

APPENDIX A



SAMPLE CONTRACT

BY AND BETWEEN

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CRIME LABORATORY FACILITY
AUTHORITY, A CALIFORNIA JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA)**

AND

(CONTRACTOR)

FOR

**HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC)
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES**

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**CONTRACT BETWEEN
JPA
AND
(CONTRACTOR)
FOR
HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES**

This Contract (Contract) made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20__ by and between the Los Angeles Regional Crime Laboratory Facility and the Joint Exercise of Power Authority (JPA), and _____ (Contractor).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the JPA through the Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) may contract with private businesses for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Equipment Maintenance and Repair Services (Services) for the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center (HDFSC); and

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

WHEREAS, the JPA has determined that it is legal, and feasible to contract for Services; and

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that it possesses the necessary special skills, knowledge, and technical competence, and sufficient staffing to provide such Services; and

WHEREAS, this Contract is therefore authorized pursuant to Government Code Section 6500 et seq.; and

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

1.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

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

Standard Exhibits:

Exhibit A	Statement of Work
Attachment 1 –	Equipment List
Attachment 2 –	Maintenance Schedule
Attachment 3 –	Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) Chart
Exhibit B	Pricing Schedule [Not Attached to Sample Contract, see Exhibit 10 (Pricing Schedule) of Appendix B (Required Forms) to the RFP]
Exhibit C	JPA's Administration
Exhibit D	Contractor's Administration
Exhibit E1	Contractor Acknowledgement, Confidentiality, and Copyright Assignment Agreement
Exhibit E2	Contractor Employee Acknowledgement, Confidentiality, and Copyright Assignment Agreement
Exhibit E3	Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgement, Confidentiality, and Copyright Assignment Agreement
Exhibit F	Contract Discrepancy Report
Exhibit G	Invoice Discrepancy Report

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

2.0 DEFINITIONS

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

- 2.1 **Business Day(s):** Monday through Friday, excluding County-recognized holidays.
- 2.2 **Contract:** This agreement executed between the JPA and Contractor. Included are all supplemental agreements amending or extending the Services to be performed. This Contract sets forth the terms and conditions for the issuance and performance of all tasks, deliverables, Services, and other Work.
- 2.3 **Contractor:** The person or persons, sole proprietor, partnership, joint venture, corporation or other legal entity who has entered into an agreement with the JPA to perform or execute the Work covered by this Contract.
- 2.4 **Contractor Project Manager:** The person designated by Contractor to administer the operations under this Contract.
- 2.5 **Day(s):** Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.
- 2.6 **Fiscal Year:** The 12-month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.
- 2.7 **JPA Facility Manager:** Person designated by the JPA Project Director to manage the operations under this Contract. All references hereafter to JPA Facility Manager will mean "JPA Facility Manager or his/her authorized designee."
- 2.8 **JPA Project Director:** Person designated by the JPA with authority for the JPA on contractual or administrative matters relating to this Contract that cannot be resolved by the JPA Facility Manager. All references hereafter to JPA Project Director will mean "JPA Project Director or his/her authorized designee."
- 2.9 **Statement of Work (SOW):** A written description of the Work to be performed by Contractor to meet the needs of the JPA, including special provisions pertaining to the method, frequency, manner, and place of performing the Services under this Contract.
- 2.10 **Subcontractor:** Any individual, person or persons, sole proprietor, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other legal entity furnishing supplies, services of any nature, equipment, and/or materials to Contractor in furtherance of Contractor's performance of this Contract, at any tier, under oral or written agreement.

2.11 Work: Any and all tasks, deliverables, Services, and other Work performed by or on behalf of Contractor including the Work required pursuant to this Contract, including Exhibit A (Statement of Work) and all Exhibits attached, and all fully executed Change Notices and Amendments hereto.

3.0 WORK

3.1 Pursuant to the provisions of this Contract, Contractor must fully perform, complete and deliver on time, all tasks, deliverables, goods, Services and other Work as set forth in herein.

3.2 If Contractor provides any tasks, deliverables, goods, Services, or other Work, other than as specified in this Contract, the same will be deemed to be a gratuitous effort on the part of Contractor, and Contractor will make no claim whatsoever against the JPA.

4.0 TERM OF CONTRACT

4.1 The term of this Contract will be four years commencing on December 15, 2026, following execution by the JPA Board, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.

4.2 The JPA will have the sole option to extend this Contract term for up to three additional one-year periods for a maximum total Contract term of seven years. Each such option will be exercised at the sole discretion of the JPA Project Director, as authorized by the JPA Board.

4.3 The County maintains databases that track/monitor Contractor performance history. Information entered into such database may be used for a variety of purposes, including determining whether the JPA will exercise a Contract term option period.

5.0 CONTRACT SUM

5.1 Total Contract Sum

5.1.1 The Contract Sum under this Contract will be the total monetary amount payable by the JPA to Contractor for supplying all the goods, Services, and other Work specified under this Contract. Contractor must provide Services at the rates identified in Exhibit B (Pricing Schedule) to this Contract.

5.2 Written Approval for Reimbursement

Contractor will not be entitled to payment or reimbursement for any Work or Services performed, nor for any incidental or administrative expenses whatsoever incurred in or incidental to performance hereunder, except as specified herein. Assumption or takeover of any of Contractor's duties,

responsibilities, or obligations, or performance of same by any person or entity other than Contractor, whether through assignment, Subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever, must not occur except with the JPA's express prior written approval.

5.3 Notification of 75% of Total Contract Sum

Contractor must maintain a system of record keeping that will allow Contractor to determine when it has incurred 75% of the Maximum Contract Sum under this Contract. Upon occurrence of this event, Contractor must send written notification to the JPA at the address provided in Exhibit C (JPA's Administration) to this Contract.

