpose of this Contract.

### **3.13 Conflicts of Interest**

#### **3.13.1 Conflict of Interest**

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

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

#### **3.13.2 Prohibition Against Inducement or Persuasion**

Notwithstanding the above, the contractor and the County agree that, during the term of this Contract and for a period of one year thereafter, neither party

will in any way intentionally induce or persuade any employee of one party to become an employee or agent of the other party. No bar exists against any hiring action initiated through a public announcement.

**3.13.3 Prohibition from Participation in Future Solicitation(s)**

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

**3.14 Employment Eligibility Verification**

**3.14.1** The contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing work under this Contract meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in Federal and State statutes and regulations.

The contractor must obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal and State statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, (P.L. 99-603), or as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. The contractor must retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law.

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

**3.15 Independent Contractor Status**

**3.15.1** This Contract is by and between the County and the contractor and is not intended, and must not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between the County and the contractor. The employees and agents of one party must not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Agreement, Contractor has no power or authority to bind the County to any obligations, agreements, or contracts.

**3.15.2** The contractor will be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract all compensation and benefits. The County will have no liability or responsibility for the payment of any salaries, wages, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, Federal, State, or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any personnel provided by or on behalf of the contractor.

**3.15.3** The contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, solely employees of the contractor and not employees of the County. The contractor will be solely liable and responsible for furnishing any and all Workers' Compensation benefits to any person as a result of any injuries arising from or connected with any work performed by or on behalf of the contractor pursuant to this Contract.

**3.15.4** Use of the County seal or other County identifier requires prior written approval of the County Chief Administrative Officer or his or her designee. IMPROPER USE OF THE COUNTY SEAL OR OTHER IDENTIFIER SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR OTHER APPROPRIATE PROSECUTORIAL AGENCY FOR INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. To the extent such material includes the County seal or other identifier, such material shall be distinguishable from County materials and expressly and clearly indicate that Contractor is an independent contractor or consultant.

The contractor must adhere to the provisions stated in Paragraph 7.6 (Confidentiality).

### **3.16 Most Favored Public Entity**

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

### **3.17 Non-Exclusivity**

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

### **3.18 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action**

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

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

**3.18.2.1** That contractor has a written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment.

**3.18.2.2** That contractor periodically conducts a self-analysis or utilization analysis of its work force.

**3.18.2.3** That Contractor has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups.

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

**3.18.3** The contractor must take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations. Such action must include, but is not limited to: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

**3.18.4** The contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation.

**3.18.5** The contractor certifies and agrees that it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies will comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations to the end that no person will, on the grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract.

**3.18.6** The contractor will allow County representatives access to the contractor's employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this Paragraph 8.28 (Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action) when so requested by the County.

**3.18.7** If the County finds that any provisions of this Paragraph 8.28 (Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action) have been violated, such violation will constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract. While the County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the contractor has violated Federal, or State anti-discrimination laws or regulations will constitute a finding by the County that the contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract.

**3.18.8** The parties agree that in the event the contractor violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract, the County will, at its sole option, be entitled to the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each such violation pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Contract.

### **3.19 Fair Labor Standards**

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

### **3.20 Notices**

All notices or demands required or permitted to be given or made under this Contract must be in writing and will be hand delivered with signed receipt or mailed by first class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, or emailed addressed to the parties as identified in Exhibits D (County's Administration) and E (Contractor's Administration). Addresses may be changed by either party giving ten (10) days prior written notice thereof to the other party. The Department Director, or his/her designee will have the authority to issue all notices or demands required or permitted by the County under this Contract.

#### **3.20.1 Notice of Delays**

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

#### **3.20.2 Notice of Disputes**

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

### **3.21 Injury and Illness Prevention Program**

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

## **4 COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY REQUIREMENTS**

### **4.1 Drug Free Workplace Compliance**

The Contractor hereby warrants and certifies that it shall comply with Board Policy 9.050 and the California Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Cal. Gov. Code § 8350 et seq.), as amended, including provision of the requisite certification as set forth therein; and the federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, including its implementing regulations (29 CFR Part 98 commencing with §98.600), as applicable.

### **4.2 Warranty Against Contingent Fees**

**4.2.1** The contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract upon any Contract or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the contractor for the purpose of securing business.

**4.2.2** For breach of this warranty, the County will have the right to terminate this Contract and, at its sole discretion, deduct from the Contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

#### **4.3 Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program**

Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals and businesses that benefit financially from County through contract are current in paying their property tax obligations (secured and unsecured roll) in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers.