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

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

5.5 Invoices and Payments

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

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

5.5.3 Invoice Details:

Contractor's invoices must describe the tasks, deliverables, goods, Services, and/or other Work for which payment is claimed. Contractor's invoice(s) and supporting documentation must contain the following:

- a. Contractor's name and address,
- b. JPA's Contract Number,

- c. Invoice Number and Date,
- d. Dates Services provided,
- e. Description of Work,
- f. Work Order/Repair/Maintenance Slip Number, and
- g. Total charges billed.

5.5.4 Contractor must submit the monthly invoice to the JPA by the 15th Day of the month following the month of Service.

5.5.5 Contractor must submit one electronic copy and original hard copies of invoice and any and all supporting documentation to the JPA Facility Manager designated in Exhibit C (JPA's Administration) to this Contract.

5.5.6 JPA Approval of Invoices

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

5.5.7 Invoice Discrepancy Report

The JPA Facility Manager will review all invoices for any discrepancies and issue an Exhibit G (Invoice Discrepancy Report) to this Contract to Contractor within ten Business Days of receipt of invoice if payment amounts are disputed. Contractor must review the disputed charges and submit to the JPA Facility Manager a written explanation detailing the basis for the charges within ten Business Days of receipt of the IDR from the JPA Facility Manager. If the JPA Facility Manager does not receive a written response from Contractor within ten Business Days of the JPA's notice to Contractor of an IDR, then JPA payment will be made, less the disputed charges. None of the foregoing will preclude the JPA from seeking remedy from Contractor for invoice discrepancies discovered at any time during the term of this Contract.

5.5.8 Preference Program Enterprises - Prompt Payment Program

Certified Prompt Payment Enterprises (PPEs) will receive prompt payment for Services they provide to the JPA. Prompt payment is defined as 15 Days after receipt of an approved, undisputed invoice which has been properly matched against documents such as a receiving, shipping, or services delivered report, or any other validation of receipt document consistent with the

County's Board Policy 3.035 ([Preference Program Payment Liaison and Prompt Payment Program](#)).

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

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

6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - JPA

6.1 JPA's Administration

A listing of all JPA's Administration referenced in the following Paragraphs is designated in Exhibit C (JPA's Administration) to this Contract. The JPA will notify Contractor in writing of any changes as they occur.

6.2 JPA Project Director

- 6.2.1 The JPA Project Director will be responsible for ensuring that the objectives of this Contract are met.
- 6.2.2 The JPA Project Director will be responsible for providing direction to Contractor in the areas relating to County policy, information requirements, and procedural requirements; however, in no event, will Contractor's obligation to fully satisfy

all of the requirements of this Contract be relieved, excused or limited thereby.

6.2.3 The JPA Project Director will have the right at all times to inspect any and all Work provided by or on behalf of Contractor.

6.2.4 To the extent that extensions of time for Contractor performance do not impact either the scope of Work or cost of this Contract, the JPA Project Director, at their sole discretion, may grant Contractor extensions of time in writing for the Work listed in Exhibit A (Statement of Work) to this Contract or otherwise in this Contract provided such extensions will not extend the term of this Contract.

6.2.5 The JPA Project Director is not authorized to make any changes to any of the terms and conditions of this Contract and is not authorized to further obligate the JPA in any respect whatsoever.

6.3 JPA Facility Manager

6.3.1 The JPA Facility Manager will advise the JPA Project Director as to Contractor's performance in areas relating to technical standards and requirements, County policy, information requirements, and procedural requirements.

6.3.2 The JPA Facility Manager will interface with Contractor's Project Director or Project Manager on a regular basis.

6.3.3 The JPA Facility Manager will inspect all tasks, deliverables, goods, Services, or other Work provided by or on behalf of Contractor; however, in no event will Contractor's obligation to fully satisfy all of the requirements of this Contract be relieved, excused or limited thereby.

6.3.4 The JPA Facility Manager is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Contract and is not authorized to further obligate the JPA in any respect whatsoever.

7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - CONTRACTOR

7.1 Contractor's Administration

A listing of all of Contractor's Administration referenced in the following Paragraphs is designated in Exhibit D (Contractor's Administration). Contractor must notify the County in writing of any changes as they occur.

7.2 Contractor Project Manager

Contractor must provide a full-time Contractor Project Manager with full authority to act as Contractor's liaison to the JPA for daily administrative and technical matters regarding this Contract, and who will be responsible for project oversight.

- 7.2.1 Contractor Project Manager must be a full-time permanent employee of Contractor.
- 7.2.2 Contractor Project Manager will be responsible for Contractor's day-to-day activities as related to this Contract and must meet and coordinate with the JPA Facility Manager on a regular basis.
- 7.2.3 Contractor Project Manager must be available by telephone 24/7, including County-recognized holidays to discuss technical requirements and/or matters relating to this Contract.
- 7.2.4 Contractor Project Manager must have five years of experience in HVAC equipment systems, including repair and maintenance Services and be able to provide qualified, certified, and trained electricians, technicians and other support staff to provide all emergency and routine Services on the HVAC equipment within the requested response times.
- 7.2.5 Contractor Project Manager must ensure all staff possess and maintain all applicable licenses, certifications, and permits in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and directives.
- 7.2.6 Contractor Project Manager must be able to effectively communicate in English, both orally and in writing.
- 7.2.7 Contractor Project Manager must submit on a quarterly basis, Contractor's maintenance and inspections records, and unscheduled and emergency repair records for the HDFSC.
- 7.2.8 Contractor Project Manager will be required to attend meetings, at least on a quarterly basis and more frequently if deemed necessary, at the sole discretion of the JPA Facility Manager.

7.3 Approval of Contractor's Staff

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

7.4 Background and Security Investigations

- 7.4.1 At any time prior to or during the term of this Contract, all Contractor's staff, Subcontractors, and agents of Contractor

performing Services under this Contract will be required to undergo and pass, to the satisfaction of the JPA, a background investigation as a condition of beginning and continuing Work under this Contract. Such background investigation must be obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California Department of Justice to include state, local, and federal-level review, which may include, but not be limited to, criminal conviction information. The fees associated with the background investigation will be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless if the member of Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation.

7.4.2 At the sole discretion of the JPA, applicants may be provisionally approved pending results of the background investigation. If a member of Contractor's staff does not pass the background investigation, the JPA may request that the member of Contractor's staff be immediately removed from performing Services under this Contract at any time during the term of this Contract. Any disqualifying information obtained through the County's background investigation is confidential and will not be provided to Contractor or Contractor's staff.

7.4.3 The JPA, at its sole discretion, may immediately deny or terminate facility access to any member of Contractor's staff that does not pass such investigation to the satisfaction of the JPA or whose background or conduct is incompatible with HDFSC access.

7.4.4 Disqualification of any member of Contractor's staff pursuant to this Paragraph 7.4 (Background and Security Investigations) will not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all Work and Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.

7.4.5 These terms will also apply to Subcontractors of JPA Contractors.

7.5 Confidentiality

7.5.1 Contractor must maintain the confidentiality of all records and information in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures relating to confidentiality, including, without limitation, County policies concerning information technology security and the protection of confidential records and information.

7.5.2 Contractor must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the JPA, the County, and the following state entities: Trustees of the

California State University, Department of General Services, Public Works Board, and the Office of Emergency Services, and their elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents (JPA Indemnitees), from and against any and all claims (alleged or actual), demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting, or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or Subcontractors, to comply with this Paragraph 7.5 (Confidentiality), as determined by the JPA at its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 7.5 (Confidentiality) will be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by the JPA. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the JPA 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 the JPA with a full and adequate defense, as determined by the JPA at its sole judgment, the JPA will be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to seek reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by the JPA in doing so. Contractor will not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of the JPA without the JPA's prior written approval.

- 7.5.3 Contractor must inform all of its officers, employees, agents and Subcontractors providing Services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Contract.
- 7.5.4 Contractor must sign and adhere to the provisions of Exhibit E1 (Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement) to this Contract.
- 7.5.5 Contractor must cause each employee performing Services covered by this Contract to sign and adhere to the provisions of Exhibit E2 (Contractor Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement) to this Contract.
- 7.5.6 Contractor must cause each non-employee performing Services covered by this Contract to sign and adhere to the provisions of Exhibit E3 (Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement) to this Contract.

8.0 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8.1 Change Notices and Amendments

No representative of either the JPA or Contractor, including those named in this Contract, is authorized to make changes to any of the terms, obligations, or conditions of this Contract, except through the procedures set forth in this Paragraph 8.1. The JPA reserves the right to change any portion of the Services or Work required under this Contract, or amend such other terms and conditions, as may become necessary. Any such revision(s) will be accomplished in the following manner:

- 8.1.1 For any change that materially affects the scope of Work, period of performance, Contract term, rates, fees, amount or schedule of payments, or any other term or condition of this Contract, an Amendment to this Contract must be mutually agreed upon and executed by both Contractor and the JPA Board.
- 8.1.2 For any change that does not materially affect the scope of Work, period of performance, Contract term, rates, fees, amount or schedule of payments, or any other term or condition included under this Contract, a Change Notice must be mutually agreed upon and executed by both the JPA Project Director and Contractor Project Manager.
- 8.1.3 Notwithstanding Paragraphs 8.1.1 and 8.1.2, above, for a) any option term extension to this Contract pursuant to Paragraph 4.0 (Term of Contract) above, b) an assignment of rights or delegation of duties by Contractor pursuant to Paragraph 8.2 (Assignment and Delegation/Mergers or Acquisitions) below, and c) addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions or provisions, an Amendment to this Contract will be executed by the JPA Project Director, with the concurrence of the JPA Counsel, and Contractor Project Manager.
- 8.1.4 Notwithstanding Paragraph 8.1.1 through 8.1.3 above, for a) any modification to the HDFSC equipment list set forth in Attachment 1 (Equipment List) to Exhibit A (Statement of Work), and b) any additions and/or modifications to the HDFSC Facility Maintenance Schedule set forth in Attachment 2 (Maintenance Schedule) to Exhibit A (Statement of Work), a Change Notice to this Contract will be executed by the JPA Project Director, at their sole discretion, and Contractor Project Manager.

8.2 Assignment and Delegation/Mergers or Acquisitions

- 8.2.1 Contractor must notify the JPA of any pending acquisitions/mergers of its company unless otherwise legally prohibited from doing so. If Contractor is restricted from legally

notifying the JPA of pending acquisitions/mergers, then it must notify the JPA of the actual acquisitions/mergers as soon as the law allows and provide to the JPA the legal framework that restricted it from notifying the JPA prior to the actual acquisitions/mergers.

8.2.2 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 the JPA, at 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 8.2 (Assignment and Delegation/ Mergers or Acquisitions), JPA consent will require a written Amendment to this Contract, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by the JPA to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Contract will be deductible, at JPA's sole discretion, against the claims, which Contractor may have against the JPA.

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

8.3 Authorization Warranty

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

8.4 Budget Reductions

In the event that the County's Board adopts, in any Fiscal Year, a County Budget which provides for reductions in the salaries and benefits paid to the majority of County employees and imposes similar reductions with respect to County contracts, the JPA 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 Contractor under this

Contract will also be reduced correspondingly. The JPA's notice to Contractor regarding said reduction in payment obligation will be provided within 30 Days of the JPA Board's approval of such actions. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, Contractor must continue to provide all of the Services set forth in this Contract.

8.5 Complaints

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

8.5.1 Complaint Procedures

- a. Within five Business Days after this Contract is effective date, Contractor must provide the JPA with Contractor's procedures for receiving, investigating and responding to user complaints.
- b. The JPA will review Contractor's procedures and provide Contractor with approval of said procedures or with requested changes.
- c. If the JPA requests changes in Contractor's procedures, Contractor must make such changes and resubmit the procedures within five Business Days for JPA's approval.
- d. If, at any time, Contractor wishes to change Contractor's procedures, Contractor must submit proposed changes to the JPA for approval before implementation.
- e. Contractor must preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the JPA Facility Manager of the status of the investigation within five Business Days of receiving the complaint.
- f. 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.
- g. Copies of all written responses must be sent to the JPA Facility Manager within five Business Days of mailing a response to the complainant.