Unless contractor qualifies for an exemption or exclusion, contractor warrants and certifies that to the best of its knowledge it is now in compliance, and during the term of this contract will maintain compliance, with [Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.206](#).

#### **4.4 Time Off for Voting**

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

#### **4.5 Compliance with the County's Jury Service Program**

##### **4.5.1 Jury Service Program**

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

##### **4.5.2 Written Employee Jury Service Policy**

**4.5.2.1** Unless the contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that the contractor is not a "contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program ([Section 2.203.020 of the County Code](#)) or that the contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program ([Section 2.203.070 of the County Code](#)), the contractor must have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees will receive from the contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the contractor or that the contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.

**4.5.2.2** For purposes of this paragraph, "contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the County or a subcontract with a County contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more in any twelve (12) month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of the contractor. "Full-time" means forty (40) hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of ninety (90) days or less within a twelve (12) month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service

Program. If the contractor uses any subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Contract, the subcontractor will also be subject to the provisions of this paragraph. The provisions of this paragraph will be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program must be attached to the agreement.

**4.5.2.3** If the contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Contract commences, the contractor will have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its “exception status” from the Jury Service Program, and the contractor must immediately notify the County if the contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program’s definition of “contractor” or if the contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program. In either event, the contractor must immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Contract and at its sole discretion, that the contractor demonstrate, to the County’s satisfaction that the contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program’s definition of “contractor” and/or that the contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.

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

**4.6 Compliance with County’s Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking**

Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking prohibiting contractors from engaging in human trafficking.

If a Contractor or member of Contractor’s staff is convicted of a human trafficking offense, the County will require that the Contractor or member of Contractor’s staff be removed immediately from performing services under the Contract. County will not be under any obligation to disclose confidential information regarding the offenses other than those required by law.

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

**4.7 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.

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

Should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract to perform the services set forth herein, the contractor must give first consideration for such employment openings to qualified, permanent County employees who are targeted for layoff or qualified, former County employees who are on a re-employment list during the life of this Contract.

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

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

**4.9.2** As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program ([County Code Chapter 2.200](#)) and without limiting the contractor's duty under this Contract to comply with all applicable provisions of law, the contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and will during the term of this Contract, maintain compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and will implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding Orders or Child Support Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family or Spousal Support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code Section 5246(b).

**4.10 Consideration of Hiring GAIN/START Participants**

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

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

**4.11 Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit**

The contractor must notify its employees, and will require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the

federal income tax laws. Such notice must be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice No. 1015.

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

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

**4.12.1 Notice to Employees Regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law**

The contractor must notify and provide to its employees, and will require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The information is set forth in Exhibit G (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) of this Contract. Additional information is available at <https://lacity.gov/residents/family-services/child-safety/safe-surrender/>.

**4.13 Recycled Bond Paper**

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

**5 INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE**

**5.1 Indemnification**

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

**5.2 General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage**

**5.2.1** Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Contract and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Contract have been met, Contractor must provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in Paragraph 7 of this Contract. These minimum insurance coverage terms, types and limits (the "Required Insurance") also are in addition to and separate from any other contractual obligation imposed upon Contractor pursuant to this Contract. The County in no way warrants that the Required Insurance is sufficient to protect the Contractor for liabilities which may arise from or relate to this Contract.

**5.2.2 Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County**

**5.2.2.1** Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to County, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement

confirming County and its Agents (defined below) has been given Insured status under the Contractor's General Liability policy, must be delivered to County at the address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under this Contract.

**5.2.2.2** Renewal Certificates must be provided to County not less than ten (10) days prior to contractor's policy expiration dates. The County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required contractor and/or sub-contractor insurance policies at any time.

**5.2.2.3** Certificates must identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Contract by name or number, and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s). The Insured party named on the Certificate must match the name of the contractor identified as the contracting party in this Contract. Certificates must provide the full name of each insurer providing coverage, its NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) identification number, its financial rating, the amounts of any policy deductibles or self-insured retentions exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), and list any County required endorsement forms.

**5.2.2.4** Neither the County's failure to obtain, nor the County's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), will be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.

**5.2.2.5** Certificates and copies of any required endorsements must be e-mailed to: [admin@arts.lacounty.gov](mailto:admin@arts.lacounty.gov) or sent to:

County of Los Angeles  
Department of Arts and Culture  
Name, Position  
1055 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 800  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

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

**5.2.3 Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage**

The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, employees and volunteers (collectively County and its Agents) must be provided additional insured status under contractor's General Liability policy with respect to liability arising out of contractor's ongoing and completed

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

#### **5.2.4**

#### **Cancellation of or Changes in Insurance**

Contractor must provide County with, or contractor's insurance policies must contain a provision that County will receive, written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance, including insurer, limits of coverage, term of coverage or policy period. The written notice must be provided to County at least ten (10) days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and thirty (30) days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance may constitute a material breach of the Contract, in the sole discretion of the County, upon which the County may suspend or terminate this Contract.