8.6 Compliance with Applicable Laws

- 8.6.1 In the performance of this Contract, Contractor must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures, and all provisions required thereby to be included in this Contract are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

8.6.2 Contractor must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the JPA, County, the following state entities: Trustees of the California State University, Department of General Services, Public Works Board, and the Office of Emergency Services, and their elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents (JPA Indemnitees), from and against any and all claims (alleged or actual), demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or Subcontractors, to comply with this Paragraph 8.6 (Compliance with Applicable Laws), as determined by the JPA, at its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 8.6 (Compliance with Applicable Laws) must be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by the JPA. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the JPA 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 the JPA with a full and adequate defense, as determined by the JPA, at its sole judgment, the JPA will be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to seek reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by the JPA in doing so. Contractor will not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of the JPA without the JPA's prior written approval.

8.7 Compliance with Civil Rights Laws

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:

- a. That Contractor has a written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment.
- b. That Contractor periodically conducts a self-analysis or utilization analysis of its work force.

- c. That Contractor has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups.
- d. Where problem areas are identified in employment practices, Contractor has a system for taking reasonable corrective action, to include establishment of goals or timetables.

8.8 Compliance with the County's Jury Service Program

8.8.1 Jury Service Program

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

8.8.2 Written Employee Jury Service Policy

- a. Unless Contractor has demonstrated to the JPA's satisfaction either that Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program ([Section 2.203.020 of the County Code](#)) or that Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program ([Section 2.203.070 of the County Code](#)), Contractor must have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its employees will receive from 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 Contractor or that Contractor deduct from the employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.
- b. For purposes of this Paragraph 8.8.2 (Written Employee Jury Service Policy), "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the JPA or a subcontract with a JPA Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more JPA contracts or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of Contractor. "Full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: a) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the JPA, or b) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 Days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If Contractor uses

any Subcontractor to perform Services for the JPA under this Contract, Subcontractor will also be subject to the provisions of this Paragraph 8.8.2 (Written Employee Jury Service Policy). The provisions of this Paragraph 8.8.2 (Written Employee Jury Service Policy) will be inserted into any such Subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program must be attached to the subcontract agreement.

- c. If Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when this Contract commences, Contractor will have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its “exception status” from the Jury Service Program, and Contractor must immediately notify the JPA if Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program’s definition of “Contractor” or if Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program. In either event, Contractor must immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The JPA may also require, at any time during this Contract and at its sole discretion, that Contractor demonstrate, to the JPA’s satisfaction that Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program’s definition of “Contractor” and/or that Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.
- d. Contractor’s violation of this Paragraph 8.8.2 (Written Employee Jury Service Policy) may constitute a material breach of this Contract. In the event of such material breach, the JPA may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Contract and/or bar Contractor from the award of future JPA Contracts for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.

8.9 Conflict of Interest

- 8.9.1 No County, City, or CSULA employee whose position with their respective entities 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 Contractor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Contract. No officer or employee of Contractor who may financially benefit from the performance of Work hereunder must in any way participate in the JPA’s approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such Work, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence the JPA’s approval or ongoing evaluation of such Work.

8.9.2 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. Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts that create a conflict of interest. If 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 JPA. 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 8.9 (Conflict of Interest) will be a material breach of this Contract.

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

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

8.11 Consideration of Hiring GAIN/START Participants

8.11.1 Should Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract, Contractor must 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 Contractor will interview qualified candidates. The County will refer GAIN/START participants by job category to Contractor. Contractors must report all job openings with job requirements to: gainstart@dpss.lacounty.gov and BServices@opportunity.lacounty.gov and DPSS will refer qualified GAIN/START job candidates.

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

8.12 Contractor Responsibility and Debarment

8.12.1 Responsible Contractor

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

8.12.2 Chapter 2.202 of the County Code

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

8.12.3 Non-responsible Contractor

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

8.12.4 Contractor Hearing Board

- a. If there is evidence that Contractor may be subject to debarment, the County will notify Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
- b. The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented.

Contractor and/or 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 Contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. Contractor and the County will be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the JPA Board.

- c. 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 JPA Board. The JPA Board will have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
- d. If a Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five years, that Contractor may after the debarment has been in effect for at least five years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County may, at its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that Contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: a) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed, b) a bona fide change in ownership or management, c) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed, or d) any other reason that is in the best interests of the JPA.
- e. The Contractor Hearing Board will consider a request for review of a debarment determination only where a) Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five years, b) the debarment has been in effect for at least five years, and c) 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.

- f. 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 JPA Board. The JPA Board will have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

8.12.5 Subcontractors of Contractor

These terms will also apply to Subcontractors of JPA and County Contractor performing Work under this Contract.

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

Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. Contractor must notify and provide to its employees, and will require each Subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, a [Fact Sheet](#) regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in the County, and information on where and how to safely surrender a baby. Additionally, Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post the County's "[Safely Surrendered Baby Law Poster](#)" (available in [English/Spanish/Chinese/Korean](#)) in a prominent position at Contractor's place of business. Contractor must also encourage its Subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the Subcontractor's place of business

Contractor, and its Subcontractor(s), can access posters and other program material at babysafela.org.

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

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

8.14.2 As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program ([County Code Chapter 2.200](#)) and without limiting Contractor's duty under this Contract to comply with all applicable provisions

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

8.15 JPA's Quality Assurance Plan

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

8.16 Contract Discrepancy Report

JPA Facility Manager will determine whether Exhibit F [Contract Discrepancy Report (CDR)] to the Contract, will be issued. Upon receipt of the CDR, Contractor must respond in writing to JPA Facility Manager within five Business Days, acknowledging the reported discrepancies or presenting contrary evidence. A plan for correction of all deficiencies identified in the CDR must be submitted to JPA Project Director within ten Business Days of receipt of the CDR.