#### **5.2.5**

#### **Failure to Maintain Insurance**

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

#### **5.2.6**

#### **Insurer Financial Ratings**

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

#### **5.2.7**

#### **Contractor's Insurance Must Be Primary**

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

#### **5.2.8**

#### **Waivers of Subrogation**

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

#### **5.2.9**

#### **Subcontractor Insurance Coverage Requirements**

Contractor must include all subcontractors as insureds under contractor's own policies or must provide County with each subcontractor's separate evidence of insurance coverage. Contractor will be responsible for verifying each subcontractor complies with the Required Insurance provisions herein and

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

#### **5.2.10 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)**

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

#### **5.2.11 Claims Made Coverage**

If any part of the Required Insurance is written on a claims made basis, any policy retroactive date will precede the effective date of this Contract. Contractor understands and agrees it will maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following Contract expiration, termination, or cancellation.

#### **5.2.12 Application of Excess Liability Coverage**

Contractors may use a combination of primary, and excess insurance policies which provide coverage as broad as ("follow form" over) the underlying primary policies, to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions.

#### **5.2.13 Separation of Insureds**

All liability policies must provide cross-liability coverage as would be afforded by the standard ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) separation of insureds provision with no insured versus insured exclusions or limitations.

#### **5.2.14 Alternative Risk Financing Programs**

The County reserves the right to review, and then approve, Contractor use of self-insurance, risk retention groups, risk purchasing groups, pooling arrangements, and captive insurance to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions. The County and its Agents must be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.

#### **5.2.15 County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements**

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

### **5.3 Insurance Coverage**

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

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

	Each Occurrence:	\$1 million
<b>5.3.2</b>	<b>Automobile Liability</b> insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CA 00 01) with limits of not less than \$1 million for bodily injury and property damage, in combined or equivalent split limits, for each single accident. Insurance must cover liability arising out of contractor's use of autos pursuant to this Contract, including owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos, as each may be applicable.	
<b>5.3.3</b>	<b>Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability</b> insurance or qualified self- insurance satisfying statutory requirements, which includes Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$1 million per accident. If Contractor will provide leased employees, or, is an employee leasing or temporary staffing firm or a professional employer organization (PEO), coverage also must include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 A) naming the County as the Alternate Employer. The written notice must be provided to County at least ten (10) days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and thirty (30) days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also must be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.	
<b>5.3.4</b>	<b>Unique Insurance Coverage</b>	

#### **5.3.4.1 Sexual Misconduct Liability**

For contracts involving Contractor's work with minors, senior citizens, or vulnerable populations, Contractor must also maintain insurance covering actual or alleged claims for sexual misconduct and/or molestation with limits of not less than \$2 million per claim and \$2 million aggregate, and claims for negligent employment, investigation, supervision, training or retention of, or failure to report to proper authorities, a person(s) who committed any act of abuse, molestation, harassment, mistreatment or maltreatment of a sexual nature.

## **6 UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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

If the Contractor had requested and was granted the Local Small Business Enterprise preference:

- 6.1.1** This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled LSBE Preference Program, as codified in [Chapter 2.204 of the Los Angeles County Code](#).
- 6.1.2** The Contractor will not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a LSBE.
- 6.1.3** The Contractor will not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a LSBE.

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

- 6.1.4.1** Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;
- 6.1.4.2** In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than ten (10) percent of the amount of the contract; and
- 6.1.4.3** 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 will also apply to any business that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification and fails to notify the State and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

## **6.2 Social Enterprise (SE) Preference Program**

If the Contractor had requested and was granted the Social Enterprise preference:

- 6.2.1** This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled SE Preference Program, as codified in [Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code](#).
- 6.2.2** Contractor must not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a SE.
- 6.2.3** Contractor must not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a SE.
- 6.2.4** If Contractor has obtained County certification as a SE by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, Contractor will:
  - 6.2.4.1** Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;
  - 6.2.4.2** In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1) above, the Contractor will be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the contract; and

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

### **6.3 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Preference Program**

If the Contractor had requested and was granted the Local Small Business DVBE preference:

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

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

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

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

**6.3.4.1** Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;

**6.3.4.2** In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1) above, the Contractor will be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent of the amount of the contract; and

**6.3.4.3** Be subject to the provisions of [Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code](#) (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