8.17 Damage to County Facilities, Buildings or Grounds

8.17.1 Contractor must notify JPA Facility Manager of any and all damage to County facilities, buildings or grounds caused by Contractor or employees or agents of Contractor. Contractor must repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, any and all damage to JPA facilities, buildings, or grounds caused by Contractor or employees or agents of Contractor. Such repairs must be made immediately after Contractor has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than 30 Days after the occurrence.

- 8.17.2 If Contractor fails to make timely repairs, the JPA may make any necessary repairs. All costs incurred by the JPA, as determined by the JPA, for such repairs must be repaid by Contractor upon demand.

8.18 Employment Eligibility Verification

- 8.18.1 Contractor and its Subcontractors warrant that they fully comply 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. 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. Contractor must retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law.
- 8.18.2 Contractor must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the JPA, the County, and the following state entities: Trustees of the California State University, Department of General Services, Public Works Board, and the Office of Emergency Services, and their elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents (JPA Indemnitees), from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against Contractor or the JPA or both in connection with any alleged violation of any federal or state statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing Work under this Contract.

8.19 Counterparts and Electronic Signatures and Representations

- 8.19.1 This Contract may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same Contract. The facsimile, email or electronic signature of the parties will be deemed to constitute original signatures, and facsimile or electronic copies hereof will be deemed to constitute duplicate originals.
- 8.19.2 The JPA and Contractor hereby agree to regard electronic representations of original signatures of authorized officers of each party, when appearing in appropriate places on the Change Notices and Amendments prepared pursuant to Paragraph 8.1 (Change Notices and Amendments) above, and received via communications facilities (facsimile, email or electronic signature), as legally sufficient evidence that such legally binding

signatures have been affixed to Change Notices and Amendments to this Contract.

8.20 Fair Labor Standards

Contractor must comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the JPA, the County, and the JPA Indemnitees, 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 Contractor's employees for which the JPA may be found jointly or solely liable.

8.21 Force Majeure

8.21.1 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 8.21 (Force Majeure) as "force majeure events"].

8.21.2 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 Subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this Paragraph 8.21 (Force Majeure), the term "Subcontractor" and "Subcontractors" mean Subcontractors at any tier.

8.21.3 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.

8.22 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

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

8.23 Independent Contractor Status

8.23.1 This Contract is by and between the JPA and 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 JPA and Contractor. The employees and agents of one party must not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.

8.23.2 Contractor is solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing Work pursuant to this Contract all compensation and benefits. The JPA 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 Contractor.

8.23.3 Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing Work pursuant to this Contract are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, solely employees of Contractor and not employees of the JPA. Contractor is 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 Contractor pursuant to this Contract.

8.23.4 Contractor must adhere to the provisions stated in Paragraph 7.5 (Confidentiality) of this Contract.

8.24 Indemnification

Contractor must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the JPA, the County, and the JPA 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 JPA Indemnitees.

8.25 General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage

8.25.1 Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of the JPA, and in the performance of this Contract and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Contract have been met, Contractor must provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in Paragraphs 8.25 (General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage) and 8.26 (Insurance Coverage) 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 JPA in no way warrants that the Required Insurance is sufficient to protect Contractor for liabilities which may arise from or relate to this Contract.

8.25.2 Evidence of Coverage and Notice to JPA

- a. Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to the JPA, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement confirming the JPA and its Agents (defined below) has been given Insured status under Contractor's General Liability policy, must be delivered to the JPA at the address provided in Exhibit C (JPA's Administration) to this Contract, and provided prior to commencing Services under this Contract.
- b. Renewal Certificates must be provided to the JPA not less than ten Days prior to Contractor's policy expiration dates. The JPA reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required Contractor and/or Subcontractor insurance policies at any time.
- c. 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 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 \$50,000.00, and list any JPA required endorsement forms.
- d. Neither the JPA's failure to obtain, nor the JPA's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or

information provided by Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), will be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.

- e. Certificates and copies of any required endorsements must be sent to the County Contract Analyst designated in Exhibit D (JPA's Administration) to this Contract.
- f. Contractor also must promptly report to the JPA any injury or property damage accident or incident, including any injury to a Contractor employee occurring on JPA property, and any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of JPA property, monies or securities entrusted to Contractor. Contractor also must promptly notify the JPA 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 the JPA.

8.25.3 Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage

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

8.25.4 Cancellation of or Changes in Insurance

Contractor must provide the JPA with, or Contractor's insurance policies must contain a provision that the JPA 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 the JPA at least ten Days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and 30 Days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance may constitute a material breach

of this Contract, at the sole discretion of the JPA, upon which the JPA may suspend or terminate this Contract.

8.25.5 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 this Contract, upon which the JPA immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Contract. The JPA, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach. Alternatively, the JPA may purchase the Required Insurance, and without further notice to Contractor, deduct the premium cost from sums due to Contractor or pursue Contractor reimbursement.

8.25.6 Insurer Financial Ratings

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

8.25.7 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 JPA maintained insurance or self-insurance coverage must be in excess of and not contribute to any Contractor coverage.

8.25.8 Waivers of Subrogation

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

8.25.9 Subcontractor Insurance Coverage Requirements

Contractor must include all Subcontractors as insureds under Contractor's own policies or must provide the JPA 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 JPA and Contractor as additional insureds on the Subcontractor's General Liability policy. Contractor must obtain the JPA's prior review and approval of any Subcontractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.

8.25.10 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)

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

8.25.11 Claims Made Coverage

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

8.25.12 Application of Excess Liability Coverage

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

8.25.13 Separation of Insureds

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

8.25.14 Alternative Risk Financing Programs

The JPA 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 JPA and its Agents must be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.