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

## **7 STANDARD CONTRACT TERMS**

## **7.1 Force Majeure**

- 7.1.1** Neither party will be liable for such party's failure to perform its obligations under and in accordance with this Contract, if such failure arises out of fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by such party or any of such party's subcontractors), freight embargoes, or other similar events to those described above, but in every such case the failure to perform must be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of such party (such events are referred to in this paragraph as "force majeure events").
- 7.1.2** Notwithstanding the foregoing, a default by a subcontractor of contractor will not constitute a force majeure event, unless such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both contractor and such subcontractor, and without any fault or negligence of either of them. In such case, contractor will not be liable for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this subparagraph, the term "subcontractor" and "subcontractors" mean subcontractors at any tier.
- 7.1.3** In the event contractor's failure to perform arises out of a force majeure event, contractor agrees to use commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain goods or services from other sources, if applicable, and to otherwise mitigate the damages and reduce the delay caused by such force majeure event.

## **8 Termination**

### **8.1 Termination for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with County's Child Support Compliance Program**

Failure of the contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 8.14 (Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program) will constitute default under this Contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to the County under any other provision of this Contract, failure of the contractor to cure such default within ninety (90) calendar days of written notice will be grounds upon which the County may terminate this Contract pursuant to Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) and pursue debarment of the contractor, pursuant to [County Code Chapter 2.202](#).

### **8.2 Termination for Convenience**

- 8.2.1** This Contract may be terminated, in whole or in part, from time to time, when such action is deemed by the County, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Termination of work hereunder will be effected by notice of termination to the contractor specifying the extent to which performance of work is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The date upon which such termination becomes effective will be no less than ten (10) days after the notice is sent.
- 8.2.2** After receipt of a notice of termination and except as otherwise directed by the County, the contractor must:
  - 8.2.2.1** Stop work under this Contract on the date and to the extent specified in such notice, and

**8.2.2.2** Complete performance of such part of the work as would not have been terminated by such notice.

**8.2.3** All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the contractor under this Contract must be maintained by the contractor in accordance with Paragraph 8.38 (Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement).

**8.3 Termination for Default**

**8.3.1** The County may, by written notice to the contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Contract, if, in the judgment of County's Project Director:

**8.3.1.1** Contractor has materially breached this Contract; or

**8.3.1.2** Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required either under this Contract; or

**8.3.1.3** Contractor fails to demonstrate a high probability of timely fulfillment of performance requirements under this Contract, or of any obligations of this Contract and in either case, fails to demonstrate convincing progress toward a cure within five (5) working days (or such longer period as the County may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the County specifying such failure.

**8.3.2** In the event that the County terminates this Contract in whole or in part as provided in Paragraph 8.43.1, the County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the County may deem appropriate, goods and services similar to those so terminated. The contractor will be liable to the County for any and all excess costs incurred by the County, as determined by the County, for such similar goods and services. The contractor will continue the performance of this Contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this paragraph.

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

**8.3.4** If, after the County has given notice of termination under the provisions of Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) it is determined by the County that the contractor was not in default under the provisions of Paragraph 8.43

(Termination for Default) or that the default was excusable under the provisions of subparagraph 8.43.3, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to Paragraph 8.42 (Termination for Convenience).

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

#### **8.4 Termination for Improper Consideration**

**8.4.1** The County may, by written notice to the contractor, immediately terminate the right of the contractor to proceed under this Contract if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by the contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee, or agent with the intent of securing this Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of this Contract or the making of any determinations with respect to the contractor's performance pursuant to this Contract. In the event of such termination, the County will be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the contractor.

**8.4.2** The contractor must immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report must be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861.

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

#### **8.5 Termination for Insolvency**

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

**8.5.1.1** Insolvency of the contractor. The contractor will be deemed to be insolvent if it has ceased to pay its debts for at least sixty (60) days in the ordinary course of business or cannot pay its debts as they become due, whether or not a petition has been filed under the Federal Bankruptcy Code and whether or not the contractor is insolvent within the meaning of the Federal Bankruptcy Code;

**8.5.1.2** The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition regarding the contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code;

**8.5.1.3** The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for the contractor; or

**8.5.1.4** The execution by the contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.

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

#### **8.6 Termination for Non-Adherence of County Lobbyist Ordinance**

The contractor, and each County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm as defined in [County Code Section 2.160.010](#) retained by the contractor, must fully comply with the County's

Lobbyist Ordinance, [County Code Chapter 2.160](#). Failure on the part of the contractor or any County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm retained by the contractor to fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance will constitute a material breach of this Contract, upon which the County may in its sole discretion, immediately terminate or suspend this Contract.