8.25.15 JPA Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements

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

8.26 Insurance Coverage

8.26.1 Commercial General Liability

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

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

8.26.2 Automobile Liability

Automobile Liability insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CA 00 01) with limits of not less than \$1 million for bodily injury and property damage, in combined or equivalent split limits, for each single accident. Insurance must cover liability arising out of Contractor's use of autos pursuant to this Contract, including owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos, as each may be applicable.

8.26.3 Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability

Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability insurance or qualified self-insurance satisfying statutory requirements, which includes Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$1 million per accident. If Contractor will provide leased employees, or, is an employee leasing or temporary staffing firm or a professional employer organization (PEO), coverage also must include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 A) naming the JPA as the Alternate Employer. The written notice must be provided to the JPA at least ten Days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and 30 Days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also must be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.

8.27 Liquidated Damages

8.27.1 If, at the judgment of the JPA Project Director, Contractor is deemed to be non-compliant with the terms and obligations assumed hereby, the JPA Project Director, at its sole option, in addition to, or in lieu of, other remedies provided herein, may

withhold the entire monthly payment or deduct pro rata from 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 Contractor from the JPA, will be forwarded to Contractor by the JPA Project Director in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.

8.27.2 If the JPA Project Director determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Contract that the JPA Project Director deems are correctable by Contractor over a certain time span, the JPA Project Director will provide a written notice using Exhibit F (Contract Discrepancy Report) to this Contract, to Contractor to correct the deficiency within specified time frames. Should Contractor fail to correct deficiencies within said time frame, the JPA Project Director may:

- a. Deduct from 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 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 3 [Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) Chart] to Exhibit A (Statement of Work), and that Contractor will be liable to the JPA for liquidated damages in said amount. Said amount will be deducted from the JPA's payment to Contractor, and/or
- c. Upon giving five Days' notice to Contractor for failure to correct the deficiencies, the JPA may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by the JPA for completion of the Work by an alternate source, whether it be the JPA forces or separate private Contractor, will be deducted and forfeited from the payment to Contractor from the JPA, as determined by the JPA.

8.27.3 The action noted in Paragraph 8.27.2 above, must not be construed as a penalty, but as adjustment of payment to Contractor to recover the JPA cost due to the failure of Contractor to complete or comply with the provisions of this Contract.

8.27.4 This Paragraph 8.27 (Liquidated Damages) will not, in any manner, restrict or limit the JPA's right to damages for any breach of this Contract provided by law or as specified in Attachment 3 [Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) Chart] to Exhibit A (Statement of Work), or Paragraph 8.27.2 above, and will not, in any manner, restrict or limit the JPA's right to terminate this Contract as agreed to herein.

8.28 Most Favored Public Entity

If Contractor's prices decline or should 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 JPA.

8.29 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action

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

8.29.2 Contractor certifies to the JPA each of the following:

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

8.29.3 Contractor must take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable federal and state anti-discrimination laws and regulations. Such action must include, but is not limited to: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff

or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

- 8.29.4 Contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its Subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation.
- 8.29.5 Contractor certifies and agrees that it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies will comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations to the end that no person will, on the grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract.
- 8.29.6 Contractor must allow JPA representatives access to Contractor's employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this Paragraph 8.29 (Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action) when so requested by the JPA.
- 8.29.7 If the JPA finds that any provisions of this Paragraph 8.29 (Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action) have been violated, such violation will constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the JPA may terminate or suspend this Contract. While the JPA 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 JPA that Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract.
- 8.29.8 The parties agree that in the event Contractor violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract, the JPA will, at its sole option, be entitled to the sum of \$500 each such violation pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Contract.

8.30 Non Exclusivity

Nothing herein is intended nor will be construed as creating any exclusive arrangement with Contractor. This Contract will not restrict the JPA from

acquiring similar, equal or like goods and/or Services from other entities or sources.

8.31 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 Business Day, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.

8.32 Notice of Disputes

Contractor must bring to the attention of the JPA Facility Manager and/or JPA Project Director any dispute between the JPA and Contractor regarding the performance of Services as stated in this Contract. If the JPA Facility Manager or JPA Project Director is not able to resolve the dispute, the Chairman of the Facility Management Committee, of the Los Angeles Regional Crime Laboratory Facility or designee will resolve it.

8.33 Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit

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

8.34 Notices

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

8.35 Prohibition Against Inducement or Persuasion

Notwithstanding the above, Contractor and the JPA agree that, during the term of this Contract and for a period of one year thereafter, neither party will in any way intentionally induce or persuade any employee of one party to become an employee or agent of the other party. No bar exists against any hiring action initiated through a public announcement.

8.36 Public Records Act

- 8.36.1 Any documents submitted by Contractor; all information obtained in connection with the JPA'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 JPA. All such documents become a matter of public record and will be regarded as public records except for those documents determined to be non-disclosable or exempt pursuant to [California Government Code sections 7921.000 et seq.](#) and which are marked "trade secret," "confidential," or "proprietary." The JPA will not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 8.36.2 In the event the JPA 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," Contractor agrees to defend and indemnify the JPA from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, in action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

8.37 Publicity

- 8.37.1 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 Contractor's need to identify its services and related clients to sustain itself, the JPA will not inhibit Contractor from publishing its role under this Contract within the following conditions:
- a. Contractor must develop all publicity material in a professional manner, and
 - b. During the term of this Contract, Contractor must not, and must not authorize another to, publish or disseminate any commercial advertisements, press releases, feature articles, or other materials using the name of the JPA without the prior written consent of the JPA Project Director.

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

8.38 Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement

8.38.1 Contractor must maintain accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Contractor must also maintain accurate and complete employment and other records relating to its performance of this Contract. Contractor agrees that the JPA, 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 Contractor and will be made available to the JPA during the term of this Contract and for a period of five years thereafter unless the JPA's written permission is given to dispose of any such material prior to such time. All such material must be maintained by Contractor at a location in the County, provided that if any such material is located outside of the County, then, at the JPA's option, Contractor will pay the JPA for travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by the JPA to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe such material at such other location.