#### **8.7 Termination for Non-Appropriation of Funds**

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

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

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

#### **8.9 Waiver**

No waiver by the County of any breach of any provision of this Contract will constitute a waiver of any other breach or of such provision. Failure of the County to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Contract will not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this paragraph 8.49 will not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

#### **8.10 Amendments**

**8.10.1** For any change which affects the scope of work, term, contract sum, payments, or any term or condition included under this Contract, an amendment to the Contract must be prepared and executed by the contractor and by Department Director or his/her designee.

**8.10.2** Arts and Culture may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Contract during the term of this Contract as required by the County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Officer. To implement such changes, an Amendment to the Contract must be prepared and executed by the contractor and by the Department Director or his/her designee.

**8.10.3** The Department Director or his/her designee, may at his/her sole discretion, authorize extensions of time as defined in Paragraph 4 (Term of Contract). The contractor agrees that such extensions of time will not change any other term or condition of this Contract during the period of such extensions. To implement an extension of time, an Amendment to the Contract must be prepared and executed by the contractor and by Department Director or his/her designee.

## **8.11 Assignment and Delegation/Mergers or Acquisitions**

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

**8.11.2** The contractor must not assign, exchange, transfer, or delegate its rights or duties under this Contract, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment, delegation, or otherwise transfer of its rights or duties, without such consent will be null and void. For purposes of this paragraph, County consent will require a written Amendment to the Contract, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by the County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Contract will be deductible, at County's sole discretion, against the claims, which the contractor may have against the County.

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

## **8.12 Subcontracting**

**8.12.1** The requirements of this Contract may not be subcontracted by the contractor without the advance approval of the County. Any attempt by the contractor to subcontract without the prior consent of the County may be deemed a material breach of this Contract.

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

- 8.12.2.1** A description of the work to be performed by the subcontractor.
- 8.12.2.2** A draft copy of the proposed subcontract; and
- 8.12.2.3** Other pertinent information and/or certifications requested by the County.

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

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

- 8.12.5** The County's consent to subcontract will not waive the County's right to prior and continuing approval of any and all personnel, including subcontractor employees, providing services under this Contract. The contractor is responsible to notify its subcontractors of this County right.
- 8.12.6** The County's Project Director is authorized to act for and on behalf of the County with respect to approval of any subcontract and subcontractor employees. After approval of the subcontract by the County, contractor must forward a fully executed subcontract to the County for their files.
- 8.12.7** The contractor will be solely liable and responsible for all payments or other compensation to all subcontractors and their officers, employees, agents, and successors in interest arising through services performed hereunder, notwithstanding the County's consent to subcontract.
- 8.12.8** The contractor must obtain certificates of insurance, which establish that the subcontractor maintains all the programs of insurance required by the County from each approved subcontractor. Before any subcontractor employee may perform any work hereunder, contractor must ensure delivery of all such documents to the County Project Manager.

### **8.13 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue**

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

### **8.14 Validity**

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

### **8.15 Interpretation**

No provision of this Agreement is to be interpreted for or against either party because that party or that party's legal representative drafted such provision.

### **8.16 Authorization Warranty**

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

### **8.17 Entire Agreement**

- 8.17.1** This Contract constitutes the entire, full, complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties which supersede all previous written or oral agreements, and all prior communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Contract.
- 8.17.2** Contractor warrants that he/she has received a copy of this Agreement, including all exhibits thereto, and upon execution of this Agreement, it shall be Contractor's responsibility to retain on file, and to abide by the entire Contract.

## **8.18 Counterparts and Electronic Signatures and Representations**

This Contract may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same Contract. The email or electronic signature of the Parties will be deemed to constitute original signatures, and electronic copies hereof will be deemed to constitute duplicate originals.

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

## **9 Survival**

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

- Paragraph 1.0 (Definitions)
- Paragraph 1.2 (Amendments)
- Paragraph 1.7 (Compliance with Applicable Law)
- Paragraph 1.21 (Force Majeure)
- Paragraph 1.22 (Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue)
- Paragraph 1.24 (Indemnification)
- Paragraph 1.25 (General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage)
- Paragraph 1.26 (Insurance Coverage)
- Paragraph 1.27 (Liquidated)
- Paragraph 1.37 (Public Records Act)
- Paragraph 1.38 (Publicity)
- Paragraph 1.39 (Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement)
- Paragraphs 1.43 through 1.48 (Termination Clauses)
- Paragraph 1.49 (Validity)
- Paragraph 1.50 (waiver)
- Paragraph 1.57 (Future Solicitations)
- Paragraph 2.1 (Patent, Copyright and Trade Secret Indemnification)
- Paragraph 3.0 (Survival)