8.38.2 In the event that an audit of Contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Contract by any federal or state auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by Contractor or otherwise, then Contractor must file a copy of such audit report with the County Auditor-Controller within 30 Days of Contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable federal or state law or under this Contract. Subject to applicable law, the JPA will make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s).

8.38.3 Failure on the part of Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this Paragraph 8.38 (Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement) will constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the JPA may terminate or suspend this Contract.

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

8.39 Recycled Bond Paper

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

8.40 Subcontracting

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

8.40.2 If Contractor desires to subcontract, Contractor must provide the following information promptly at the JPA's request:

- a. A description of the Work to be performed by Subcontractor,
- b. A draft copy of the proposed subcontract, and
- c. Other pertinent information and/or certifications requested by the JPA.

8.40.3 Contractor must indemnify, defend, and hold the JPA 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 Contractor employees.

8.40.4 Contractor will remain fully responsible for all performances required of it under this Contract, including those that Contractor has determined to subcontract, notwithstanding the JPA's approval of Contractor's proposed subcontract.

8.40.5 The JPA's consent to subcontract will not waive the JPA's right to prior and continuing approval of any and all personnel,

including Subcontractor employees, providing Services under this Contract. Contractor is responsible for notifying its Subcontractors of this JPA right.

- 8.40.6 The JPA Project Director is authorized to act for and on behalf of the JPA with respect to approval of any subcontract and Subcontractor employees. After approval of the subcontract by the JPA, Contractor must forward a fully executed subcontract to the JPA for their files.
- 8.40.7 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 JPA's consent to subcontract.
- 8.40.8 Contractor must obtain certificates of insurance, which establish that Subcontractor maintains all the programs of insurance required by the JPA from each approved Subcontractor. Before any Subcontractor employee may perform any Work hereunder, Contractor must ensure delivery of all such documents to the County Contract Compliance Manager designated in Exhibit C (JPA's Administration) to this Contract.

8.41 Termination for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with County's Child Support Compliance Program

Failure of 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) of this Contract will constitute default under this Contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to the JPA under any other provision of this Contract, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 90 Days of written notice will be grounds upon which the JPA may terminate this Contract pursuant to Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default), and pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to [County Code Chapter 2.202](#).

8.42 Termination for Convenience

- 8.42.1 This Contract may be terminated, in whole or in part, from time to time, when such action is deemed by the JPA, at its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Termination of Work hereunder will be effectuated by notice of termination to 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 Days after the notice is sent.

- 8.42.2 After receipt of a notice of termination and except as otherwise directed by the JPA, Contractor must:
- a. Stop Work under this Contract on the date and to the extent specified in such notice, and
 - b. Complete performance of such part of the Work as would not have been terminated by such notice.
- 8.42.3 All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of Contractor under this Contract must be maintained by Contractor in accordance with Paragraph 8.38 (Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement) of this Contract.

8.43 Termination for Default

- 8.43.1 The JPA may, by written notice to Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Contract, if, in the judgment of the JPA Project Director:
- a. Contractor has materially breached this Contract, or
 - b. Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, Service, or other Work required either under this Contract, or
 - c. 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 Business Days (or such longer period as the JPA may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the JPA specifying such failure.
- 8.43.2 In the event that the JPA terminates this Contract in whole or in part as provided in Paragraph 8.43.1 above, the JPA may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the JPA may deem appropriate, goods and Services similar to those so terminated. Contractor will be liable to the JPA for any and all excess costs incurred by the JPA, as determined by the JPA, for such similar goods and Services. Contractor must continue the performance of this Contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default).
- 8.43.3 Except with respect to defaults of any Subcontractor, Contractor will not be liable for any such excess costs of the type identified in Paragraph 8.43.2 above, if its failure to perform this Contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of Contractor. Such causes may include, but are not

limited to: acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the JPA 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 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 Contractor and Subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, Contractor will not be liable for any such excess costs for failure to perform, unless the goods or Services to be furnished by Subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default), the term "Subcontractor(s)" means Subcontractor(s) at any tier.

- 8.43.4 If, after the JPA has given notice of termination under the provisions of this Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) it is determined by the JPA that Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) or that the default was excusable under the provisions of Paragraph 8.43.3 above, 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) above.
- 8.43.5 The rights and remedies of the JPA provided in this Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) will not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

8.44 Termination for Improper Consideration

- 8.44.1 The JPA may, by written notice to Contractor, immediately terminate the right of Contractor to proceed under this Contract if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any JPA 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 Contractor's performance pursuant to this Contract. In the event of such termination, the JPA will be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.
- 8.44.2 Contractor must immediately report any attempt by a County, City, CSULA or JPA officer, employee, agent or elected official to

solicit such improper consideration. The report must be made to the Los Angeles County Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861 or <https://fraud.lacounty.gov/>.

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

8.45 Termination for Insolvency

8.45.1 The JPA may terminate this Contract forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:

- a. Insolvency of Contractor. Contractor will be deemed to be insolvent if it has ceased to pay its debts for at least 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 Contractor is insolvent within the meaning of the Federal Bankruptcy Code,
- b. The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition regarding Contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code,
- c. The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for Contractor, or
- d. The execution by Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.

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

8.46 Termination for Non-Adherence of County Lobbyist Ordinance

Contractor, and each County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm as defined in [County Code Section 2.160.010](#) retained by Contractor, must fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance, [County Code Chapter 2.160](#). Failure on the part of Contractor or any County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm retained by Contractor to fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance will constitute a material breach of this Contract, upon which the JPA may at its sole discretion, immediately terminate or suspend this Contract.

8.47 Termination for Non-Appropriation of Funds

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the JPA will not be obligated for Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Contract during any of the JPA's future Fiscal Years unless and until the JPA Board appropriates funds for this Contract in the JPA'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 30th of the last Fiscal Year for which funds were appropriated. The JPA will notify Contractor in writing of any such non-allocation of funds at the earliest possible date.

8.48 Validity

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

8.49 Waiver

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

8.50 Warranty Against Contingent Fees

8.50.1 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 Contractor for the purpose of securing business.

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

8.51 Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program

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

8.51.2 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 [County Code Chapter 2.206](#).

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

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

8.53 Time Off for Voting

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 Days before every statewide election, every Contractor and Subcontractors must keep posted conspicuously at the place of work, if practicable, or elsewhere where it can be seen as employees come or go to their place of work, a notice setting forth the provisions of [Section 14000](#).

8.54 Compliance with County’s Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking

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

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

8.54.3 Disqualification of any member of Contractor’s staff pursuant to this Paragraph 8.54 (Compliance with County’s Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking) will not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all Work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.

8.55 Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices

Contractor, and its Subcontractors, must comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in [California Government Code Section 12952](#) and [Chapter 8.300 of the County Code \(Fair Chance Ordinance for Employers\)](#). Contractor’s violation of this Paragraph 8.55 may

constitute a material breach of this Contract. In the event of such material breach, the JPA may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Contract.

8.56 Compliance with the County Policy of Equity

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/>). Contractor further acknowledges that the JPA strives to provide a workplace free from discrimination, harassment, retaliation and inappropriate conduct based on a protected characteristic, and which may violate the CPOE. Contractor, its employees and Subcontractors acknowledge and certify receipt and understanding of the CPOE. Failure of Contractor, its employees or its Subcontractors to uphold the JPA's expectations of a workplace free from harassment and discrimination, including inappropriate conduct based on a protected characteristic, may subject Contractor to termination of contractual agreements as well as civil liability.

8.57 Prohibition from Participation in Future Solicitation(s)

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

8.58 Injury and Illness Prevention Program

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

8.59 Campaign Contribution Prohibition Following Final Decision in Contract Proceeding

Pursuant to [Government Code Section 84308](#), Contractor and its Subcontractors, are prohibited from making a contribution of more than \$500 to a County officer for 12 months after the date of the final decision in the proceeding involving this Contract. Failure to comply with the provisions of [Government Code Section 84308](#) and of this Paragraph 8.59, may be a material breach of this Contract as determined at the sole discretion of the JPA.

9.0 UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

9.1 Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Preference Program

- 9.1.1 This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled LSBE Preference Program, as codified in [Chapter 2.204 of the County Code](#).
- 9.1.2 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 LSBE.
- 9.1.3 Contractor must not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a JPA official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a LSBE.
- 9.1.4 If 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, Contractor must:
- a. Pay to the JPA any difference between this Contract amount and what the JPA's costs would have been if this Contract had been properly awarded,
 - b. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (a) above, be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than ten percent of the amount of this Contract, and
 - c. Be subject to the provisions of [Chapter 2.202 of the County Code](#) (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

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

9.2 Social Enterprise (SE) Preference Program

- 9.2.1 This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled SE Preference Program, as codified in [Chapter 2.205 of the County Code](#).
- 9.2.2 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.
- 9.2.3 Contractor must not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a JPA official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a SE.
- 9.2.4 If Contractor has obtained the County's 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 must:
- a. Pay to the JPA any difference between this Contract amount and what the JPA's costs would have been if this Contract had been properly awarded,
 - b. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (a) above, Contractor will be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than ten percent of the amount of this Contract, and
 - c. Be subject to the provisions of [Chapter 2.202 of the County Code](#) (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

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

9.3 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Preference Program

- 9.3.1 This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled DVBE Preference Program, as codified in [Chapter 2.211 of the County Code](#).
- 9.3.2 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.
- 9.3.3 Contractor must not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a JPA official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a DVBE.
- 9.3.4 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 must:
- a. Pay to the JPA any difference between this Contract amount and what the JPA's costs would have been if this Contract had been properly awarded,
 - b. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (a) above, Contractor will be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than ten percent of the amount of this Contract, and
 - c. Be subject to the provisions of [Chapter 2.202 of the County Code](#) (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

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

10.0 SURVIVAL

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

- Paragraph 1.0 (Applicable Documents)
- Paragraph 2.0 (Definitions)
- Paragraph 3.0 (Work)
- Paragraph 5.4 (No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/
Termination of Contract)
- Paragraph 7.5 (Confidentiality)
- Paragraph 8.1 (Change Notices and Amendments)
- Paragraph 8.2 (Assignment and Delegation/Mergers or Acquisitions)
- Paragraph 8.6 (Compliance with Applicable Law)
- Paragraph 8.20 (Fair Labor Standards)
- Paragraph 8.21 (Force Majeure)
- Paragraph 8.22 (Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue)
- Paragraph 8.24 (Indemnification)
- Paragraph 8.25 (General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage)
- Paragraph 8.26 (Insurance Coverage)
- Paragraph 8.27 (Liquidated Damages)
- Paragraph 8.34 (Notices)
- Paragraph 8.38 (Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement)
- Paragraph 8.42 (Termination for Convenience)
- Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default)
- Paragraph 8.48 (Validity)
- Paragraph 8.49 (Waiver)
- Paragraph 8.57 [Prohibition from Participation in Future Solicitation(s)]
- Paragraph 8.59 (Campaign Contribution Prohibition Following Final Decision in
Contract Proceeding)
- Paragraph 10.0 (Survival)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Contractor has executed this Contract, or caused it to be duly executed and the Los Angeles Regional Crime Laboratory Facility Authority, by order of its JPA Board has caused this Contract to be executed on its behalf by the Chair of said JPA Board, the day and year first above written.

CONTRACTOR NAME

By _____

Name

Title

Date

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CRIME
LABORATORY FACILITY AUTHORITY**

By _____

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Date

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